



**ST. JOHN'S**

**2025**



## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S, NL

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To all qualified Athletes, Coaches, Staff and Officials,

We're delighted to congratulate you on your outstanding season and your admirable qualification for the 2025 National Championships in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. It's a remarkable achievement that reflects your hard work, training, and perseverance.

We are honoured to invite you to join us for this thrilling event, where you'll undoubtedly experience unforgettable moments that will be etched in your memory forever. Our Host Committee has gone above and beyond to ensure that the tournament is nothing short of amazing for all our guests, and we're confident that you'll have an exceptional stay with us.

To assist you in planning your trip, we'd like to share some essential information that will come in handy.

As final preparations are underway, we look forward to welcoming you to St. John's. Get ready for an exceptional tournament experience that promises to be a highlight of your season!

Sincerely,

***Brian Murphy***

Brian Murphy  
On behalf of the Local Organising Committee

## CANADASOCCER.COM/COMPETITIONS

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Canada Soccer's National Championships serves as a pinnacle event to the 2025 season, bringing together the best amateur clubs from across the country. The 2025 edition will be played in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador from 8 to 13 October with 10 men's teams playing for the Challenge Trophy and eight women's teams playing for the Jubilee Trophy.

Canada Soccer will deliver all key information pertaining to its national amateur competitions via [www.canadasoccer.com/competitions](http://www.canadasoccer.com/competitions).



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The main landing page for your competition will feature:

- Links to men's Challenge Trophy and women's Jubilee Trophy
- Competition Regulations
- Resource Centre including:
  - o Canada Soccer Code of Conduct & Ethics
  - o Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code
  - o 2024-25 Laws of the Game

Your division's competition page will include the Schedule and Results (with a "Download XL" button) as well as the list of Participating Clubs (with links to each Club Profile page).

The 18 qualified teams for the 2025 National Championships qualify through their respective provincial league and cup competitions that run from September 2024 through September 2025. This year marks the 101st edition of the Challenge Trophy competition and the 42nd edition of the Jubilee Trophy competition.

## HOST CONTACT INFORMATION

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Clubs are asked to communicate first and foremost with their provincial soccer organisation in preparation for the National Championships.

### **Chair**

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### **City Wide Taxi and Bus Service**

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## SAFE SPORT

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All participants deserve a sport experience that is safe, welcoming, accessible, and inclusive. To this end, we work diligently and proactively to ensure all soccer experiences are great ones.

If a member of your team witnesses or experiences maltreatment and wants to file a complaint, this complaint is to be directed to your Provincial or Territorial organisation to be processed by their independent service provider. If you require further support or direction, please reach out to our Safe Sport Officer, Allison Forsyth at [safesoccer@canadasoccer.com](mailto:safesoccer@canadasoccer.com).

## COMPETITION FIELDS & FACILITIES

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In all, 38 matches will be played across the men's and women's divisions at the National Championships in St. John's, with the Final Matches played back-to-back on Monday 13 October at historic King George V Park

All 38 matches as well as all booked training sessions will be scheduled at either King George V Park or the Fortis Canada Games Complex, both of which feature artificial soccer turf. King George V Park will serve as the Competition Headquarters.

- **King George V Park**  
3 Carnell Drive, St. John's, NL  
Dimensions – 115m x 75m (125.7 yds x 82 yds)  
Soccer turf installed and maintained since 2019
- **Fortis Canada Games Complex**  
17 Westerland Road, St. John's, NL  
Dimensions – 115m x 75m (125.7 yds x 82 yds)  
Soccer turf installed and maintained since 2024

Training Windows: one 60-min slot per team on 6 & 7 October at King George V Park. Additional requests coordinated via LOC (14-day notice required).

### Dressing Rooms

Four permanent team rooms per competition field at King George V Park and Fortis Canada Games Complex. Gatorade & water stocked pre-match by Field

Coordinators. Dressing-room keys issued to Team Managers; teams lock rooms when vacant.

### **Athletic Therapy / First Aid**

AEDs located on-site at King George V Park and Fortis Canada Games Complex and will be handled by medical staff. On-site athletic therapist at each field from one hour before kickoff through to the final whistle.

### **Technical / Spectator Areas**

Only accredited staff and players are permitted in the technical area.

It is important that Participating Clubs, their players, staff and fans all respect the fields and facilities accordingly. Clubs are expected to keep their benches clean and tidy after each match or training session.

## **MEDICAL FACILITIES & PHARMACIES**

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First-Aid services will be provided for all matches. Athletic therapy can be provided one hour prior to each match, although clubs must bring their own supplies for taping.

Medical HQ clinic inside competition headquarters (Unit 101-1550 Island Pkwy). Emergency vehicle gate access maps posted in Team Services App.

