

2021 BOOK OF REPORTS

Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Presented by: Doug Redmond

I wish to thank all members of the 2021 NLSA Board of Directors, Robert, Dragan, Mark, Felly (summer student) and all associations, players, officials, committee members, volunteers, spectators and parents, media, sponsors for making 2021 a very successful year for soccer considering the many challenges we faced with COVID 19.

COVID 19 protocols were still very active in the province this year; and once again, NLSA followed the COVID -19 protocols while having a very successful season for the most part. The provincial Youth Atlantic Championships and the CSA National Championships were cancelled for the second year in a row. This is also the second year in a row the NLSA had to hold its Annual General meeting virtually. Fortunately, in November we held, in person, the NLSA Hall of Fame Inductions and Award ceremonies for 2019 and 2020, which went very well. Thanks to Jeff Babstock and Rob Comerford for making this a successful event.

Congratulations to St. John's, Mount Pearl, Conception Bay South and Paradise on hosting a very successful Senior Men, Ladies, and Provincial Youth Championships on Thanksgiving weekend.

Special thanks to Dragan, Mark, technical directors, technical personnel and coaches in the regions on seeing the success of players, coaches, and officials at the provincial and national level. This was an extremely business year for Mark and Dragan.

Over three hundred (300) individuals participated in community-coaching courses or clinics, which were delivered or presented by NLSA staff. The details are as follows:

- Ten (10) goalies completed Goalkeeper Diploma course
- Sixty-five (65) coaches completed Active Start Program (online)
- Seventy - Eight (78) coaches completed Fundamentals program (online)
- Thirty (30) coaches completed Learn to Train program (online)
- Sixty (60) coaches completed Soccer for life program (online)
- Twenty-one coaches attended and completed the online C License Course
- Four (4) coaches attended National B part 2 course
- Four (4) coaches attended Canada Soccer Youth license course
- Mark and Connie Marshall selected as national master coach developer for Canada Soccer coaching education program
- Two hundred forty (240) players attended 2025 Canada Games trials.
- Five Hundred (500) players from across the province attended 2021/2022 Provincial Program tryouts. There are boys and girls' provincial teams from U12-U16 teams as well as 2022 Boys and Girls Canada Games teams

Vancouver Whitecaps Program is moving ahead quite well for another season. The number of training seasons for the players has increased at the various age groups. The first scouting event after two years of hiatus was held in Vancouver in October. Ellie Power from St. John's Club and Grace Nolan from CBS club attended. Both players had strong performances at the camp. The NLSA also had

approximately fifty players participating in the Whitecaps Virtual academy program. A good number of these players not residing in the Metro area had a free pass for the program.

Two clubs have completed Quality Soccer Providers application for Canada Soccer Club License Quality Soccer Providers and another two clubs are still working on their applications.

Corner Brook and Feildians have completed the review and club interviews applications and are in the final stage of Canada Soccer Club License level ½.

NLSA Mentorship Coaching Program is ongoing

University Presentations offered to NLSA Players and Parents (Memorial University Cape Breton, Carlton, Nipissing and University of Toronto)

The referee program had a successful season with enough qualified and registered officials to cover all scheduled games. During final provincial weekend in September, we had all games covered by qualified and registered referees. Thank you to Damian Masterson and Paul North and all the officials for ensuring all games were covered throughout the season and on final provincial weekend. There were over four hundred (400) games in PYL/Challenge Cup and Jubilee this year covered off with three officials. We were fortunate to have one hundred and thirty seven (137) new referees put through small-sided clinic course; and thirty- six (36) referees upgraded to Districts level referees. There were two hundred seventy three (273) referees registered in 2021; there were one hundred and forty eight (148) officials registered in 2020; and four hundred and thirty two (432) officials registered in 2019. Chantel McDonald and Brooke Andrews were chosen by Canada Soccer to attend The Canadian Soccer Women's Referee Seminar; and Chantel McDonald and Martin Batterson were chosen to represent as an Assistant Referee and Assessor at the Female U Sport Championships. Martin has also assessed six CPL games to date this season

Thanks to our three Vice Presidents Judi, Damian and Bernie for organizing successful Provincial Youth Leagues, Challenge Trophy and Jubilee Trophy this season; and to our soccer fans and sponsors for coming out and watching good competition all season.

This year there was a Long Term Match Official Development Advisory Team appointed to look at and review the Referee Program in the province.

Special thanks to Colleen McConnell and her committee and the media for the great media support. Media coverage this past season has being good.

Thanks to Doug and the finance committee for having the association in a healthy financial situation. Doug, John and Rob have done a lot of work in finding ways to increase revenue and reduce expenses. This year we had a forty –five percent increase in our 2021 registration numbers. In 2020, registration numbers was four thousand nine hundred ninety one (4991) as compared to ten thousand nine hundred eighty eight (10,988) in 2021. In 2019, our registration numbers was ten thousand nine hundred twenty four (10,924). Through all these challenges, the finance committee did great work in finding ways to apply for funding and subsidy programming to keep the association in a strong

financial situation. The association must work to maintain a healthy financial situation in order to provide programs to our membership.

Chris Bartlett and his committee continue to review and update our website, to review ways that we can make it more user friendly and easy to navigate. We need to maintain our website and keep it current such that the soccer community can see great work being done by our soccer people.

The NLSA established a Branding Committee this year to look at ways to improve the NLSA branding; and have consistency with our branding.

We are continually indebted to our sponsors, municipal, provincial and federal government and to the CSA for their financial and in-kind contributions and cooperation.

Thank you all for making 2021 soccer season a reality: for clubs, players, coaches, officials, staff, board and executive members, sponsors, CSA, all levels of government, Sport NL, parents, volunteers and supporters. By working together; listening and respecting people views we worked through many challenges. Thank You all for making soccer as successful as it could be in 2021, and wishing to improve soccer in 2022 with everyone's help and cooperation.

VICE PRESIDENT OF YOUTH REPORT

Presented by: Judi Kelloway

2021 soccer started during the winter of 2021 with the formation of a Youth Panel to develop a Technical Plan for youth soccer in the province. This was completed and approved by the NLSA Board during the summer of 2021. A special thank you to Mark Marshall and Dragan Mirkovic for their hard work on this plan and to the other members of the committee – Doug Redmond, Connie Marshall, Ron O'Neill, Damian Masterson and Bernie Manning for their input and attendance at the many meetings that were held. While there is still a lot of work to be done on the implementation of this plan, it is the basis on which youth soccer will be built from 2022 to 2025.

The 2021 soccer season for youth players was again a different experience from previous years. Because of the Covid 19 pandemic, the soccer season start dates were staggered as different levels received approval from the Dept. of Health to begin competition. Again this year we have to thank Rob Comerford for his negotiations with government that helped make the season a success.

On the youth side of soccer most clubs had a successful house league season within the club. Competitions outside of their club were slower starting and were done in a very structured manner. PYL started as usual in mid-May and ended on Labor Day Weekend. Metro League in the greater St. John's area was approved next and in mid-July we finally received approval for Sun Splash, NLSA Jamborees and NLSA Mega tournaments. While most participants in these events were from the Eastern Health Region, all regions of the province were permitted to attend.

