



# Rovers Newsletter

Teamwork. Commitment. Citizenship.

Summer 2025

## Message from the President

Hello Rovers Families!

We made it to the summer! I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the first few weeks and spend some down time with the family, not running from game to event to practice to game. As we take a quick look back at the spring, we're always appreciative of our volunteers, those that kept the season afloat in all the rainy weekends, and thank you to all who attended and helped our assessments run smoothly. Looking forward to the summer, enjoy the down time, the soccer time in the backyard, and the non-soccer time! If you do have a kiddo looking for more though, we have three opportunities to share.



*Austin Busbey, President*

The first is drop-in soccer at the park. For the four Saturdays in July, Rovers coaches will be there to get the kids organized and just play for fun from 9-10 a.m.

There are also two camps with specific Rovers' connections. One will take place at [Day Hill Dome](#) from July 28-August 1. We are excited to be setting up an opportunity for club training in the fall at Day Hill Dome, and this camp is a great way to see what the facility and staff have to offer! More information on our fall opportunity will be coming when we get closer to the season.

The second camp is through [Soccer XS](#). As we've done in the past, we'll be hosting the camp at Salmon Brook Park the week of August 18-22. This is always a great "pre-season" opportunity to start kicking the ball around as we get ready to start the fall season!

Austin Busbey  
Rovers Board President



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## Register Now for Fall Season!

Registration is now open for the fall season. The deadline to register is Friday, Aug. 1. To register, visit [www.granbyrovers.org](http://www.granbyrovers.org). Once logged into your account, if you have a returning player, you will see the available program next to their picture under your account. If you are a new player, you will create your account first. Please note that new players will have to upload a photo and birth certificate to complete registration. Photos should be a recent headshot. Timely registration will allow for access to team calendars, ensure communications get to you and is necessary to put your player on the official team roster for league participation. In addition to registering your player(s), if you are a volunteer for the team, please register yourself as soon as possible.

New and returning players will be contacted shortly about ordering uniforms for next season. Only new players are required to order full uniform kits; returning players can optionally order pieces if needed. During registration checkout, you may see an option to purchase fanwear. Rovers suggests you purchase any fanwear separately, outside of the registration process. You can access the fanwear site using the link below through the MyUniform site via Soccer and Rugby.



Click here for the uniform site:

Rovers Uniform Ordering: <https://myuniform.soccerandrugby.com>

Rovers Fanwear Site: [https://inkstreetcustom.com/granby\\_rovers/shop/home](https://inkstreetcustom.com/granby_rovers/shop/home)

If you have any questions please contact Melissa Dethlefsen, Granby Rovers Registrar, at [registrar@granbyrovers.org](mailto:registrar@granbyrovers.org).

## Interested in joining the Rovers Board?



Six Rovers Board positions will be open starting in November: Uniform Coordinator, Coaching Director, Girls Director, Facilities Director, Secretary and Treasurer. For more information, please reach out to a current board member or send an email to Rovers Board President Austin Busbey at [president@granbyrovers.org](mailto:president@granbyrovers.org).



# A Fond Farewell

*As the U14 Girls head to high school in the fall, Head Coach Dave Angelis reflects on the last six years:*

**What has been your favorite memory with this team?**

My favorite memory would be going back to the first time we all got on the field together and how not one of them could play the game of soccer. Then to see them now, they have won their league twice and they were always in the top of the league. These girls were special. I am lucky to have had such a great group of girls to teach the game of soccer to.

**What do you see as their greatest strengths?**

The attitude and confidence. These girls never gave up.

**What advice would you give them as they move on to high school?**

Girls, keep your focus, keep learning and play hard. Always be a good sport, but play hard. High school will be tough, lean on each other. You are teammates and teams can be like family. Heads up no matter what. If you played your best, the outcome doesn't matter.



*The U14 Girls in 2021 when they won the league (above) and the South Windsor Fall Classic Tournament (below).*



*The U14 girls back when it started in 2019.*



*The U14 girls in the final fall season as league champions.*

# Summer Drop-Ins

Rovers of all ages are welcome to come to drop-in soccer on Saturday mornings in July. This year the sessions are on July 5, July 12, July 19 and July 26 from 9-10 a.m. at the Rovers fields. One or more Rovers coaches will be on hand to help get everyone organized. No need to sign up ahead of time.

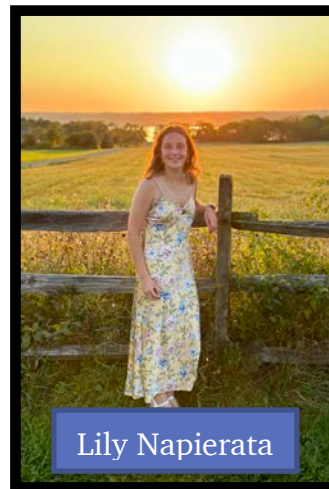


## Rovers Name Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Granby Memorial High School Seniors Ben Lavigne and Lily Napierata on receiving the Jamie Ranicar Memorial Soccer Scholarship. LaVigne plans to attend McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada and study psychology. Napierata is off to Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH to study nursing. They grew up as part of the Rovers community and we wish them the best!



Ben LaVigne



Lily Napierata

### Important Dates

July 5-26 – Drop-In Soccer  
(Saturdays)

Aug. 1 – Deadline to Sign  
Up for Fall Season



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