

Nelson Soccer Association

Technical Director Report 2025

REP REGISTRATION (U10–U18)

- This season, the Nelson Soccer Association fielded a total of **296 registered REP players** across the U10–U18 divisions.
 - Coaches were mentored through feedback from Technical Director
 - Sessions were planned through world class provider “The Coaching Manual”
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RETIRING COACHES






We would like to recognize and sincerely thank two long-serving coaches who are retiring from their roles this year:

- **Mike Gerun** – Years of dedicated service to Nelson Soccer, 15+ Years of service.
 - **Tad Lake (U18G)** – Dedicated coach of 8 years.
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PROVINCIALS

This season was one of the most successful in Nelson Soccer history. Our teams not only represented the club with pride and sportsmanship, but they also achieved the highest medal count of any club in British Columbia, an incredible achievement that speaks to the quality of our players, coaches, and development programs.

Provincial Results:

-  **U18 Girls – Gold**
-  **U14 Boys – Gold**
-  **U16 Boys – Silver**
-  **U16 Girls – Silver**
-  **U14 Girls – Silver**

These accomplishments demonstrate the depth of talent across all age groups and reinforce Nelson’s reputation as a leading community in player development and competitive success.

TERRY WALGREN MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT (TWMT)

The Terry Walgren Memorial Tournament

- **Jamboree Teams:** 46
- **Competitive Teams:** 23

Revenue Generated from Team Registration: \$40,250

The event ran smoothly, thanks to the outstanding efforts of our volunteers, referees, and organizing committee.

A special thank you to Amanda for preparing and managing the **TWMT**.

KUFA (Kootenay United Football Academy)

This year marked the official launch of KUFA, the Kootenay United Football Academy. KUFA has become a year-round provider of elite and accessible soccer programming, offering a clear pathway for players seeking to develop their skills beyond the club environment.

Program Highlights:

- **KUFA Camps:** High-quality technical camps offered throughout the summer, focusing on skill development, game understanding, and player confidence.
- **Summer Academy:** A structured training program combining technical sessions, small-sided games, and tactical learning for committed players.
- **Soccer Summer Saturdays:** Community-based, open training sessions that provided fun and inclusive opportunities for all ages and ability levels.
- **Full-Time Winter Academy:** The first of its kind in our region, offering consistent, professional-level training during the indoor season, ensuring continuous player growth and readiness.

The launch of KUFA represents a milestone for Nelson and the greater Kootenay soccer community, strengthening our commitment to long-term player development and creating sustainable opportunities for players at every stage.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Our Summer Programs saw excellent participation and engagement across all offerings. These programs play a vital role in maintaining player touch and technical progression through the off-season months.

Program	Dates	Participants
Summer Camp #1	July 2–4 (3 days)	98
Summer Camp #2	July 21–25 (5 days)	96
Summer Camp #3	Aug 18–22 (5 days)	108
Summer Soccer Saturdays		30
Wednesday Academy		124

LOOKING AHEAD

As we move forward, the focus will remain on:

- Expanding coach education and mentorship.
- Enhancing player development pathways, particularly at the U12–U18 levels.
- Create a clear pathway for all players and coaches in the association.
- Continuing to strengthen partnerships with regional soccer programs.
- Create high standards in everything we do.