It should be noted that Western and Central have adopted a joint Technical Plan for youth soccer in their regions and are hoping to develop a strong Western/Central Youth League which will eventually lead to re-entry into the PYL. The plan for this re-entry will be developed in conjunction with the NLSA as their leagues develop.

We were also very fortunate that most clubs saw an increase in registrations over 2020 and many of them surpassed their 2019 pre-pandemic registrations.

Premier Youth Leagues

In total, 36 teams (15 female and 21 male) participated in PYL. Over 700 players (300 female and 400 male) took part in 305 regular season games and 30 playoff games. While this scheduling is a massive task, the record keeping for the season was made easier by the Ramp App which uploaded all game data to the website. We were also fortunate with the assigning of officials this year with only 2 games having to be rescheduled and 2 games proceeding without a full complement of 3 officials.

The playoff format for all leagues, except U17 Boys Tier 1, was 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3 followed by bronze and gold medal games. U17 Boys Tier 1 had a 2 vs 3 game followed by the gold medal game. With 30 youth games and 4 senior games on Final Weekend we decided to start the playoffs for youth divisions on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. This eased the demand on organizers and officials

for the weekend. Again this year, our top officials were used for all playoff games meaning that very few issues arose during the games.

The results for PYL in 2021 were as follows:

| League | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| U13 Boys | MPSA | FAA '08 | CBS | PSC | | | |
| U15 Boys T1 | PSC 1 | St. John's Rep | MPSA | FAA '06 | CBS 1 | | |
| U15 Boys T2 | PSC 2 | St. John's Academy | FAA '07 | BPSA | CBS 2 | | |
| U17 Boys T1 | FAA '04 | St. John's | PSC | | | | |
| U17 Boys T2 | BPSA | FAA '05 | CBS | PSC | | | |
| U13 Girls | MPSA | St. John's Rep | CBS | PSC | St. John's Academy | | |
| U15 Girls | St. John's Rep | St. John's Academy | BPSA | PSC | CBS | FAA | MPSA |
| U17 Girls | St. John's | CBS | BPSA | PSC | | | |

PYL Information regarding discipline:

| PYL | # of Team | Cautions | 2Y=R | Red |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|
| U13 B | 4 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| U15 B T1 | 5 | 68 | 1 | 2 |
| U15 B T2 | 5 | 23 | 0 | 0 |
| U17 B T1 | 3 | 32 | 1 | 4 |
| U17 B T2 | 4 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | |
| U13 G | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| U15 G | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| U17 G | 4 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | |
| Total | 36 | 182 | 2 | 6 |

Jamborees

We were very fortunate this season that government gave permission for our Mini-Soccer Jamborees to take place. While it was difficult to get everything ready with the short notice given, we were successful in finding hosts and holding Jamborees at the U7, U9 and U11 age groups. Some clubs

experienced difficulty registering for these tournaments but in the end, all interested clubs were able to participate. At times this meant easing deadlines and redoing schedules multiple times but it was worth the frustration and the extra effort to have the events back up and running.

The following is a brief summary of the Jamborees.

| Jamboree | Host | Number of Teams | Number of Games |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| U7 Boys | Mount Pearl | 11 | 22 |
| U7 Girls | Mount Pearl | 9 | 18 |
| U8 Boys | CBS | 16 | 32 |
| U8 Girls | FAA | 9 | 18 |
| U9 Boys | CBS | 19 | 38 |
| U9 Girls | FAA | 11 | 22 |
| U11 Boys | PSC | 10 | 20 |
| U11 Boys | CBN Lightning | 16 | 32 |
| U11 Girls | PSC | 15 | 30 |
| U11 Girls | CBN Lightning | 5 | 10 |

Teams in The Metro League at the U9 Level are split into U8 and U9. Because of this, even though the events were held at the same time and at the same location, the NLSA split the age level also, with U8 teams playing only U8 teams. It should be noted that some teams in the U9 division had U8 players on them. They competed at the U9 level.

A very special thank you goes out to Mount Pearl, CBS Strikers, the Feildians Athletic Association, Paradise Soccer Club and CBN Lightning for stepping forward to host these Jamborees within the Covid restrictions. It took a lot of work on behalf of each of these associations to make these events work for the benefit of the youth players.

Mega Tournaments

Mega tournaments were also approved late in July. We did advertise for hosts for the U13, U15 and U18 levels but were only successful in finding a host for U13. Mount Pearl stepped forward to host both the U13 Boys and U13 Girls. A total of 13 Boys teams and 9 Girls teams competed in 2 Tiers of competition.

Results for the U13 Mega:

| Championship | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| U13 Boys A | PCSP 1 | MPSA Yellow | FAA Bennett | St. John's Coffey |
| U13 Boys B | St. John's DeSilva | MPSA Black | PSC Kennedy | |
| U13 Boys C | PSC/CBN Lightning | PCSP 2 | | |

| | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|-----|
| U13 Boys D | FAA | CBS | CBN | FAA |
| | | | | |
| U13 Girls A | FAA Reddy | CBS Butler | | |
| U13 Girls B | PCSP | CBS Holden | | |
| U13 Girls C | PSC | SSU | | |
| U13 Girls D | MPSA | CBN Lightning | FAA Williams | |

While we had intended to look again for hosts for U15 and U17, no clubs expressed an interest in attending either of these events this year.

Recommendations for 2022:

- 1) Work with Ramp to find an easier way to send clubs the game codes for PYL.
- 2) Clubs entering teams in PYL should have to have fields available to accommodate the number of home games their teams will play. Back to back games, on one field where possible, can help alleviate the pressure on officials and would be an asset for scheduling.
- 3) Use Ramp for teams to register for all Jamborees and Mega tournaments. One system for everything would make the organization more productive and would also ease the workload for whomever is doing schedules for these large events.
- 4) Enter schedules for all Jamborees and Mega tournaments on the Ramp system rather than posting a Word or PDF document. Everything would be more efficient for the NLSA and the clubs.
- 5) Split U8 and U9 Jamborees. This split gives a slightly easier split in the number of games than a Boys/Girls split.
- 6) Since LTPD allows for 2 “memorable” events at the U9 and U11 age levels, I recommend that the NLSA U9 and U11 Jamborees become competitive events with medals and standings. Since 2 events are permitted, teams should be able to participate in the NLSA Jamboree and one other event. If a team decides to register for 2 “memorable” events, one of them should be the NLSA Jamboree.

Closing

In closing I would like to thank everyone who helped make this soccer season a success. The support of the Youth Committee (Chris Bartlett, Bernie Manning, Paul North, Paul Nunes, Pam Reid, Rob Comerford, Dragan Mirkovic and Mark Marshall) was essential when issues arose throughout the season. A special thank you to Chris for his IT support given whenever a problem arose no matter the day of the week or the time of the day.

Thank you to Damian Masterson for assigning officials to all the PYL games this season. Great job!

