



A Year of Growth, Learning, and Success

As 2024 comes to a close, I reflect on my first year as an Office Administrator with the Mount Pearl Soccer Association (MPSA). It has been an incredibly busy year, filled with new experiences, challenges, and achievements. It is hard to believe that just a year ago, I was sitting down for my first interview with the club's directors, and now I am proud to be part of such an amazing community.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to Steven Jamieson, former Technical Director, and to the volunteer board of directors, led by President Lisa Inkpen, along with our dedicated volunteer coaching staff members, managers, and all the parents, players, officials, and summer employees. Your hard work, commitment, and enthusiasm have made this year rewarding and enjoyable.

Looking ahead, I remain dedicated to providing the best possible service to our members and ensuring that our programs continue to grow and improve. Together, we aim to create unforgettable soccer experiences that foster a lifelong love for the game.

Annual Milestones

1. All-Star Program Growth

The All-Star Program (Metro League and PYL) had remarkable growth this year. With over 550 players attending tryouts, the program expanded to 554 registered players, marking a 12% increase compared to 493 players in the previous season.

This achievement highlights the dedication of our former Technical Director, Steven Jamieson, along with the exceptional efforts of our directors and coaching staff. The club anticipates fielding 49 teams in the 2025 season, including 40 U7–U13 Metro League teams and 9 PYL teams, ensuring representation across nearly every age group and gender, with the exception of Girls U17.

2. Club & Micro League Program Growth

In Summer 2024, we welcomed 932 players to our programs, including:

- **418 Micro League players (U3–U5)**
- **514 Club League players (U6–U13)**

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In addition, approximately 350 Metro League players joined, bringing the total to over 750 kids playing soccer in the Club League this summer!

A big thank you to our youth staff and volunteer coaches for helping players learn the fundamentals of soccer and ensuring they had an enjoyable and memorable experience.

3. MPSA 2024 Camps

This year, MPSA organized 2 skills and 2 summer camps:

- **Spring and Fall Skills Camps:** Led by Steven Jamieson, these camps focused on essential skills like dribbling, passing, receiving, and shooting. A total of 166 players participated in the Spring camp and 107 players in the Fall camp.
- **Summer Camps:** Two week-long summer camps for U7–U9 and U10–U13 players provided soccer-focused activities and games. Over 50 children joined these camps, forming new friendships and having fun on the field.

Looking ahead, we aim to expand participation in these camps by advertising earlier and more effectively.

Key Highlights

1. Summer Employment Opportunities for Local Youth

In 2024, MPSA received more than 100 applications from local youth students seeking employment opportunities. Thanks to our Vice President Dave Leonard for his support in the interviewing and hiring process, MPSA employed a total of 49 local youth students to support its summer programs, providing many with their first work experience.

Under the guidance of our experienced coordinators – Danielle, Julie, and Maddie – and with outstanding support from our Secretary Marsha Ransome, Club League Director Georgia Stewart, and Micro League Director Jeffery Imhanzenobe, the programs ran smoothly, offering participants fun and unforgettable soccer experiences.

2. Financial Stability and Program Improvement

MPSA has maintained a strong financial position, ensuring all accounts payable and receivable are up-to-date. Working closely with Treasurer Dean Cormier, former Technical Director Steven Jamieson, and All-Star Director Phil Quann, we developed a sustainable

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budget that prioritizes affordability for our members while maintaining the delivery of high-quality programs.

3. Grants Secured

MPSA successfully applied for and received several grants in the 2023-2024 season, including:

- **Canada Summer Jobs 2024 (Federal Government)**
- **Summer Employment Program for Students (NL Government)**
- **NL Wage Support Program**
- **Active NL Fund**

These grants have played a crucial role in maintaining the affordability of our programs, and we will continue to seek additional funding opportunities in 2024-2025.

4. Club License Renewal

The Mount Pearl Soccer Association is preparing to submit its club license renewal application in the coming months. This renewal is essential to demonstrate to Canada Soccer that our programs, policies, and standards align with their requirements, supporting soccer development in Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador.

5. Coaching Education 2024

MPSA is committed to providing high-quality programs to youth, which would not be possible without the dedication of our volunteer coaches and managers. Over the last season, 7 MPSA coaches were enrolled in the Canada Soccer C Diploma course, and 3 coaches – Victor Dray, Phil Molloy, and Randy Turpin – completed the Canada Soccer B Diploma. We are keen to provide more coaching education opportunities to our volunteer coaches to keep improving our program and the soccer experience for our members.

6. Vancouver Whitecaps FC – Prospect Camp 2024

Once again, this year MPSA hosted the Vancouver Whitecaps FC Prospect Camp on our fields. The camp had more than 200 participants in the U7-U12 and U13-U16 age groups. Led by experienced Vancouver Whitecaps FC program facilitator Mike Ayyash and MPSA coaches, all participants had unforgettable and truly rewarding experiences, leading to 3 MPSA youth players being invited to attend the Vancouver Whitecaps FC Matchday Experience event.



7. Hosting Tournaments – Boys & Girls U11 Jamborees and SunSplash 2024

In the summer of 2024, MPSA had the privilege of hosting the Boys and Girls U11 NLSA Jamboree Tournaments, as well as several games for the SunSplash 2024 tournament, in addition to our regular season PYL and Metro League games. We are proud of our youth players who represented MPSA during these events and showed excellent performance and sportsmanship.

A big thank you goes to MPSA Officials Director Shannon Tobin for his dedication to assigning officials to all the Jamborees and Club League games this past summer.

MPSA aims to host more tournaments in the 2025 season to allow all club players to play, compete, and enjoy the game on our home fields.

8. Officials Development

In 2024, MPSA scheduled and hosted 2 referee clinics for Small-sided and Entry-level referees with more than 40 participants. In collaboration with MPSA Officials Director Shannon Tobin and NLSA, we are focused on offering more referee clinics to youth players next season to ensure continued referee development in the club and province, considering the sustainable growth in the popularity of the game.

9. Senior Teams – Challenge Cup and Intermediate Soccer

MPSA has a total of 7 senior teams competing at various levels, including the MPSA Challenge Cup team and 3 Men's Intermediate teams (1949 FC, 1949 FC Cultures, Mount Pearl FC), 2 Women's Intermediate teams (1949 FC QVB and Mount Pearl Nutra Holding), and Mount Pearl Masters.

With the growth and expansion of youth programs, MPSA will explore opportunities to register new teams under the MPSA umbrella in the 2025 season. Thanks to Senior Director Victor Abodunrin for overseeing and providing support and guidance to our senior teams.

Sincerely,

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