



ST. JOHN'S
2026



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

To all qualified Athletes, Coaches, Staff and Officials,

We're delighted to congratulate you on your outstanding season and your admirable qualification for the 2026 National Championships U-17 Cup in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. It's a remarkable achievement that reflects your hard work, training, and perseverance — and one earned against real competition: 143 boys' teams and 104 girls' teams took part in their provincial and territorial competitions this season in pursuit of one of the 24 places at the U-17 Cup.

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. St. John's Soccer Club and our partners in St. John's, Mount Pearl and Conception Bay South have gone above and beyond to ensure that the tournament is nothing short of amazing for all our guests. 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.

Our Local Organising Committee, our partners, and sponsors can't wait to welcome you to St. John's in October. Get ready to enjoy an incredible tournament that will be the highlight of your season!

Sincerely,

Brian Murphy

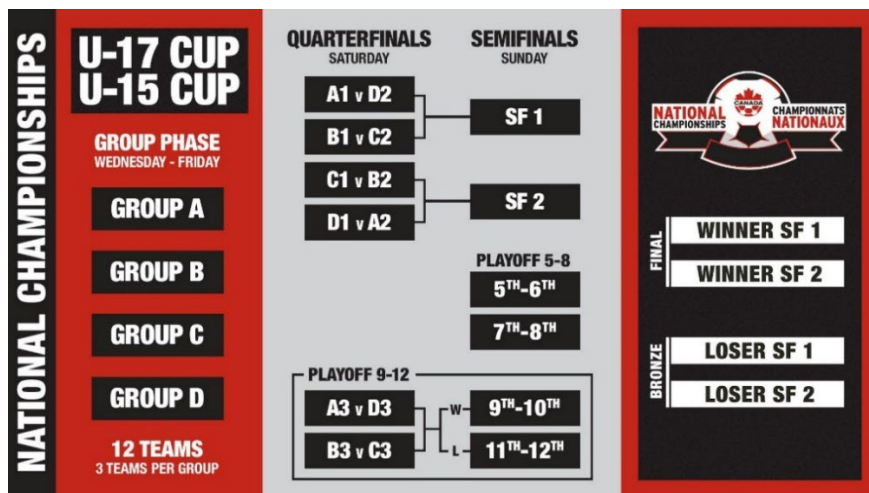
Brian Murphy

Chair of the Local Organising Committee, St. John's Soccer Club

CANADASOCCER.COM/COMPETITIONS

Canada Soccer's National Championships serves as a pinnacle event to the 2026 season, bringing together competitive clubs from across the country. This year's U-17 Cup will be played in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador from 6 to 12 October with 12 teams in the boys' division and 12 teams in the girls' division.

Canada Soccer will deliver all key information pertaining to its national amateur competitions via www.canadasoccer.com/competitions.



The main landing page for your competition will feature:

- Links to each division for the National Championships.
- Competition Regulations
- Resource Centre including:
 - o Canada Soccer Code of Conduct & Ethics
 - o Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code
 - o 2025-26 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 24 participating teams for the 2026 National Championships U-17 Cup qualify through their respective provincial leagues up until 12 September. In total, 143 boys' teams and 104 girls' teams competed in their provincial competitions to reach this stage. As part of the Youth Competitions Network, teams have taken part in 2025-26 competitions leading to Canada Soccer's PDP Championship and youth National Championships.

HOST CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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LOC Medical Officer

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COMPETITION FIELDS & FACILITIES

The 2026 National Championships U-17 Cup will be played at King George V Park in St. John's, Mount Pearl Soccer Complex in Mount Pearl, and Topsail Field in Conception Bay South.

King George Soccer Complex



Dressing rooms are in Building 15. Bus drop off and pick up is on Carnell Drive. Parking is shown in the image.

Mt. Pearl Soccer Facility



Dressing rooms are in the building labelled Mount Pearl Soccer Association. Bus drop off and pick up, and parking are shown in the image.

CBS Soccer Facility



Dressing rooms are in the building labelled CBS Soccer Association. Bus drop off and pick up, and parking are shown in the image.

In all, 52 matches will be played across the boys' and girls' divisions at the National Championships U-17 Cup, with the Final Matches played in succession on Thanksgiving Monday 12 October at King George V Park.