A special thank you to Damian, Masterson, Paul North, Ron O'Neill, and Doug Redmond for helping to ensure every youth game held during the Final Weekend had a Board Member present. With the number of games and the number of venues, it was impossible for one person to cover all the games.

Finally, thank you to Rob, Dragan and Mark for their support throughout the season and their availability whenever needed.

On behalf of the youth of the province, thank you to each and every volunteer in the clubs, regions and the NLSA. Always remember, youth soccer is the backbone of all associations and is the basis for all development of the sport. Without youth, there eventually will be no senior soccer and without volunteers there is no youth soccer. Your support is paramount for youth soccer in the province and much appreciated by all.

VICE PRESIDENT OF SENIOR MEN REPORT

Submitted by Damian Masterson

First, I would like to start by saying thank you to Johnson Insurance for their continued sponsorship of the Challenge Cup League.

I would also like to extend personal thanks to Ron O'Neill, Judi Kelloway, Vaughan Hammond and Bernie Manning for the continued support with the rules and regulations and the Discipline Code as part of the Rules and Regulation Committee, and all their help provided with the discipline committee in 2021. Michael Edmunds and his Judicial Committee for all the work they did in 2021 and hopefully it will continue in 2022.

A lot was learned in 2020 and that was evident in 2021 as we had a full season without any interruptions, once again each team completed a 16-game schedule and finishing with the championship being played Labour Day weekend.

Congratulations must be sent to Jake Stanford once again for winning the Bobby Breen first place trophy and to Bernie Manning and Feildians for winning the Challenge Cup Championship for the first time in 59 years. Under the new format which replaced the page paly off format that was used previously, congratulations to CBS for capturing the Bronze medal.

Looking forward to 2022 and Paradise having the turf and the Canada Games playing in Challenge Cup.

St John's Soccer Senior Men's leagues

Intermediate Men's Tier 1 Final

Jacked Factory 2 Michelob Ultra 1
Michelob Ultra 1 Jacked Factory 2

Jacked Factory win best two out of three and are the tier one city champions for 2021

Intermediate Men's Tier 2 Final

Mount Pearl 3 Paradise 1
Paradise 2 Mount Pearl 3

Mount Pearl win the best two out of three and are the tier two city champions for 2021

Masters Tier 1 Final

Duke of Duckworth 1949 Barbershop 4 Feildians 3

Duke are tier one city champions for 2021

Masters Tier 2 Final

Mount Pearl 1 Elliott Dental 0

Mount Pearl are the tier two city champions for 2021

In 2022 we need to work with St John's Soccer to make sure that everyone who is registered to play soccer is eligible to play in Canada hopefully this will be easier as the NLSA switches all clubs to one registration system for 2022, and teams need to be educated on the discipline document as there were far too many suspensions handed out in 2021 for a recreational city league.

Challenge Cup All Star Team for 2021

GK Dylan Crichton Paradise

DF Mike O'Brien, Holy Cross

DF Wil Gamperl CBS

DF Alex Pretty, Holy Cross

M Ryan Thistle, CBS

M Jake Warren Holy Cross

M Matt Davis, Feildians

M Jordi Slaney, St. Lawrence

F Jacob Grant, Holy Cross

F Emmanuel Dolo, Feildians

F Owen Sheppard, Holy Cross

Bobby Breen award (First place regular season) – Holy Cross

Alphonsus Warren, Coach of the Year – Jake Stanford Holy Cross

Wils Molloy, Golden Boot – Emmanuel Dolo Feildians

Jeff Babstock (Top Defender) – Alex Pretty, Holy Cross

Jim Goff (Most spirited) – Wil Gamperl, CBS

Dick Power (MVP regular season) – Emmanuel Dolo Feildians

Ed Moyst award (Rookie of the Year) – Hashem Khalifa, Holy Cross

Al Slaney award (Goalkeeper of the year) – Dylan Crichton Paradise

| | | | Standings | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------|-----|-----------|------|--------|-----|---------|------|
| | Played | Won | Lost | Tied | Points | For | Against | Diff |
| Holy Cross | 16 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 37 | 42 | 14 | 28 |
| Feildians Athletic Association | 16 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 36 | 42 | 16 | 26 |
| St. Lawrence Soccer Association | 16 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 14 | 16 | 31 | -15 |
| CBS Soccer Association | 16 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 14 | 16 | 31 | -15 |
| Paradise Soccer Club | 16 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 8 | 12 | 36 | -24 |

John Breen award (Top Midfielder) – Matt Davis, Feildians



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| Rank | # | Name | Soccer | GP | G |
|------|----|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----|----|
| 1 | 10 | Dolo, Emmanuel | Feildians (CC) | 17 | 22 |
| 2 | 16 | Sheppard, Owen | Holy Cross Kirby Group (CC) | 16 | 9 |
| 3 | 22 | Grant, Jacob | Holy Cross Kirby Group (CC) | 12 | 8 |
| 4 | 13 | Mackey, Mark | Paradise (CC) | 14 | 7 |
| 5 | 10 | Kirby, Tyler | Holy Cross Kirby Group (CC) | 18 | 7 |
| 6 | 15 | Slaney, Jordi | St. Lawrence Laurentians (CC) | 18 | 7 |
| 7 | 7 | Gamba, Iain | Feildians (CC) | 16 | 5 |
| 8 | 10 | Mathiasen, Erick (AP) | That Pro Look Strikers FC (CC) | 12 | 4 |
| 9 | 25 | Williams, Kyle | Holy Cross Kirby Group (CC) | 14 | 4 |
| 10 | 2 | Warren, Jake | Holy Cross Kirby Group (CC) | 15 | 4 |
| 11 | 14 | Connors, Colin | Holy Cross Kirby Group (CC) | 18 | 4 |



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VICE PRESIDENT OF SENIOR WOMEN REPORT

Presented by: Bernie Manning

This year 2021 will be remembered as another challenging year. Our soccer family dealt with another year impacted by COVID-19 in the community. While the year started on schedule it was not without challenges and the game still persevered. The Women's edition was no exception with numerous events and leagues providing fabulous competition for girls and young women of varying skills on all levels.

There are of course many people to thank for their tireless efforts and support throughout the year; executive members who worked together to ensure soccer was played at safe and at enjoyable level for all members of the soccer community. My fellow VP's, of Youth Judi Kelloway and VP of Senior Men's Damián Masterson who worked together to provide competition throughout the province and the members of the NLSA board. In addition, the NLSA staff for the great work they do behind the scenes with administration, technical issues and general advice needed to ensure all events run smoothly. And finally, the athletes, coaches and officials in our province, without your love for the 'beautiful game' nothing is possible. The attached report will review and highlight some of the milestones of the 2021 season.

Each spring during the NLSA Annual General Meeting most of the organizing and planning for all soccer withing the province takes place. However due to the global pandemic of COVID-19 we were forced to enter into the world virtual meetings. During lockdown, we as board members continue to evolve and understand how to operate our leagues in a safe manner and within the strict guidelines of the government and the CSA. After year one we established the parameters of operation and complied with all bodies of governance. The CSA, like the previous year cancelled their 'Nationals' program which made the provincial championships the premier event of the season. The final weekends showcased our championships in all leagues and provide some much-needed attention to our final product.





