



Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame Inductee
Ron O'Neill
Builder 2019



Over the past twenty years, Ron O'Neill has played a very positive role in the development and promotion of soccer in Mount Pearl. While starting at the grass roots in 1999 coaching his daughter's house league teams, he quickly got more involved, becoming a very successful all-star coach with various age groups and levels for several years. Ron received his Provincial "B" Coaching License and successfully coached teams to winning the provincial championships in 2006 and 2009, and representing the province at the National Championships, in Ontario and Alberta.

He also became involved with the organization and administration of the local soccer association (MPSA) when elected to its Board in 2007. Ron was the initiator and developer of the first computerized registration system for MPSA. He was also a key player in the development of the MPSA Hall of Fame by-laws; and its nomination and selection process. While serving with many internal

committees Ron was always prepared to take the lead and served as Chair on several of those committees. He also served on the MPSA Executive for eight years, including as Vice-President and President.

Ron was recipient of the MPSA President's Award in 2013 and the Sports Alliance Executive of the Year Award in 2014. He also served on the NLSA's Provincial Youth Committee for 4 years from 2010 to 2013 and was Provincial Representative at 7 National Championships and 3 Atlantic Championships.

Ron served on the Board for the NL Soccer Association as Regional Director for Mount Pearl for seven years. He is currently on the Executive of the NLSA, which includes sitting on the Rules and Regulations Committee and Discipline Committee. Ron was appointed to the Soccer Canada Competitions Committee, serving as Match Commissioner for the Eastern Canadian Masters Regional Tournament held in Moncton in 2018, and for the U15 National Championships in Edmonton in 2019.

Ron's positive attitude, his willingness to speak out for the betterment of the sport, and his countless volunteer hours have had a major impact on the success of soccer in Mount Pearl, and indeed in the province. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the sport of soccer, the Sport Alliance is honoured to induct Ron O'Neill to the Mount Pearl Sports Hall of Fame.