Competition Headquarters

King George V Park

The complete schedule has been published at canadasoccer.com/competitions.

King George V Park

3 Carnell Drive, St. John's, NL A1A 1K5

Dimensions – 115 m x 75 m (125.8 yds x 82 yds)

Artificial surface installed and maintained since 2020

Mount Pearl Soccer Complex

44 Arena Road, Mount Pearl, NL A1N 0J6

Dimensions – 115 m x 75 m (125.8 yds x 82 yds)

Artificial surface installed and maintained since 2025

Topsail Sports Complex

2500 Topsail Rd, Conception Bay South, NL A1W 5R4

Dimensions – 100 m x 70 m (109 yds x 76.5 yds)

Artificial surface installed and maintained since 2024

Training sessions

Training sessions, booked through the Local Organising Committee, will be organised at the three competition fields. All venues are open from 09.00 to 23.00 local time. Please note the competition does not have exclusive use of the fields — local teams will also play their scheduled matches, with the National Championships taking priority.

Training times will be on Tuesday 6 October. For training times please contact Brian Murphy (brianmurphy@nl.rogers.com).

Dressing Rooms

Four permanent team dressing rooms at each of the three competition venues, plus one permanent referee room per venue with a second room made available as required. Rooms are assigned on arrival by field staff, who hold the keys and will lock and unlock rooms as teams need them. Teams have use of a dressing room pre-match. Dedicated toilet facilities are attached to the dressing rooms at all three venues; the Mount Pearl Soccer Complex has one main washroom with three dedicated bathrooms and a separate shower facility.

Athletic Therapy / First Aid

Each facility has a first-aid station, and physiotherapy and athletic therapy services will be positioned along the sideline on the team bench side. The therapists are working professionals based in and around the St. John's area. AEDs are in the canteen at King George V Park and in the office at the Mount Pearl and Topsail facilities, each with direct access from the field of play.

Ambulance services will be notified of the competition. The Local Organising Committee is working to have a doctor on site at each venue; this will be announced soon.

Technical / Spectator Areas

Only accredited staff and players are permitted in the technical area. Competition fields are gated and enclosed; venue staff hold keys so that gates can be opened for emergency personnel at any time during matches.

It is important that Participating Clubs, their players and team staff 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

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.

A doping control station is available in the main building at each venue. Emergency vehicles reach each field of play through a main gate; venue staff hold keys and will open gates for emergency personnel during all matches. The LOC Medical Officer's contact details will be announced soon.

Nearest hospital

- Health Sciences Centre, +1 709.777.6300, 300 Prince Philip Drive, St. John's, NL A1B 3V6
5 km / 5 min from King George V Park
10 km / 15 min from Mount Pearl, 27 km / 25 min from Topsail Field

Walk-in Clinics & Pharmacies

- King George V — Lawtons Drugs Elizabeth Avenue Pharmacy, 11 Elizabeth Ave (1.9 km) • +1 709.753.6053
- Mt. Pearl — Pharmasave Commonwealth, 50 Commonwealth Avenue, Mt. Pearl, NL A1N 1W8 (950 m)
- CBS — Villa Nova Medical Clinic (walk-in), 120 Conception Bay Highway, Unit 119

Walk-in Medical Assistance (Open 24/7)

- St. Clare's Mercy Hospital — 154 LeMarchant Rd, St. John's, NL
- Health Sciences Centre — 300 Prince Philip Dr, St. John's, NL

AIRPORT ARRIVALS

Teams will be met at the airport by a member of the Local Organising Committee, who will be clearly identified, and escorted to the bus pick-up area outside the main arrival's doors. Teams travel by school bus, with luggage and team equipment carried on the same bus. 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), 100 World Parkway, St. John's, NL A1A 5T2 — +1 709.758.8500.

The airport is approximately 6.6 km from King George V Park, 17 km from the Mount Pearl Soccer Complex and 26.8 km from Topsail Field.

TRANSPORTATION ON MATCH DAYS

All teams will be picked up from their hotel to ensure arrival at the competition fields at least 60 minutes prior to kick-off (officially 50 minutes before kick-off, or 10 minutes before your scheduled warm-up). Travel time from the team hotel is approximately 5 minutes to King George V Park, with longer transfers to the Mount Pearl Soccer Complex and Topsail Field (detailed plans will be shared before the group phase).

