

Overview

This past year, I oversaw the Metro, Premier, and Championship leagues for ages U7 through U17. The All-Star program continued to provide a competitive and development-focused pathway for players across multiple age groups and competition levels with much success across the board. This has led to a significant increase in membership for our club and teams we will field for this upcoming season which will include teams in age groups we did not have this past season.

Major Accomplishments

Over the past year, I have had the privilege of contributing to several key initiatives and milestones that have significantly advanced our Allstar programming and club development. Highlights include:

- **Turf Replacement Advocacy**
Played a central role in securing the replacement of our turf field through persistent engagement with the city, navigating multiple meetings and overcoming logistical and administrative roadblocks to ensure the project's success.
- **Strategic Leadership in Technical Direction**
Championed the recommendation to bring Andrew and Vic on board as our new Technical Directors. Their appointment has led to the creation and implementation of a comprehensive Game and Training Model, now in effect for the current season and shaping the future of our club's development framework.
- **Restructuring of Allstar Programming**
Collaborated closely with our Technical Directors to completely restructure the Allstar program, aligning it with the grassroots standards brought down by SC and NLSA and enhancing the overall experience for players and coaches alike.
- **Membership Growth**
As a direct result of the strategic changes and improvements made, our Allstar program has seen a nearly **20% increase in membership**, reflecting the growing confidence and interest in our club's direction.
- **National-Level Achievement**
Celebrated a landmark achievement with our **U15 Girls team qualifying for Nationals**, marking the first time MPSA has sent a team to Nationals since 2012. This success is a testament to the strength of our programming and the dedication of our athletes and coaching staff.



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Program Structure and Participation

The details for total numbers of teams and players involved across each age group and league tier are in the below tables. This section will highlight team breakdowns, training participation, and competitive alignment across the Metro, Premier, and Championship programs. Also included are the current registration numbers and a brief summary of our continued efforts in increasing membership.

Registration for Boys																
Age	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U13	U13	U15	U15	U15	U17	U17	U17	Totals
Team	Metro	Metro	Metro	Metro	Metro	CL	PL	CL	Metro	PL	CL	Metro	PL	CL	Metro	
# of team	3	4	6	5	5	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	29
# of playe	34	37	55	41	43	14	16	0	33	0	20	0	20	0	0	313

Registration for Girls																
Age	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U13	U13	U15	U15	U15	U17	U17	U17	Totals
Team	Metro	Metro	Metro	Metro	Metro	CL	PL	CL	Metro	PL	CL	Metro	PL	CL	Metro	
# of team	4	2	5	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	22
# of playe	33	19	43	27	35	16	13	14	14	18	19	0	0	0	0	251

2026 Registration for Boys										
Age	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U15	U17	Total
Team	Metro	Metro	Metro	Metro	Metro	CL/PL	CL/PL	CL/PL	CL/PL	
# of playe	31	38	46	63	37	39	31	33	36	354

2026 Registration for Girls										
Age	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U15	U17	Total
Team	Metro	Metro	Metro	Metro	Metro	CL/PL	CL/PL	CL/PL	CL/PL	
# of playe	29	57	23	40	30	38	31	39	15	302

Summary	2025	2026
Total # of Teams	51	TBD
Total Number of Players	564	656
% Change		16.31



Challenges

- Facility space and training times were significant challenges, particularly during peak season scheduling.
- Underutilization of certain facility blocks also created inefficiencies that have been reviewed for the upcoming season.
- Coaching commitment was strong overall; however, communication channels and centralized guidance for training session planning need to be strengthened. Lots of biased decisions made when selecting pools and teams. This has been reviewed and action taken for 2026 season.
- Player movement between clubs remains an ongoing concern. While this is allowed under NLSA policy, we need to continue focusing on player retention by enhancing development standards and program experience.

Looking ahead to 2026 – Allstar Restructure

The 2024–2025 season marked a period of transition and growth for MPSA, with new team members and evolving roles contributing to a dynamic and resilient environment. As we look ahead to 2025–2026, preparations are well underway, including player assessments and the launch of our Winter Training Program (November–May), which serves as an extended evaluation period.

Key updates include:

- **Player Identification Sessions** held from Sept 27–Oct 12 for all youth streams (Metro, Lighthouse, Compass).
- **U7–U10:** Balanced training pools with final team selections in spring.
- **U11:** Tiered pools with flexible movement and open spring rosters.
- **U12–U13:** Introduction of the 2026 NLSA Lighthouse & Compass Leagues, replacing PL & CL formats.
- **U15–U17:** Fall tryouts for Champions and Premier League teams, with winter training for selected squads.

Evaluations are led by Technical Directors Andrew Moyst & Victor Dray, with support from Allstar Director Phil Quann. Coaches have been assigned to pools and teams will be finalized in spring, ensuring impartiality in team selection.

We remain committed to fostering development, competition, and a lifelong love of the game.



The Pearl Cup

We are proposing to hold this event at the **start of the summer**, strategically scheduled to avoid overlap with both the SunSplash Tournament and NLSA Final Weekends. The tournament will be open to **both male and female players**, spanning age groups from **U7 through U17**, and will be hosted across **all Mount Pearl pitches**.

Our vision is to deliver the **largest and most memorable soccer tournament this province has seen**, complete with **opening and closing ceremonies, food vendors, and live entertainment** to create a festival-like atmosphere for players, families, and fans.

To move forward with planning and promotion, we would need approval and guidance on the **requirements and documentation MPSA must provide to NLSA** in order to have this tournament officially sanctioned. We are committed to meeting all necessary standards and working collaboratively to ensure a successful and well-organized event.

This process is underway and have developed rules and dates have been sent to NLSA which we are currently finalizing with them.

Kits, Swag, and Equipment

We are currently finalizing a new agreement with SportsCraft, as our existing contract concludes at year-end. SportsCraft has received our comprehensive equipment list and is preparing a formal quote. A meeting is being scheduled to review contract terms and collaborate on the design of new kits for the upcoming season.



Recommendations

In addition to continuing the positive momentum established through our new game and training model—developed by our technical directors—and further refining our team selection and pool placement processes both at season start and during spring evaluations, I respectfully submit the following recommendations for consideration:

- **Tier 1 Player Participation in Club League**
I recommend the removal of Tier 1 and higher-level players from our Club League. This aligns with the strategic direction outlined by our Club League Director and will create more meaningful opportunities for players who are still developing their skills. By doing so, we can ensure a more balanced and inclusive environment during both games and practices.
- **Long-Term Facility Planning**
While we have maximized the use of our current facility space for the upcoming season, we are now operating at full capacity. To support future growth and alleviate ongoing space and scheduling constraints, I propose that the club begin developing a long-term business plan for the construction of an indoor facility for MPSA. This investment would significantly enhance our infrastructure and provide a vital resource for member development.
- **Program Start Dates for Metro and Pooled Groups**
I propose that programming for all Metro and pooled groups commence in the new year moving forward. Compass League (CL) and Lighthouse League (PL) groups could continue to begin in November as usual. This adjustment would help address space and time limitations and has been strongly supported by feedback from both coaches and parents.

Closing Statement

The All-Star program remains an important pillar of Mount Pearl Soccer Association's player development pathway. With continued collaboration, improved communication, and strategic enhancements to training and facility planning, we can continue to strengthen both player experience and competitive outcomes across all age groups.