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As in previous years there has been extensive work done reviewing, debating and revising the Rules and Regulations all with the vision to provide a better end product for all those involved. The Rules Committee make sure that all rules and suggestions are evaluated and given their attention.

Senior Competitive Programming:

Our league maintained the same members as the previous year. The league of Four (4) teams provided great competition and a sustained four (4) team league, in addition to a traditional playoff format. The league adopted a traditional system in which 1 v 4 and 2 v 3 in the playoffs. Each senior team was scheduled to play 15 games and all games were played at KGV and CBS Topsail field.

This year, no players had to sit out a game for cumulative yellow cards. Cautions were not an issue throughout the season with just two players receiving yellow cards. There were no red cards given out.

Regular Season Table:

Breen's Jubilee Championship

| | GP | W | D | L | PTS | GF | GA | GD |
|--------------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|----|----|-----|
| Holy Cross | 17 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 44 | 79 | 12 | 67 |
| Feildians Athletic Association | 17 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 38 | 57 | 15 | 42 |
| St. John's Soccer Club | 17 | 3 | 1 | 13 | 10 | 13 | 54 | -42 |
| Calvin Randell Strikers FC | 17 | 2 | 1 | 14 | 7 | 9 | 77 | -33 |

Play Offs:

This year's playoffs were hosted by CBS Soccer Association and the format reverted to the traditional team alignment falling on the weekend of August 20 - 22. They highlighted our new brand 'The Championships'. The 1 vs 4 game Thursday evening, saw Holy Cross play CBS. It was a tightly fought contest with Holy Cross winning the match, by a score of 4 – 1 and earning a place in the final. As well on Friday we had 2 vs 3, Feildians v St. John's for the right to play the final match on Sunday. The game was also a close one but higher seed Feildians prevailed 2-1 and grabbing a place in the final against Holy Cross on Sunday.

The semifinal had Feildians host CBS, the competitive match had Feildians overcome an emerging CBS team 4 – 1. While both teams competed hard, only one came out on top to reach the final against the perennial champions.

The championship game was a spirited affair and was captured by Holy Cross in the end, with a final – score of 5-0 and won the right to call themselves Breen's Jubilee Champions of Newfoundland and Labrador. Unfortunately, due to the world events, all national competitions



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had been cancelled for the season with hopes of resuming in 2021.

This year, unlike in previous years, the award winners and all-stars were solely picked by those involved in the league to give a better representation of those selections. Congratulations to all winners and of course to all of those who competed.

Allstars: 4 - 3 - 3

Goalkeeper - Hannah Noseworthy, Holy Cross

Back - Keisha Young, Holy Cross

Back - Nicole Torrville, Holy Cross

Back - Jamie King, Feildians AA

Back - Briana Pender, Feildians AA

Midfield - Jane Pope, Holy Cross

Midfield - Bethany Hynes, Feildians AA

Midfield - Katie Joyce, Feildians AA

Forward - Lauren Rowe, Feildians AA

Forward - Malorie Harris, Holy Cross

Forward - Holly O'Neill, Holy Cross

Awards

Coach of Year - Jake Stanford, Holy Cross

Top Defender - Nicole Torrville, Holy Cross

Joy Burt Award (MSP)- Bethany Hynes, Feildians AA

Raeleen Baggs (MVP) - Lauren Rowe, Feildians AA

Rookie of the Year - Lauren Rowe, Feildians AA

Sandy Faulkner Award - Lauren Rowe, Feildians AA

Sherry Morrissey (MVP Playoff) – Terri Murphy, Holy Cross

Ann Woodford Award (Most Effective & Sportsperson Like) – Spencer Wilkins, Feildians AA

Youth and PYL Programming:

Like the senior competitive portion of women's soccer, the youth female program has maintained steady interest this past year even with the limitations provided by COVID-19. The youth program with 1500+ young ladies on 13 teams over 3 divisions and 6 Clubs compete for provincial championships. It is our hope that once the restrictions of COVID-19 have been overcome we can expect a growth in our ladies' youth program.

League Medalists:

PYL u13 – Mount Pearl, St John's, CBS

PYL u15 – St John's, St John's B, BPSA

PYL u17 – St John's, CBS, BPSA



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Senior Competitive Programming

Unfortunately, again due to COVID-19 the Provincial Senior Ladies tournaments that typically take place mid-summer were cancelled. These tournaments traditionally have a great attendance and showcase the recreational side and establish a legacy of ladies' soccer. The goal is next year to bring back these tournaments bigger and better and establish a location for non-competitive athletes to play.

Summary:

While being VP of the Women has been challenging, it's been the opportunity to learn more about the game and is great to be involved. The game remains steady in Newfoundland and Labrador with demographics of 2021 to be slightly skewed due to the impact of COVID-19 and the limits on enrollment. However, the leagues remain strong and a bright spot and it will provide some much-needed optimism on the Jubilee level and in turn provide other clubs with opportunities and aspirations of entering in our province's top competition.



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TECHNICAL REPORT

Presented by:

Dragan Mirkovic Technical Director

Mark Marshall Director of Player Development

NLSA board approved:

NLSA New five year technical Plan

Community courses

- Active start # 80 (online)
- Fundamentals # 73 (online)
- Learn to Train # 24 (online)
- Soccer for life # 49 (online)
- On-field NLSA Staff delivered community courses
 - Soccer for Life and Learn to train 80 plus coaches (St. Johns)
 - Active Start and Fundamental 60 plus coaches (St. Johns)
- Bay Roberts total coaches 12 coaches
- Metro League pre-season coaching clinic 60 coaches attended
- Burin Peninsula coaching clinic 15 coaches
- Corner Brooke classroom and on-field session 15 coaches
- Corner Brooke Mentorship presentation 18 coaches
- Portugal Cove pre-season coaching clinic 25 coaches
- NWSC pre-season coaching clinic 20 coaches

C License Course

- 22 coaches attended and completed the online course (in training)
- 21 coaches attended on-field workshop as well as the online course (21 trained)
- On-field assessments for full certification currently scheduled for 2022
- 2022 C License course has 22 coaches currently registered.

