



# **Rovers Newsletter**

Teamwork. Commitment. Citizenship. Respect.

Fall 2025

## Message from the Vice President

Hello Rovers Families!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! Our family welcomed a new puppy, Abby, and she has been a joy. With the fall season upon us, I know calendars are filling up quickly – and so is our soccer schedule!

We're thrilled to share that we have **205 registered players** this season! The vast majority are boys, so please help us spread the word to other families and encourage more girls to join the program.

We have some exciting updates for this season:

- **Soccer XS** will be working with two teams once a week to assist with drills and development. This program is especially helpful for new coaches and teams.
- Goalie training will also be offered through Soccer XS more information to come soon!
- The CJSA CNC Flight Tournament is back again this year. Stay tuned for more details.
- The Connecticut Cup will take place throughout the season for U11 teams and older. It's a single-elimination format, and brackets will be released in September.
- We're also excited to start **Friday Night Training at Day Hill Dome!** This indoor facility provides a great space for fast-paced ball movement and foot skills plus, we won't have to worry about the weather if fall turns rainy.

Mark your calendars for Rovers Night: Saturday, Oct. 18! If you're new to the program, this is a special evening where our Granby High School boys and girls teams play back-to-back games under the lights. It's a great chance for our younger players to see high school soccer in action – although let's be honest, they're probably most excited about the snack shop and hanging out with friends! Make sure to wear your Rovers jersey to show your support.

We're looking forward to a great season – see you on the field!

Ashley Bednarz Rovers Board Vice President



~ Ball People for GMHS Games ~ Day Hill Dome Training ~ Referees Needed ~ Soccer XS Camp



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# **Granby Varsity Soccer – Ball People Needed**

The Granby Memorial High School Athletic Boosters Club is looking for two ball people for each varsity boys' and girls' soccer home game. This is a great opportunity to support our high school teams, be part of the action and get paid!



- Click here to sign up.
- •Limit to one slot per player
- Must be in at least 5th grade to participate
- •Earn \$10 and a free drink and snack at the Snack Shack
- Requested arrival time is 20 minutes prior to kickoff
- •Ball people should wear blue Rovers' jersey if possible
- Varsity games are typically played rain or shine – the schedule is subject to change so please check often.
- If your available dates are full and you'd like to be added to the wait list, please click here!

If you have any questions, please email <a href="mailto:gmhsctboosters@gmail.com">gmhsctboosters@gmail.com</a>.

### Free Day Hill Dome Training

All Rovers players are invited to participate in a free extra practice program at Day Hill Dome in Windsor on Fridays from 5:30-7 p.m. It started on Friday, Sept. 5 and will run until Oct. 24 (no session on Oct. 10). Day Hill Dome staff and some Rovers coaches will lead the sessions, which include open play, individual skill-based drills and scrimmaging.



#### Become a Referee



Over the past two years, many Granby Rovers referees have graduated high school leaving openings. If you have players 13 years old or older, they could become a referee and earn some extra money. If interested, please visit <a href="https://www.ctreferee.net">https://www.ctreferee.net</a>. If you have any questions, please contact the referee coordinator at roversrefco@gmail.com.



More than 40 players participated in pre-season training at the Soccer XS camp in August at Salmon Brook Park.

#### **Important Dates**

Sept. 5-Oct. 24 – Friday night training at Day Hill Dome

Oct. 18 – Rovers Night at Granby Memorial High School

As the fall season gets underway, please take a moment to review the player and parent code of conduct.

#### **Contact Us**

Email: info@granbyrovers.org



Interested in joining the Rovers Board? For more information, please reach out to a current board member.

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