



# Rovers Newsletter

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Spring 2025

## Message from the Vice President

Dear Rovers Families,

Welcome to Spring! I'd like to start by thanking all the parents for the time and effort you've dedicated to having your child be a part of Granby Rovers. I hope you're all as excited as I am for the Spring season to begin! My name is Ashley Bednarz, and I'm the Vice President of Granby Rovers. I live with my husband and our four children. We currently have two children in the Rovers program, with two more expected to join in the near future. Our family is highly active in the sports community, but also enjoy spending time at our house with family and friends. One of my favorite aspects of coaching sports in town is watching players build their confidence, develop their skills, and form lasting friendships. One of the wonderful things about having your child be part of the Granby Rovers is that they begin and end their Rovers career with most of the same teammates. It has for our family, and I hope it will for yours as well, created a strong bond between players and parents.



*Ashley Bednarz, Vice President*

Attendance can be a struggle for the Spring season for a lot of families juggling multiple sports. We ask that you help the coaches by updating your status on GameChanger regularly, so they may plan accordingly. Make sure your child is ready for the season to begin by having the proper size soccer ball, shin guards, practice socks, soccer cleats and a big water jug. It is also a suitable time to make sure their Granby Rovers uniform still fits. I hope to be a valuable asset to the Rovers board for many years to come. Please feel free to reach out to me, whether on or off the field, with any concerns or suggestions you may have.

Ashley Bednarz  
Rovers Board Vice President



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# Applications Open for Rovers High School Scholarship



The Granby Rovers Soccer Club offers college scholarships to high school seniors. Each recipient will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of their choice. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, May 16. Applications are available at the Granby Memorial High School guidance department, or you can access the application by [clicking here](#).

## Sign Up Now for Fall Season!

Sign-Ups are now open for the fall season. All current Rovers and any new players must sign up, and assessments and/or tryouts will only be done late May or early June if deemed necessary by the board in conjunction with the team's coach. Please [click here](#) to sign up by Wednesday, May 7.

## Fall Champs Celebrate Season!



The U14 Girls team receive their fall 2024 league championship plaques during end-of-season team dinner. *Pictured from left to right back row* - Asst. Coach Brian Marzi, Asst. Coach Mike Payette, Addison Perkins, Katie Lopriore, Genevieve LaChance, Emma Mathews, Allyson Phinney, Charlotte Lundin, Arianna Totzke, Kierra During, Destiny Diaz Alvarado, Head Coach Dave Angelis, Isabella Stitch, Molly Marzi. *Front row* - Eva Bragoni, Brooklyn Payette, Jenna Angelis, Katelyn Allshouse, Ingrid Marcy



# Rovers Teams Maintain Skills During Winter

At Day Hill Dome in Windsor, Conn., Rovers teams trained throughout the winter to keep the momentum going into the spring season.



U13 Boys Team prepares for spring season with indoor games.



Samantha Bordonaro of the U13 Girls White Team dribbles past the competition during a winter indoor match.

## Important Dates

May 7 – Deadline to sign up for fall season

May 16 – Deadline for high school scholarship applications



Interested in joining the Rovers Board? There will be several open positions starting in November. For more information, please reach out to a current board member.

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