

CHRIS BARTLETT

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Profile:

Chris Bartlett is an accomplished IT project manager with a focus on healthcare technology. With over a decade of experience in IT project management and healthcare technology, he has a proven track record of delivering complex projects on time and within budget. As a lifelong soccer player and fan, he understands the unique challenges and opportunities facing the NLSA.

Passion for Soccer:

Chris's passion for soccer began as a youth player, starting at the age of 7. He was a member of three high school teams, winning two 4A Championships and one silver medal. He had a successful playing career, winning one provincial championship (under 17) in 1993 and representing Newfoundland and Labrador at the club nationals as a player. This experience gave him a deep understanding of the game and the role it plays in building community and promoting physical fitness.

In addition to his playing career, Chris is an experienced coach, holding a C license and coaching in the provincial team program. He understands the importance of coaching and player development in the success of soccer organizations.

Commitment to NLSA:

Chris has been an active member of the NLSA board since 2015, serving on many committees, including the Youth Committee and chairing both the IT Committee and Branding Committee. He is also the Vice Chair of the Governance Committee, demonstrating his commitment to improving the organization's governance structure and ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements. His dedication to the organization is demonstrated by his involvement in various initiatives, including serving as the NLSA Representative at four Canada Soccer Club Nationals and traveling with provincial teams numerous times over the years. Locally, Chris served on the board of CBN Lightning SC since 2011 and served as the president since 2016 (his term ended in 2023). Under his leadership, the club has experienced significant growth and success, and he has played a pivotal role in promoting soccer in the local community.

Vision for NLSA:

As a member of the NLSA board, Chris would bring his expertise and passion for soccer to help drive the organization's mission and vision. He is committed to promoting soccer and creating opportunities for players of all ages and skill levels, with a particular focus on:

- **Supporting Rural Soccer:** Chris cares deeply about ensuring rural soccer clubs have the resources and opportunities to compete and flourish.
- **Growing the Game:** He is committed to expanding soccer participation by introducing new competitions and tournaments. This includes initiatives like creating Under-23 tournaments and Female Masters tournaments for adult players, while also fostering youth participation through events like the Christmas Cup and Bunny Blitz.
- **Investing in Development:** Chris recognizes the importance of investing in both referee and coach development. Referees are an integral part of the game and the NLSA needs to prioritize their development alongside player development. Coach development and continuing education are crucial for a small province like Newfoundland & Labrador to remain competitive across Canada.

Chris believes that soccer has the power to bring communities together and is committed to ensuring that the NLSA remains a leader in promoting the sport at the local and national levels.