Canada Soccer National License Courses

- 4 coaches attending National B part 2 course (financial support from NLSA)
- 4 coaches attending Canada Soccer Youth license (financial support from NLSA)
- Mark Marshall selected as national master coach developer for Canada soccer coaching education program
- Connie Marshall selected as national coach developer for Canada soccer coaching education program



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GK Diploma Course

10 coaches attend the online modules and then completed the on-field modules in May 2021
(coaches from Avalon and West Coast)

GK Clinic and Camps

A new Two-day training camp introduced with over 20 GK registered (May)

Pre camp training sessions scheduled for GK

GK Staff scheduled for each provincial team at camps

Canada Soccer Club License Quality Soccer Providers

- 4 applicants
- 2 clubs completed *Quality Soccer Providers* application waiting for approval
- 2 clubs still working on applications
- Club license presentation for Central and West Coast clubs

Canada Soccer Club License level 1/2

- 2 current applicants
- Canada soccer have completed the review and club interviews applications in final stage of process
 1. Corner Brook Minor Soccer
 2. Feildians

Mentorship Program

- Hannah McCarthy
- Steve Jamison
- Abby Evans
- Courtney Neville
- Abbi Fleming

2025 Canada Games Program

- 240 players from across the province attended fall trials
- U13 80 players selected
- U14 70 players selected

2021 Canada Games Program

- Canada Games rescheduled to 2022 in Ontario
- Training squads selected
- On-field training twice per week
- Strength and conditioning program twice per week
- Exhibition games every second Friday



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2021/22 Provincial Program

- 500 players from across the province attended trials
- New application process for coaches
- Coaches and players selected from across the province
- U12 to U16 teams
- All Coaches are Board approved
- Atlantic Tournaments planned for June/July 2022
- Coaching education via in person and google classroom
- Pre and post camp meetings
- Session planning tool
- Introduction of VEO camera

2021/22 Vancouver Whitecaps Program

- **Pre-Prospects:** Program number of sessions increased to 24 from 18
 - Top 24 players in each gender selected
 - National B Part 2 Level coaches + mentee coach
- **Junior Prospects:** increased numbers of session to 47 from 34
 - DM and MM Head Coaches + mentee coaches
- **Senior prospects** 20/22 players selected decreased to 24 from 34
 - DM/MM: coaching staff
- **Summer Pre-prospects** program 12 sessions
 - 22 male 22 female players selected
 - DM and MM head coaches with mentee coaches
- **Summer camp program** conducted by Whitecaps staff
 - Harbour Grace
 - Portugal Cove

Program Report

The first scouting event after 2 years of hiatus was held in Vancouver on October 28-31. The event was coordinated by Emma Humphrey, U17 National Women's Team Coach and Ellie Power from St. John's club accompanied by Grace Nolan from CBS club participated at the event. Both girls had very strong performance with Ellie Power scoring a lone goal in a closing game against Whitecaps Academy U16 team.

- Lauren Rowe, who's been on a radar for quite some time, might be the next player getting an invitation for a trial in Vancouver according to Mike Ayyash, the Whitecaps Academy Director.
- The "Combined", a key scouting event after being shut down for two years is back in March, 2022 and will target U15/16 age categories. Players from the Atlantic region will be playing on the Team Atlantic and we expect around 16-18 players to be selected in January for the travelling teams. The Whitecaps Academy Director will be here in January during the provincial team camp to help with selections.



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- In 2021 we had approximately 50 players participating in the Whitecaps Virtual Academy program. A good number of those not residing in the Metro area had a free pass for the program
- Athei and Anyang Achiek were the two players presented in a “It starts with a goal” series run by the Whitecaps club and the video is absolutely top class.
- A few more players have been recognized as “ BMO Player of the Month” which is another nice recognition for those who are participating in our Whitecaps programs.

NLSA Technical Staff visits 2021

1. Mark Marshall West Coach July
2. Dragan Mirokvic Burin Peninsula July

Communication

- *Team Snap* used in all programs for consistent communication
- Covid-19 tracking and alignment with the Safe Sport standards
- Regular Zoom call with club technical leads throughout the province
- Parent presentations via Zoom

University Presentations offered to NLSA Players and Parents

- University of Toronto
- Nipissing University (North Bay, Ontario)
- Carlton university Ottawa
- Memorial University
- Cape Breton

Several Players are in the process of confirming places at 3 of the 5 Universities



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DIRECTOR OF OFFICIALS REPORT

Presented by Paul North and Damian Masterson, Co - Director of Officials

As many of you know the NLSA made changes to the referee program for 2021, introducing a task force known as Long Term Match Official Development Advisory team to investigate all aspects of the referee program and we hope to have their findings available to us by January of 2022, but for the 2021 season it was decided by the board of directors that Paul North and Damian Masterson would look after the program for 2021.

Registration

In 2021 we had 127 senior referees register and out of those 31 were inactive, out of the 137 new small sided referees that registered 30 were inactive, out of the 36 new district referees 6 were inactive due to the fact the BPSA didn't have a 13 PYL division but hopefully that gets rectified in 2022 and the 6 new officials can start doing games.

Education

Thanks must go to Martin Batterson who led the online sessions during the winter for the group of officials who were looking to upgrade from small- sided to District upwards of 65 referees were involved in sessions and we were lucky as a province that we were able to hold some clinics in person during 2021 for this to happen. 36 referees successfully upgraded to District in 2021. 13 under the guidance of Martin Batterson on the Avalon, 10 under the leadership of Kevin Pittman on the Burin Peninsula and in Corner Brook under the guidance of Glenn Sheppard 13 passed the exam. Many thanks to the three instructors.

Thank you to St John's Soccer for taking on the initiative for the small sided clinic for 2021 and a big thank you to Instructors David Pitman, Shannon Tobin and Glenn Sheppard we put 137 new referees into the system for 2021.

Recognition and Thanks

Special mention must go out to Chantal McDonald and Brooke Andrews who were selected by Canada Soccer to attend the Canadian Soccer Women's Referee Seminar in Toronto and as part of the trip will take in a CPL game officiated by an all-female crew. Congratulations go out to both of you from all your peers. After the trip Chantal was appointed to the U Sports Women's Championships that took place in Cape Breton in November. Thanks go out to Jean Thompson who, we have been told after 45 years of volunteering, is moving away from assigning for St John's Soccer at the end of the 2021 season. We wish Jean all the best and thank her for her time.

Referee Assessments and Development

Formal assessments were done this year in the PYL, Jubilee, Challenge Cup and University level



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this year. Many thanks to the Kevin Pittman and Mike Edmunds, who took time out of there busy schedules to complete them. Congratulations also go out to Martin Batterson who was appointed to the U sports in Cape Breton to assess the referees

Assigning

RAMP Assigning was used for the NLSA games this year and worked well for the most part, one of the biggest challenges for us is the calendar app that doesn't allow other officials to see the games on a weekly basis, we are working with RAMP and hopefully this will be fixed for the 2022 season. During the PYL, Jubilee and Challenge Cup season and championships 422 games were assigned and only 6 went without a full compliment of officials. Thank you to all the officials who made this task a simple one by making themselves available when needed.

Game Sheets

With the help of Chris Bartlett and feedback from the senior referees we continue to make improvements to the game sheet app and hope for continued improvements in 2022

High School Soccer

An agreement was signed in 2021 between high school soccer and the NLSA and we hope that this will help both parties going forward in the future.

Conclusion

Discipline continued to see a downward trend in the PYL, CC and Jubilee this year and maybe can be contributed to the approach of the NLSA to have more qualified coaches in the dugouts and as a result less then ten red cards were issued across all three leagues. Suspensions were down also this year in all three leagues. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the St John's Masters and Intermediate leagues where suspensions were nonstop throughout the season, examples a 2-year stadium ban for a manager, a 1 year ban for a player who snatched a red card out of the referees hand, 13 game suspension for foul and abusive language towards an official, \$2000 fine for a team for misconduct towards a referee, 8 game suspension foul and abusive langue towards an official, 7 game for the same reason, 6 games for dissent towards an official. Far too many to list but these are some of the more serious ones that are completely unacceptable for leagues that are playing recreational soccer in the hopes of winning 5 dozen beer and a tee shirt.