Depending on your venue, 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 that have played each other will not be scheduled onto the same bus. Return transport typically departs within 45 minutes of the final whistle.

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

City Wide will supply transportation using school buses. 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 by September 30, 2026

Teams approved to travel to the competition by ground must confirm whether they require local transport no later than two weeks before the competition. Teams may be charged for transportation costs arising from cancelled or delayed plans made without prior notice.

Pick up / drop off locations will be at the main entrance of the team hotel. At each venue, buses drop teams at the facility, from where it is a short walk to the dressing rooms. Team equipment travels on the bus with the team. Teams are expected to be at the pick-up location 10 minutes prior to departure. Buses cannot 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. On the final day of competition, luggage can be held at the team hotel.

TRANSPORT COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

All transportation has been coordinated between the Local Organising Committee and City Wide.

If a team has a transportation question, please get in touch with Bob Antle by email at bobantle@nl.rogers.com. The City Wide dispatch # is +1 709.722.7777

A detailed transportation schedule, including pick-up and departure times, will be provided in early October, and a team-specific schedule will be distributed at the Pre-Competition Meeting. The Local Organising Committee will also provide an update each evening for the following day (starting 7 October).

TRANSPORTATION FOR TRAINING

Teams that attend optional training sessions will be dropped off five minutes before their scheduled training time and picked up immediately following the session.

For optional training times please contact:
Brian Murphy — brianmurphy@nl.rogers.com

Teams who are training will be transported from their host hotel to the training venue and back.

ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

The Local Organising Committee has partnered with City Wide for additional transportation needs for Participating Clubs. Match officials will travel by shuttle and City Wide taxi vouchers arranged by the LOC.

City Wide

Website: <http://www.citywidetaxi.ca/index.html>

Phone: +1.709.722.7777

Email: info@citywidetaxi.ca

LOCAL LAUNDRY OPTIONS

The team hotel provides laundry services for a fee. There are no laundry services at any of the three competition venues.

- Mighty Laundry — 152 Duckworth Street, St. John's, NL • +1 709.753.7947 • mighty-whites@hotmail.com
- Deluxe Laundry Service — 159 Pennywell Road, St. John's, NL • +1 709.579.5696 • ddc@live.ca

HOSPITALITY ROOMS

The Local Organising Committee is pleased to offer a Hospitality Room at the Holiday Inn for the visiting soccer community to gather and socialize.

The Hospitality Lounge is for coaches, managers and provincial representatives only. It will be open from Wednesday 7 October to Sunday 11 October. Opening times will be announced soon.

Following the Opening Ceremony on Wednesday 7 October, a local band will play for approximately one hour for athletes and representatives. A dinner for Provincial and Territorial Representatives is planned, provisionally for Friday 9 October at 19:00 hours.

LOCAL HOSPITALITY & TOURISM



Our partners in St. John's are overjoyed to be welcoming athletes, families, and friends to the city, and hope all guests can enjoy what Newfoundland and Labrador has to offer during their spare time. Information on events, activities and places to visit can be found at - <https://destinationstjohns.com/contact-us/> and <https://www.newfoundlandlabrador.com/>.

LOCAL FOOD & SUPPLIES

King George V Park

- On The Rocks Fusion Restobar — 179 Duckworth St (fusion)
- The Cannery Kitchen & Social — 150 New Gower St
- Grotto — 189 Water St
- Pop's Diner — 31 Rowan St, Unit 29 (family-friendly)
- The Little Sparo — 2 Hill O' Chips (Italian)
- Bellissimo Bistro — 123 Quidi Vidi Rd (Italian)

Mount Pearl

- The Bigs Ultimate Sports Grill — 2 Olympic Dr
- Oscar's Eatery & Cafe — 125 Park Ave
- Big Stop Restaurant — 65 Clyde Ave
- Swiss Chalet — 160 Old Placentia Rd
- Asian Cafe — 50 Commonwealth Ave
- Noodles Express — 15 Commonwealth Ave

CBS – Topsail Field

- Grocery Stores Near Topsail - Sobeys Long Pond, 350 Conception Bay Highway CBS - 9 min drive or 4.7 km's; Dominion, 166 Conception Bay Highway, 6 min drive or 3.4 kms.
- Food Hall/Restaurant Cluster Near Topsail - Long Pond (Manuals) area: Subway, McDonalds, Jungle Jims, Starbucks, Tim Hortons, A & W, Mary Browns.
- These can be found at approx. 3-4 kms 127 Conception Bay Highway, Seaside Restaurant-2546 Topsail Road CBS