#### **Nearest hospital**

- Health Science Centre, 3 min / 1km drive (Fortis), 10 min / 4.5km (KGV) 300 Prince Philip Dr, St. John's, NL

#### **Walk-in Clinics**

- NL Health Services, 8 min / 4.4km drive (Fortis), 12 min / 5.7km drive (KGV)  
50 Mundy Pond Rd, St. John's, NL
- Empire Medical Clinic, 6 min / 2.9km drive (Fortis), 9 min / 4.2km drive (KGV)  
204 Freshwater Rd, St. John's, NL

#### **Pharmacy**

- Shoppers Drug Mart, 10 min walk (from hotel) 155 Torbay Rd · (709) 722-6270

## AIRPORT ARRIVALS

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Teams will be met at the airport by a volunteer staff member and escorted to the Taxi and Bus pick-up area. Teams may be paired with another team arriving at a similar time.

The Local Organising Committee will provide arrival and departure support at St. John's International Airport (YYT).

## TRANSPORTATION ON MATCH DAYS

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All teams will be picked up from their hotel to ensure arrival at the competition fields between 60-90 minutes prior to the kick-off time. Travel time from the team hotel to the match field is approximately 10-15 minutes (detailed plans will be shared before the group phase).

Depending on your location, the bus will LEAVE the hotel between 60-90 minutes before your team's start time. Teams should be at the designated location 10 minutes prior to their departure. Teams may be paired together when travelling to the match fields; so, the bus may have more than one stop between multiple hotels.

Buses will be identified so that each team gets on the correct bus (look for a "team card" positioned near the front window of the bus). It is critical that teams board the correct team bus (please DO NOT board another team's bus for any reason). After your match and cool down (or as per your pre-assigned departure time), please proceed to the pick-up area. As a kind reminder, your bus needs to maintain their schedule so that other teams are not left waiting.

## TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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City Wide Taxi and Bus Service will supply transportation. Transportation services are provided for the following:

To / from the airport

To / from one training session

To / from all matches

To / from ceremonies (if required)

To manage the overall event logistics, the cooperation of teams is critical. If you **DO NOT** require transportation, please email Bob Antle at [bobantle@nl.rogers.com](mailto:bobantle@nl.rogers.com) by **12 September 2025**

Pick up / drop off locations will be at the main entrance of team hotel.

Teams are expected to be at the pick-up location 10 minutes prior to departure. Buses are not able to wait for teams or players and will be instructed to leave at their scheduled time.

Teams and staff are not permitted to use other buses to attend additional matches. If you would like to watch matches, you will need to coordinate your own transportation.

## TRANSPORT COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

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All transportation has been coordinated between the Local Organising Committee and Blue Star.

If a team has a transportation question, please get in touch with Bob Antle by Email at: [bobantle@nl.rogers.com](mailto:bobantle@nl.rogers.com)

A detailed transportation schedule, including pick-up and departure times, will be provided in early October. The Local Organising Committee will also provide an update each evening for the following day (starting 8 October).

## TRANSPORTATION FOR TRAINING

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Teams that book their (optional) one official training session may also be provided bus transportation to that training, with note that teams are dropped off five minutes before the training time and picked up immediately following the training time.

Optional training sessions can be booked on 7 and 8 October at King George V Park from 08.00-20.00 local time. Training sessions can be booked by contacting Brian Murphy at [brianmurphy@nl.rogers.com](mailto:brianmurphy@nl.rogers.com) and [info@sjsoccer.ca](mailto:info@sjsoccer.ca). Times will be accommodated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Teams who are training will be transported from their host hotel to the King George V Park.

## ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

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The Local Organising Committee is pleased to be working in partnership with City Wide Taxi and Bus Service, who will be providing transportation for teams to and from the airport, as well as to practices and matches. A detailed schedule outlining pick-up and drop-off times will be shared with all teams.

## City Wide Taxi and Bus Service

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## LOCAL LAUNDRY OPTIONS

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On-site laundry service is available at host hotels for an additional cost; off-site laundry services are available at Avalon Laundry (22 O'Leary Ave, St. John's, NL).

## LOCAL HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

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After a day of exploring the colourful neighbourhoods of St. John's unwind and get ready to tap your toes to fiddles and mandolins in one of the city's many live music venues. Generations of influence from Ireland and the British Isles make St. John's no stranger to pubs, pints, and laughs. Fancy something different? As home to one of North America's premier entertainment districts, we have every variety of nightlife, enjoyed by a genuine mix of locals and visitors alike. A full list of activities and recommended places can be found at <https://destinationstjohns.com>.