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2021 Business Manager Report Presented by: Rob Comerford

General Comments

The 2021 calendar year proved to be a very unusual period due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. I would like to thank all the Board of Directors for all their volunteer efforts during this year, including Doug Redmond, Doug Kirby and Judi Kelloway with whom I work closely with on a regular basis. I would also like to thank Dragan Mirkovic and Mark Marshall for their efforts this past summer. This year the NLSA received Summer Employment grants from the Federal and Provincial governments that enabled us to employ five individuals during the summer period. Felly Elonda assumed to the Program Coordinator position, while Abby Evans, Abi Fleming and Bashar Heddo were utilized on the field.

COVID Impact

For the second year in a row, the NLSA office worked tirelessly with the Provincial Government, Sport Newfoundland and Labrador and Canada Soccer to implement new protocols designed to address the safety of the public while ensuring members were able to return soccer. Specifically, Return to Play Protocols were designed for Outdoor Soccer and Indoor Training. The NLSA was the envy of Canada and came a long way from players having to be 6 feet apart at all times in June to Championships in October. In addition, protocols had to be designed to enable licensed canteens to resume operations, while the Spectator Management Strategy for the Johnson Insurance Challenge Trophy and the Breen's Jubilee Trophy was designed two months prior to Championship Weekend, but only approved shortly before the Championships at KGV took place.

Registration numbers far exceeded 2021 projections. In 2021, there were 10,988 players registered, while only 8,241 players were projected to be registered. In fact, the NLSA player registration numbers exceeded 2019 (Pre-Covid) registration numbers.

Provincial Tournaments

The Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association determines the Provincial Tournament hosts and dates in April. From then, the registration deadlines are applied and posted to the NLSA Website as well as sent to Club officials. It is imperative that Club Officials seek out the tournament registration deadlines and adhere to them. Due to COVID-Cases rising in June 2021, the NLSA was not able to promote Provincial Tournaments as a result, some tournaments were cancelled. Once the NLSA was given the green light to announce tournaments in July, this placed considerable stress on the NLSA Provincial Tournament program. Hosts needed to be found, players had to be registered, schedules needed to be prepared. **It is paramount that Club**



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Administrators consult with their team coaches (and managers) prior to registering for Tournaments and Jamborees to ensure that they wish to enter Tournaments and Jamborees. It is also paramount that team coaches are aware that Tournaments and Jamborees can start on Thursday due to field constraints and communicate this to parents.

Registration System

In 2022, the NLSA will be converting to online registration only. Online registration will be required for all Players, Coaches, Officials, Executive Members and Staff. This will result in numerous benefits for the NLSA and Clubs including, but not limited to:

1. Better data
2. Real time registration
3. Less demands placed on volunteers

It is crucial that Clubs take the time to speak with the NLSA Office to ensure frustrations are minimized and benefits are maximized.

Communication

Communication is extremely important to the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association. I strive to respond to all emails within 24 hours. For the most part, my request for information and additional details was adhered to in a timely-fashion. However, there were situations where requests for the same information was made on a regular basis. The website continues to be reviewed and refreshed, thanks in large part Chris Bartlett. The website, along with Team Snap introduced by Mark Marshall and Twitter, will continue to be the main forms of communication going forward. A special thank you to Mrs. Colleen McConnell, who again assumed control of the NLSA Twitter Account. Tweets were communicated quickly and accurately. Today, the NLSA has 2,660 followers (2,262 followers in 2020) and has made over 9,907 tweets.

Transfer Policy

It has been brought to the attention of the NLSA that the NLSA Transfer policy is not having the desired effect. The NLSA would like to hear from the Clubs that are affected by the Transfer Policy to seek ways to improve it. Only with the cooperation of the Clubs, will the transfer policy be successful.

Risk Management

The Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association is a member of BFL Canada Risk Management Services.



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The Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association actively engages in risk management protocols, having become certified as a Safe Sport member in 2020. The NLSA requires that all coaching staffs registered for Provincial Competitions be screened annually by the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. While the NLSA recognizes the time requirement needed to have a person's background reviewed can be extensive. The process now takes place online (for the RNC), while paper forms are required for the RCMP. This Risk Management strategy should be completed immediately once a person has been asked to join a coaching staff. For teams that represent the NLSA at Provincial Team Competitions or Club Nationals, these documents need to be completed and submitted to the appropriate authorities prior to the start of the season. A person should not be a member of the coaching staff until an RNC or RCMP Code of Conduct Application has been submitted to the appropriate authorities. For the protection of Soccer Clubs, all Executive Members should complete the appropriate forms to the RNC or RCMP. For not-for-profit associations, this procedure is free.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer actively encourages all volunteers associated with a soccer club to complete the Respect in Sport Course. In addition, all members of the coaching staff participating in a Provincial Soccer Tournament are required to complete Respect in Sport Course. Respect-in-Sport is an online Harassment Course that can be completed at one's convenience for \$30.00 plus hst.

Despite the best efforts of the NLSA, there were still Coaches and Managers on credential forms who have not completed the Respect in Sport Course. This is extremely important for individuals who have not completed the course, but will be part of team staffs representing Newfoundland and Labrador at the Club Nationals. As you may or may not know, the level of documentation for teams travelling to Club Nationals is very high and failure to have the harassment course completed adds further work in already a very short period of time.

Club Nationals

Prior to 2019, only players who have the following classification were permitted to play in competitions leading to a Club National competition:

- Canadian Citizen
- Permanent Resident
- Protected Person.

Canada Soccer has continued with their policy that enables up to a maximum of 3 international players to participate in competitions leading to Club Nationals. The Canada Soccer deadlines to apply for the exemptions are July 31, 201X. I believe the deadlines such that International players can play in NLSA Premier Youth Leagues, Jubilee Trophy and Challenge Trophy leagues should be April 30, 2021. Without the exemption from Canada Soccer, the players are



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not permitted to participate in any league games. An International Transfer Certificate is still required prior to the exemption process taking place. **Please ensure that those individuals requiring international transfers begin the process immediately.**



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ST. JOHN'S REGIONAL REPORT

Presented by Colleen McConnell

The St. John's region covers the geographic area of the capital city and includes two clubs with youth and senior programs, Feildians Athletic Association (FAA) and St. John's Soccer Club (SJSC).

House league activities resumed at both clubs during the summer 2021 season, using provincial health authority guidance on COVID-19 mitigations.

2021 Registration:

| Club | Youth | Senior | Total |
|-------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| St. John's Soccer | 746 | 540 | 1286 |
| Feildians | 527 | 134 | 661 |
| Total | | | 1947 |

St. John's also coordinated the Metro League, consisting of 140 teams ranging from ages U7 to U13, the Intermediate Men's and Women's leagues, each with 16 teams, and a seven team Master's league.