For more restaurant options, please refer to the City of St. John's visitor pages: <https://www.stjohns.ca/en/recreation-culture/visit-st-johns.aspx>

COMPETITION MEETINGS

To help prepare for the National Championship, Canada Soccer will lead virtual and in-person meetings. Before departure, a member of each qualified team must attend a virtual pre-arrival meeting (conducted via Zoom, with schedule shared through each respective PTSO). Upon arrival, at least one member of each qualified team must attend the Pre-Competition meeting along with the uniform & equipment check (starting at 19h15 local time).

(Virtual) Pre-Arrival Meeting for Participating Clubs

Canada Soccer will coordinate virtual (Zoom) pre-arrival meetings with the qualified teams. At least one staff member from each Club must take part in one of these meetings.

Thursday 3 September from 16.00 to 17.00 ET / 13.00 to 14.00 PT
Thursday 17 September from 19.00 to 20.00 ET / 16.00 to 17.00 PT
Monday 21 September from 16.00 to 17.00 ET / 13.00 to 14.00 PT

Canada Soccer Pre-Competition Meeting on Wednesday 7 October 2026

The Canada Soccer Organising Committee 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 Uniform & Equipment Check and Pre-Competition Meeting

Tuesday 6 October starting 19.15 for the uniform & equipment check, followed by the Pre-Competition Meeting at the Holiday Inn St. John's Conference Centre

Pre-Competition Meeting for PTSO Representatives

Tuesday 6 October from 19.15 to 19.45 local time with the Match Commissioner at the Holiday Inn St. John's Conference Centre

OPENING CEREMONY

The Local Organising Committee will host an Opening Ceremony for all teams at the Holiday Inn St. John's Conference Centre on Wednesday 7 October at 19.00 to mark the start of the competition. Four meeting rooms will be opened into one large room, with guests seated at the front and all players seated in the room; a public address system is arranged. Following the ceremony, a local band will play for approximately one hour. No hotel pick-up is required.

CANADA SOCCER AWARDS

Following the Final Matches on Thanksgiving Monday 12 October, Canada Soccer will hold one ceremony to present awards for both divisions. The awards include the Most Valuable Player award, referee medals, player medals, and the Winners' Trophy. Each winning team will also receive a winners' banner, presented to the coach after the trophy presentation and before the team photo.

Finals Day will open with the two bronze medal matches on two different pitches, followed by the two Final Matches back-to-back at King George V Park. The Awards Ceremony will begin approximately 10 minutes after the last match concludes. All Clubs must attend one of the Final matches; the Local Organising

Committee will confirm which Final your team is allocated to and will arrange transport accordingly.

Girls' Final – Monday 12 October at 11.30 — King George V Park

Boys' Final – Monday 12 October at 14.00 — King George V Park

COMPETITION LOGO & BRAND GUIDELINES

Provincial/territorial 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.

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

GATORADE BOTTLE & EQUIPMENT

Canada Soccer will provide Gatorade water bottles for every participant at the National Championships U-17 Cup 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. Training balls and bibs will be provided by the Local Organising Committee.

YOUTUBE.COM/CANADASOCCERTV

Canada Soccer will broadcast select matches from the National Championships U-17 Cup on CanadaSoccerTV. The full schedule of matches as well as a link to the broadcast will be announced in September. All matches will be available on YouTube, and the links will be directly available from the website competition page.

TICKETING INFORMATION

Printed tickets will be available at each site each day. Tickets will be available at the ticket booths at each venue. Tournament passes are \$40 and daily passes are \$10.

OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE

Canada Soccer and Northwest Designs will offer official merchandise for the 2026 National Championships in Ottawa, St. John's and Surrey, including shirts and hooded sweatshirts carrying the competition logo. Online pre-ordering is available at the link below. Advance orders take two weeks to ship and will be mailed directly to the shipping address provided at check out.

The online store is: <https://nwdinc.ca/s/canada-soccer-national-championships/>.

On site, Northwest Designs will have a variety of items available. They will also offer special customisation on select products. Merchandise will be for sale at King George V Park.

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