



THE MWSL

The Metro Women's Soccer League is a not for profit Society providing a place to play for approximately 4000 players. We are the largest women's soccer league in Canada and possibly the USA.

We have just completed another season that we hope has brought joy, laughter, healthy competition and some sense of fulfillment to all of our members.

Your Board of Directors continue to make efforts to shape and operate our League as a successful, efficient, leading organization that strives for an on field product second to none. I am proud to work alongside each of them and serving all of you.

A few highlights from the 2018 - 19 Winter Season include:

- Creation of Balanced Schedules
- Creation of Separate Cup competitions for Selects A & B Divisions
- All Female Officials at League Cup Finals 2019
- Revised Rules allowing for Youth and Intra-Club permits for Cup play
- Complete Revision of Rules & Regulations (rollout for 2019-20 season)
- New Website Under Construction
- New Logo Re-design for the 2019-20 season
- Referee Liaison/Support position created
- Passion to Play Award
- [Breast Cancer Awareness Month October 2018](#)
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We are a large organization and have the ability to influence or level the playing field where the game exists!

Women are still very much under-represented in leadership positions both in sport and in the world of business. Considering who we are and the size of our membership, the MWSL can make a difference. We want to be known not only as a Women's Soccer League but as an organization that helps promote and advance women in leadership positions. The MWSL will continue to provide or create opportunity & experiences for women.

Opportunities within our League for women — positions often under-represented by women — include coach, manager, game official, administrative, volunteer and executive roles.

The MWSL will continue to support, create and lobby for women within the game *and* beyond the playing field. It is always a challenge when barriers need to be knocked down so new roads can be constructed, but our voice and efforts remain strong. We have made some progress in recent years but we can do more.

I am proud to, once again, express that the MWSL strives to provide a positive, safe, competitive, inclusive environment for all members. We are an organization that promotes equality and inclusivity and we continue to take steps to create and foster an anti-discriminatory community.

It saddens me to share that this past season, our League faced some sensitive issues that created for uncomfortable and unacceptable moments that a few had to suffer through. There is no place for moments or efforts that distinguish members simply because of colour, race, language or their personal choices. We are *all* players and we are here *because we love the game*. Let's embrace that!

Our world is changing so fast. Sometimes it's hard to keep up or make sense of or find meaning in everything, but, if we seek understanding before acceptance, we will never get past yesterday. However, if we can accept without understanding we can live, laugh and love with all those on and off the field regardless of the colour of their jersey or the team they represent.

If you can change your mind, you can change the world.

We hope that you all enjoy and benefit from your MWSL experience.

We appreciate the time & effort you make to pass along your comments, feedback, thoughts & suggestions through the season. This is *your* League and we want to keep hearing from you.

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President

Metro Women's Soccer League