## LOCAL FOOD & SUPPLIES

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East Side Mario's (on-site at the hotel)

Piatto (1 km away from hotel)

Tim Hortons - 180 Portugal Cove Rd, St. John's, NL A1B 2N2 (1 km from hotel)

Dominion - 20 Lake Ave, St. John's, NL A1A 1H4 (next to KGV)

For more restaurant options, please refer to the Destination St. John's website:

<https://destinationstjohns.com/plan-your-trip/food-drink/>.

## COMPETITION MEETINGS

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To help prepare for Canada Soccer's National Championships, the following virtual and in-person meetings have been planned.

### **(Virtual) Pre-Arrival Meeting for Participating Clubs**

Canada Soccer will coordinate a virtual (Zoom) pre-arrival meeting with all the Participating Clubs in August and September. At least one staff member from each Club must attend the meeting on one of these dates.

Option 1 – Monday 4 August at 15.00 ET / 12.00 PT

Option 2 – Wednesday 12 August at 19.00 ET / 16.00 PT

Option 3 – Thursday 4 September at 16.00 ET / 13.00 PT

Option 4 – Wednesday 24 September at 20.00 ET / 17.00 PT

The Canada Soccer Match Commissioner and General Coordinator will chair the Pre-Competition Meeting. The PTSO Representative along with a staff or coach from each club must attend the meeting. All clubs must bring one example of each of their player and goalkeeper shirts and socks to this meeting (which means all colour variations for both outfield players and goalkeepers).

Clubs that have players who need to wear a cast or brace must have that equipment checked by the Supervisor of Officials (clubs must RSVP with Canada Soccer if they are bringing additional equipment that needs to be approved by the Supervisor of Officials).

### **Club Equipment Check and Pre-Competition Meeting**

Tuesday 7 October 19.15 for Equipment Check, 20.00 for Pre-Competition Meeting

Holiday Inn St. John's Conference Centre (Salon F), St. John's, NL A1B 2N2.

### **Pre-Competition Meeting for PTSO Representatives**

Tuesday 7 October from 19.15 to 19.45 local time

Holiday Inn St. John's Conference Centre (Salon F), St. John's, NL A1B 2N2.

## OPENING CEREMONY

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Newfoundland & Labrador Soccer Association will host an Opening Ceremony for all Participating Clubs to mark the start of the competition. This event provides an opportunity to welcome participants, celebrate the host community, and set the tone for the week ahead. Further details including location, timing and any specific arrival instructions will be shared in advance by the LOC.

## CANADA SOCCER AWARDS

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Following the Final Matches on Monday 13 October, Canada Soccer will hold one ceremony to present awards and medals for both divisions. The presentation includes the Most Valuable Player award, referee medals, player medals, and the Winners' Trophy.

The two Final Matches will be played at the King George V Park.

Women's Amateur – Jubilee Trophy Final – 11.20 local

Men's Amateur – Challenge Trophy Final – 13.30 local

## GATORADE BOTTLE & EQUIPMENT

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Canada Soccer will provide Gatorade water bottles for every participant at the National Championships as well as Gatorade products for all teams. On all pitches and in all competition areas, Gatorade is the only brand that will be used or featured.

## YOUTUBE.COM/CANADASOCCERTV

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Canada Soccer will broadcast all matches from the National Championships Challenge and Jubilee Trophy on CanadaSoccerTV. The full schedule of matches as well as a link to the broadcast will be announced in September.

## COMPETITION LOGO & BRAND GUIDELINES

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Provincial associations, participating leagues and participating clubs must follow the brand guidelines to feature the competition logo (either on its own or as a logo lock up next to your league or club logo). Any and all use of the logo should be approved by Canada Soccer.

Approval requests can be sent to [marketing@canadasoccer.com](mailto:marketing@canadasoccer.com).

Third parties expressly authorised to use Canada Soccer's logos must not alter or modify the logo(s) in any way.

## TICKETING INFORMATION

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Tickets will be available for purchase onsite at King George V Park (cash & credit card available) and Fortis Canada Games Complex (cash only). A full-week tournament pass costs \$40 while a single day pass costs \$10.

## OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE

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Canada Soccer and Northwest Designs have launched pre-sales to its official merchandise for the 2025 National Championships in St. John's, Kamloops and Charlottetown. The early online offering includes shirts and hooded sweatshirts with the National Championships logo on the front. Merchandise can be ordered in advance at:

<https://nwdinc.ca/s/canada-soccer-national-championships/>

Canada Soccer and Northwest Designs will have a larger variety of items available on location at all three venues for this year's National Championships in October. On site, Northwest Designs will also offer special customisation on select products.



Club+ is a new platform built to support community soccer clubs across Canada with tools, templates, and strategies to grow the game. Whether you're a volunteer-run club or a growing organisation, Club+ is your go-to hub for practical, ready-to-use resources tailored to the real needs of grassroots soccer.

For more information, please visit <https://clubplus.canadasoccer.com>.



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to grow your club and your  
community coast to coast.**





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