

NLSA Vice President Youth Report

2022 Season

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After Covid had impacted the previous 2 seasons, Youth Soccer had a successful 2022 season in the province. This is in a great part thanks to the efforts of Maria Mackey, PYL Coordinator.

Maria took over all scheduling of PYL, Jamborees and Mega tournaments. She also dealt with all issues with the website – game sheets, statistics and all problems experienced by clubs. Maria made sure all players were registered, assigned to their appropriate club and team besides helping the clubs keep this information current.

When the Vice President of Senior Men resigned from the Association, Maria took over Challenge Cup. When Mount Pearl workers went on strike, she worked with the clubs to reschedule games from fields in Mount Pearl to other fields in the Metro area. This alone involved multiple emails and phone calls to clubs to make this possible. It was Maria's professionalism through all the problems that had all clubs in the Metro area cooperating with her to reschedule some of their own events to save the PYL and Challenge Cup seasons. Words cannot express the gratitude I feel to Maria for leading the charge and to all the clubs who helped make the season possible. Without the cooperation of everyone it would never have been possible.

As usual Jamborees went ahead with young players showing their enthusiasm for the game. Every Jamboree was successful. A very special thank you to all clubs involved with the Jamborees. MPSA, as host, ended up with no fields but continued to host the Jamborees with the cooperation of St. John's and CBS and used fields within the city. CBS also hosted a Jamboree. For the first time, the U11 Jamboree was a competitive competition with standings and medals. The U7 and U9 Jamborees remained participation only.

Megas were especially challenging this year. No one came forward to host U15 or U17 mainly because the majority of clubs in the Metro area do not have teams at this level. To ensure there was competition for teams off the Avalon to participate in a Mega we asked the Tier 2 teams to participate and the majority agreed. Then with no host coming forward NLSA had to host the competitions. Maria was again able to negotiate with St. John's Soccer Club for the use of Jim Clarke Field in Airport Heights and the tournaments were successful.

PYL continues to be the main competitions for youth players with NLSA. In 2022 the league was expanded to include U12. This was a small-sided competition with an entry point in May, July and September. It was the hope that clubs that started soccer later than the Metro area would join this league in July but this didn't happen. Tiering was done after Round 1 of the boys division to provide better competition for all but no new teams entered. There were no U12 new entries in the final tournament in September but three U11 teams entered.

2022 stats and results Jamborees and Megas:

| Competition | # of teams | # of games | 1 st place | 2 nd place |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| U7 Boys | 14 | 28 | NA | NA |
| U7 Girls | 13 | 26 | NA | NA |
| U8 Boys | 17 | 34 | NA | NA |
| U8 Girls | 20 | 40 | NA | NA |
| U9 Boys | 28 | 56 | NA | NA |
| U9 Girls | 17 | 34 | NA | NA |
| U11 Boys Red | 6 | 14 | FAA Collins | PSC Butland |
| U11 Boys Green | 4 | 8 | CASA Power | PCSP Smith |
| U11 Boys Blue | 14 | 28 | CBUSA Young | Burin FC |
| U11 Boys Orange | 11 | 24 | BBAA/SSU Cahill | BBAA/SSU Hamlyn |
| U11 Girls Blue | 11 | 22 | PCSP Clarke | SJSA Jackman |
| U11 Girls Green | 6 | 14 | MPSA Molloy | CBS Wiscombe |
| U11 Girls Pink | 11 | 22 | CBS Whelan | BBAA/SSU Hamlyn |
| U13 Boys Green | 6 | 11 | LMSC Spearing | CBUSA |
| U13 Boys Orange | 6 | 11 | SJSC O'Keefe | PCSP Dolezalek |
| U13 Girls Blue | 3 | 5 | CBN Lightning | LMSC Russell |
| U13 Girls Maroon | 8 | 16 | BBAA/SSU Pittman | PSC Sylvester |
| U15 Boys Mega A | 8 | 20 | Western | MPSA |
| U15 Boys Mega B | Included above | Included above | LMSC Colbourne | Springdale |
| U17 Boys Mega | 5 | 12 | FAA | CBS |

PYL

| League | # of teams | # of games | 1 st place | 2 nd place |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| U12 Boys Final Tournament T1 | 5 | | SJSC Gamperl | CBS |
| U12 Boys Final Tournament T2 | 5 | | MPSA | CBN Lightning |
| U12 Girls Final Tournament | 5 | | St. John's | CBS |

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| U13 Boys | 6 | 49 | CBS | MPSA |
| U13 Girls | 6 | 49 | SJSC | |
| U15 Boys Tier 1 | 5 | 44 | SJSC | CBS |
| U15 Boys Tier 2 | 4 | 34 | FAA | BPSA |
| U15 Girls Tier 1 | 6 | 49 | SJSC | PSC |
| U15 Girls Tier 2 | 4 | 34 | SJSC | |
| U17 Boys Tier 1 League | 4 | Games played in each Tier and against teams in other Tier. | MPSA | FAA |
| U17 Boys Tier 2 League | 3 | | FAA | CBS |
| U17 Girls League | 4 | 4 | SJSC | BPSA |
| U17 Boys National Qualifier | 4 | 4 | PSC | FAA |
| U17 Girls National Qualifier | 2 | 2 | SJSC | BPSA |

2022 National Results

| Competition | Representative | Ranking 2021 | Result 2022 |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| U15 Boys | SJSC | 6 th | 8 th |
| U15 Girls | SJSC | 7 th | 7 th |
| U17 Boys | PSC | 6 th | 8 th |
| U17 Girls | SJSC | 7 th | 7 th |

As I end my involvement with the NLSA Board I would like to thank everyone who has helped with youth soccer over the last twenty-three seasons. Through the efforts of everyone involved at the Board and club level I have seen many changes and growth within the sport. My hope is that soccer continues to expand and improve in the years to come.