

## **Ian Duffett – Candidate for the Board of Directors, Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association**



My name is Ian Duffett, and I am pleased to put my name forward for election to the Board of Directors of the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association.

Soccer has been an important part of my life for over four decades. I played the majority of my youth career with CBS Minor Soccer Association remembering fondly all the days playing at the old soccer field in Topsail. As a player, I competed with the 1997 Men's Canada Games program, Memorial University Mens Soccer, and the Feildians Challenge Cup Men's Team. That playing career gave me a deep appreciation for the game and the commitment and dedication of so many of our volunteers that help to make provincial sport thrive.

Over the past twenty years, I have transitioned that passion into coaching. I have coached with the St. John's Soccer Club at various levels since 2014, most recently serving as Head Coach of the Girls U17 Premier Youth League team. For the last five years, I have also been a member of the NLSA's provincial coaching staff, contributing to both the male and female programs across all age groups. I hold a Youth Diploma and am currently progressing toward my B Diploma.

Beyond the pitch, I bring a strong professional background to this role. I work daily in building design and construction where I lead a group of skilled professionals to deliver infrastructure to commercial and public clients. This requires skills in strategic planning, organizational leadership, project management, and stakeholder collaboration — skills that translate directly to effective board governance.

I believe the NLSA deserves board members who are passionate about the sport and prioritize player development and growth of the sport across the province. I believe in building a sustainable and advancing soccer community across our province. I would be honoured to serve in that capacity and to give back to a sport that has been such an important part of my life.

I respectfully ask for your support.