Feildians, Holy Cross and St. John's saw success at the senior and Provincial Youth League (PYL) levels, with Feildians capturing the Johnson Insurance Challenge Cup (Senior Men) for the first time in 52 years, and Holy Cross repeating as champions in the Breen's Jubilee Trophy (Senior Women) for the sixth year in a row. The St. John's women's entry finished fourth overall in their second year in the league. A full summary is below.

Johnson Insurance Challenge Cup (Senior Men)

Gold – Feildians

Silver – Holy Cross Kirby Group

All-star team:

Matt Davis, Feildians

Emmanuel Dolo, Feildians

Mike O'Brien, Holy Cross

Alex Pretty, Holy Cross

Jake Warren, Holy Cross

Jacob Grant, Holy Cross

Owen Sheppard, Holy Cross

Individual Awards

Bobby Breen award (First place regular season) – Holy Cross



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Alphonsus Warren, Coach of the Year – Jake Stanford, Holy Cross

Wils Molloy, Golden Boot – Emmanuel Dolo, Feildians (21 goals in 15 regular season games)

Jeff Babstock (Top Defender) – Alex Pretty, Holy Cross

Dick Power (MVP regular season) – Emmanuel Dolo, Holy Cross

Ed Moyst award (Rookie of the Year) – Hashim Khalifa, Holy Cross

John Breen Award (Top Midfielder) – Matt Davis, Feildians

Gerard Quirke Memorial Award (Playoff MVP) – Greg Reid, Feildians

Breen's Jubilee Trophy (Senior women)

Gold – Holy Cross Kirby Group

Silver – Feildians

All-star team:

Hannah Noseworthy, Holy Cross

Keisha Young, Holy Cross

Nicole Torrville, Holy Cross

Jamie King, Feildians

Briana Pender, Feildians

Jane Pope, Holy Cross

Bethany Hynes, Feildians

Katie Joyce, Feildians

Lauren Rowe, Feildians

Holly O'Neill, Holy Cross

Malorie Harris, Holy Cross

Individual Awards

Jean Thompson award (first place regular season) - Holy Cross

Coach of the Year: Jake Stanford, Holy Cross

Top Defender – Nicole Torrville, Holy Cross

Joy Burt award (Most Spirited) – Bethany Hynes, Feildians

Raeleen Baggs Award (MVP regular season) – Lauren Rowe, Feildians

Rookie of the Year – Lauren Rowe, Feildians



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Sandy Faulkner award (Top scorer) – Lauren Rowe, Feildians (20 goals in 15 regular season games)

Sherry Morrissey Award (Playoff MVP) – Teri Murphy, Holy Cross

Ann Woodford Award (Most effective and sportspersonlike) – Spencer Wilkins, Feildians

Premier Youth League – SJ Region medallists

| | BU13 | BU15 T1 | BU15 T2 | BU17 T1 | BU17 T2 | GU13 | GU15 | GU17 |
|--------|------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|------------|------|-----------------|------|
| Gold | | | | FAA '04 | | | SJSC Rep | SJSC |
| Silver | FAA '08 | SJSC Rep | SJSC Academy | SJSC Rep | FAA '05 | SJSC | SJSC Academy | |
| Bronze | | | FAA '07 | | | | | |



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MOUNT PEARL REGIONAL REPORT

Presented by: Craig Dyer

2021 has been another difficult and trying year for soccer in Newfoundland and Labrador dealing with Covid 19. With all the changing rules, guidelines and regulations related to Covid 19 MPSA managed to have a very successful year in 2021. Thanks to the leadership at NLSA, Sport NL and the different level of Government, along the MPSA Board of Directors, the TD Steven Jamison, our staff, and many volunteers

2021 saw a huge change in the leadership of MPSA with almost a completely new Board of Directors under the leadership of CJ Nolan. Each Director played a vital role in the managing of the Association and came with new energy and ideas, adding to the success of all our programs.

Some highlights of 2021:

- 1200+ registrants in all programs
- The largest group being our summer programs: Club League and micro programs with 850+ members
- Super Soccer Saturday on September 18th
- Fantastic coaches and managers along with several youth members in our Junior coaching program
- The increased numbers of our players, coaches, and managers participating on the Provincial teams and in the White Capp program
- 280 players in our Metro League and Premier Youth League, many successes, and medals
- MPSA's PYL BU13 and GU13 winning Gold, and the BU15 winning the Bronze
- MPSA Men's intermediate team finished with the SJSC Tier II League Championship
- The Wade Abbott Dentistry Mount Pearl Masters Team also won the SJSC Tier II Masters League Championship
- A significant increase in MPSA Referees from 10 in 2020 to 34 in 2021. Officiating in the Club, Metro and PYL leagues
- MPSA Awards night on November 24th
- Development of the MPSA Modernization Plan
- Millions of smiles

MPSA looks forward to 2022 celebrating its 50th Anniversary serving to Youth in the City of Mt. Pearl.



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TRINITY-CONCEPTION-PLACENTIA REGIONAL REPORT

Presented by Chris Bartlett

This was the better season then 2020 season for the Trinity Conception Placentia (TCP) region. We had three clubs operating this summer with player registration numbers back to about the 2019 season.

Region Registration Summary:

Players: 747

Coaches: 47

All three clubs competed in MEGAs and Jamborees with CBN Lightning hosting some of the Under 11 Jamboree.

Our goal for the 2022 season is to continue to improve club cooperation and to continue to grow club registrations to their pre-pandemic levels. Also, CBN Lightning plans on entering a team in the new Under 12 Boys PYL division.



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CENTRAL REGIONAL REPORT

Presented by Terry Goulding

Climbing back from a reduced program in 2020 appears to be a gradual incline in registration numbers as well as general interest.

Central did report having associations in Gander, Exploit's and Springdale with some inter-regional play occurring.

There were several virtual meets organized by Western to gauge interest and development of a Central/West league/tournament play in U11, U13 and U15 to build competitive soccer. I applaud the efforts of these organizers but without a driving parental force in Central it is unlikely that establishing such competition will happen. It remains hopeful for next season.

As always, the volunteer leadership needed for association executives continues to decline. The outlook for soccer in Central is concerning with fewer parents interested in becoming involved and the rising costs of registration, officials and coach training and operational expenses.

The expected Spring 2022 completion of Gander's turf complex is a positive sign and could infuse the area with a renewed enthusiasm for soccer that may spill over the region.

I'd like to acknowledge all those that participated in soccer this past year and encourage them to follow Canada's journey to the 2022 World Cup.



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WESTERN REGIONAL REPORT

Presented by Renee Sherstobetoff

It was a very successful year for the Western Region. Our region has minor programs in Stephenville, Corner Brook, Pasadena, and Deer Lake, as well as a strong Ladies' and Men's League in Corner Brook. We also established a Western/Central League for our minor players. Our intention is to strengthen our established relationships and continue to build others during the 2022 season.

