

Mount Pearl Soccer Association  
Frequently Asked Questions



***Where is the office?***

The MPSA office is located in the Clubhouse, Arena Road, which is in the Team Gushue Sports Complex, off Smallwood Drive.

***What are the hours?***

The office hours are Monday thru Friday from 12 noon to 4:30 for the winter months. May 1, it changes to 9:00am-4:30pm

***How much is registration?***

Early Bird Registration is \$110 per player From February 15<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> the registration fee for 2011 is \$135 per player.

There is a family rate for 3 or more of \$335 (\$275 during the Early Bird Registration)

***How do I register?***

You can register:

- By fax or email by completing the registration and Visa form and sending them back
- By mailing the completed registration form with a cheque or money order
- Registration Weekend of April 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Clubhouse
- In person at the office

MPSA accepts cash, cheque, debit or Visa. Any NSF cheques will result in an additional \$20 charge. Sorry we currently **do not** take Mastercard

***I would like to register my child for the soccer program but cannot afford the cost. What can I do?***

Please contact the Administrator. There are several funding options available for you

***When does the season start and who is my child's coach?***

The House League season for all ages begins late-June, subject to availability of the soccer fields. Sometime in mid-June you will receive a call/email from your child's volunteer coach.

***Can I request my child play on a team with \_\_\_\_\_?***

For the 2011 outdoor summer soccer season, MPSA will not be accepting special requests as all the teams play on the same field the same days so they will see their friends at the field and make new friends for the summer.

***How do I contact my child's coach?***

Your child's coach should provide this to you once the teams are selected; however, the MPSA office maintains contact lists for the House League and All Star coaches. If you don't have their contact information, please contact the MPSA office at 364-9793

***I'd like to be a coach or volunteer. How can I help?***

MPSA is always looking for coaches and volunteers. We appreciate the help and are looking for coaches to support, guide and encourage our teams. Applications for coaches are on our website under General Information/ forms and downloads. Please contact the office by phone or email to provide your contact information and how you would like to help.

***How long is the season?***

The House League season runs from late June to early September. The precise length of the season depends on a number of factors, such as division, involvement in playoffs and weather. MPSA also has an indoor house league program and winter training that runs mid-January to mid-April.

***When are the games, and where are they played?***

Fields and schedules are not finalized until all players are registered. It is not normally known until mid-June how many teams will be created. However, game schedules will be posted to the website once finalized

House League games are always played Monday thru Thursday evenings at either 5:30 or 6:30. In the event that a game has to be made up due to cancellations, MPSA will try to reschedule the game at a regular time at the end of the regular season. Games are not normally scheduled on statutory holidays or weekends. Divisional schedules are posted to the MPSA website ([www.mpsa.ca](http://www.mpsa.ca)) once finalized in mid-June. There are two tournaments, on weekends to start and end the season.

***Is soccer going ahead tonight?***

The decision to cancel House League games due to weather will be made by the MPSA Administrator and Technical Director at 3:00pm on game day.

Once a decision has been made to cancel soccer due to weather, a notification will be posted to our website ([www.mpsa.ca](http://www.mpsa.ca)).

The decision to cancel or not to cancel games may be left to game time. Cancellation at that time will be decided through consultation between the referee and coaches.

***What type of equipment does my child need?***

Your house league registration fee includes a dry-fit jersey that is yours to keep; however, all players are responsible to have shorts, shin guards, soccer socks, and cleats.

Your child should always take plenty of water to all their games/practices, and wear sunscreen.

***Will my child be the only new player?***

At the minor level, there are many new players. Each year there could be 15-20 new players (or more) in each age group. We try to divide these players evenly throughout the teams.

***How often will practices be held?***

House League practices are held at the discretion of the coach and subject to the availability of practice fields. All Star teams practice more frequently, again at the discretion of the coach and field availability.

***What type of experience will the coach have?***

All of our coaches are volunteers and have varying levels of experience. The coach will have an understanding of the game and the ability to teach and lead others. Coaches are expected to abide by the Fair Play Guidelines. All coaches are encouraged to take part in training to upgrade their coaching skills. All coaches have the opportunity to achieve certification at the highest level possible.

All coaches are required to provide MPSA with a Criminal Records Screening Certificate from the RNC.