This summer we were very fortunate to have our turf field in Corner Brook, formerly known as the Wellington Field, renamed in honor of Doug Sweetapple. On June 1st, approximately 200 invited guests attended the renaming ceremony which received television coverage and was live streamed by the City of Corner Brook.

Some Highlights from 2021:

League Play

- We had a six-team women's league comprising of four Corner Brook teams and two teams from Stephenville.
- We had a seven-team men's league comprising of five teams from Corner Brook, one team from Stephenville and one team from Deer Lake.

Jamborees

- We were able to follow all Covid-19 guidelines and still host a jamboree in Corner Brook for our U9, U11 and U13 girls and boys, as well as a U7 Jamboree in Stephenville for our U7 boys and girls. Invitations were sent to clubs in both the Western and Central Regions. Teams from Exploits, Springdale, Pasadena, Deer Lake, Corner Brook, and Stephenville sent teams to at least one of the four jamborees.

Western/Central League

- In January 2021, Doug Sweetapple spearheaded a series of meetings with interested individuals from the western and central regions to discuss the creation of a Western/Central League for our minor players. Interestingly, due to Covid, the concept of meeting virtually was something that enabled us to bring a much-discussed concept to fruition.
- Once the decision to move forward with the Western/Central League was made, Doug Sweetapple discussed the concept at a NLSA Technical Committee Meeting. Approval and support for the concept was given at this time.



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- Doug Sweetapple and Renee Sherstobetoff then met virtually with Judi Kelloway for guidance in determining guidelines for the league.
- Covid did prevent a true Western/Central League as it was late in the summer season before the two regions were given permission to travel outside of their health region for sport related activities.
- Western did proceed with a U13 league under the coordination of Deidre MacDonnell with two girl's and one boy's team from Corner Brook, as well as boy's teams from Stephenville and Deer Lake.
- Plans are already in place for the 2022 season. In collaboration with clubs from both regions a committee will be formed to further develop the league with rules and regulations with the goal of building on the success of 2021 and expanding play in other age groups in a true Western/Central League.

Training of Officials

- While the recruitment and retention of officials is an on-going concern for Western, we were fortunate to have Glen Sheppard visit us in July to teach the entry level course to a group of 15 individuals.

Coaching

- We had five of our coaches complete their C License Course during the winter of 2021. Corner Brook Minor Soccer also hosted Mark Marshall and Connie Marshall for a visit in July. During their time in Corner Brook, they met with the C License candidates for an on-field session and attended a Coaching Education session at Doug Sweetapple Field with Robert Mitrovic, Technical Director, of Corner Brook Minor Soccer. On the last day of their visit Mark and Connie gave two presentations to invited coaches and executive members from the Western Region on the new Coaching Pathway from CSA and the CSA Mentoring Program.

Hall of Fame and Award Recipients

- Due to Covid 19 restrictions the NLSA annual Hall of Fame Induction and Provincial Awards Presentation ceremony for 2019 and 2020 were postponed until November of this year. On November 19th, Herbert Young of Corner Brook was inducted into the Hall of Fame and on November 20th, Carver Titterington of CBMSA was awarded Junior Male Official of the Year for 2020.



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LABRADOR WEST REGIONAL REPORT

Presented by: Maggie Rowcliffe

Labrador West Minor Soccer had a very successful season. The executive consisted of 15 wonderful volunteers who dedicated a lot of time and were the backbone to a great season. 5 student coaches were once again hired to organize and run the practice and game sessions for the youth. With Covid protocols in place, attendance and hand sanitizing became habit for the participants. And parents were also supportive by wearing their masks or remaining outside the perimeter of the soccer field fence.

LWMSA had a very impressive increase in registration for the 2021 season. A total of 472 players were registered, with participants continuing to join into July. With an increase of approximately 100 participants, the LWMSA is looking into increasing the amount of student coaches hired for the 2022 season.

LWMSA hosted the Bob Hamlyn memorial tournament the first weekend of July. Although it was a smaller version of the tournament that we have hosted in past years, with participants from Happy Valley Goose Bay and Churchill Falls unfortunately being able to attend. This tournament was open to divisions Under 11 and Under 13, and the volunteers did a great job organizing competitive games as well as some fun & skill-based sessions. Unfortunately, like many other associations, the pandemic had some effect on our association, even as things started to return to a “normal”.

Our winter indoor Technical (skill based) and Just for kicks (fun for younger ages) were unable to proceed due to the restrictions of the local school gymnasiums. We were also unable to send any teams to the Mega tournaments as the decisions to proceed with these came too late to allow for our region to complete the high amount of fundraising and planning required for teams to participate. With both these events not going ahead, we also decided to not send any players to try out for the NLSA teams this fall.

Although we have some up & coming players with great skill, we felt that without the skill boost that the technical program provides, and the game knowledge the players gain in participating within our traveling program and at the mega tournaments, players would be better off waiting 1 season before attending these tryouts. But wait until the 2022 tryouts, we will be sending some great skill your way!

I want to thank the LWMSA executive for all their support to me as NLSA representative and as well the association President, we have great volunteers that bring different skills to our soccer association, which makes all the behind-the-scenes work go smoothly! I also want to thank the NLSA committee for all their help & support throughout the year.



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CONCEPTION BAY SOUTH REGIONAL REPORT

Presented by: Tyler Antle

2021 has been a year of challenges and successes for our Club. We started the year dealing with a shutdown that led to lost training time and refunds, to what was almost a normal summer of soccer. It was great to get a full schedule in giving our members some sense of normalcy.

Covid brought with it continued concerns for safety at every turn as well as extra costs for supplies and staff. The negative didn't outweigh the positive this past year as increased membership and a full season of soccer meant the smiles outnumbered the concerns.

Some Highlights of 2021

- Both our Challenge Cup – That Pro Look Strikers FC and our Jubilee Trophy – Calvin Randell Strikers FC won their franchise first playoff games. The growth of our teams has given young players a good model to continue with the club, however, player movement has continued to plague our efforts to make the leagues more competitive.
- Our Under 17 Girls PYL entry came away with silver, only losing the championship game in kicks after playing to a draw through extra time.
- Under 13 Girls finished the regular season tied for first in the standings and finished the playoffs with a bronze
- Under 13 Boys brought home bronze
- Under 17 Boys finished second in the standings and finished the playoffs with a bronze
- We had more than 1400 registrants in 2021 for the first time with more House League teams at the younger ages than ever before.
- We had more coaches in our system than every before. The coaches also came with more courses completed.
- We added Erick Mathiesen to our staff to give us increased technical depth, he joins Ryan Caines as part of our technical team.
- After a year of shortages, we had growth in the number of youth referees.
- We added the presence of St. John Ambulance at many of our PYL and Senior games for an added level of safety and expertise.



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I want to thank our Board for their hard work this past year in ensuring proper guidance for our Club. I also want to thank our General Manager Darrin Bent, our Technical Team Ryan Caines and Erick Mathiesen as well as form Technical Director Andrew Murphy for all their help this past year.

Finally, thank you to the Board and Staff of the NLSA for all your support through the year – let's make 2022 even better!