



Rovers Newsletter

Teamwork. Commitment. Citizenship.

Winter 2025

Message from the President

Hello Rovers Families!

I hope all are once again enjoying the "break" that winter offers. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Board members who are moving on to new chapters in their lives. Big thank you to Girls Director Diane Bragoni, Secretary Andrea Burns, Facilities Director Mark Melnik, Uniform Coordinator Sierra Payette, Coaching Director Colby Stoltz, and Treasurer James Tsaptsinos.

Over the last two to four years, they have all dedicated their time, talents, insights, and passion to the club in so many ways. Organizing assessments, fixing nets, paying our young refs, getting uniforms for new kids, newsletters, and being a sounding board for me, are just a few of the many ways these wonderful people have helped to keep our club running. This is all on top of being coaches, managers, and parents to their own Rovers at home. They have truly been super volunteers and will be missed.

Thank you all!

Austin Busbey
Rovers Board President

PS. - For the soccer players, as always keep touching a soccer ball! Find a space inside, in the basement, or get out on a "warm" winter day and spend 15 minutes juggling, doing pullbacks, crossovers, and L-turns. Your coaches will appreciate it!



Austin Busbey, President



~ Rovers Night ~ Fall Champions
~ New Board Members

Rovers Connect With High School Players

Rovers maintained its strong connection with Granby Memorial High School (GMHS) during the fall season. Every year, Rovers players suit up and come out to support the boys' and girls' varsity teams at Rovers Night. On Oct. 18, Rovers players helped pump up the high school teams with high-fives before the games as the boys took on Northwestern in a close 3-2 match, and the girls captured a 4-0 win over Suffield. The girls' team wore special jerseys during the warm up, which later hung on the fence during the game in honor of Adam Nicholas, dad of Granby varsity player Brenna Nicholas, who passed away in September.

"Rovers Night really brings the Granby community together," said Andrea Wiggins, co-chair of the GMHS Athletic Booster Club. "The enthusiastic participation and energy of the Rovers families was felt and very much appreciated by our athletes and coaches alike."



Champions Corner



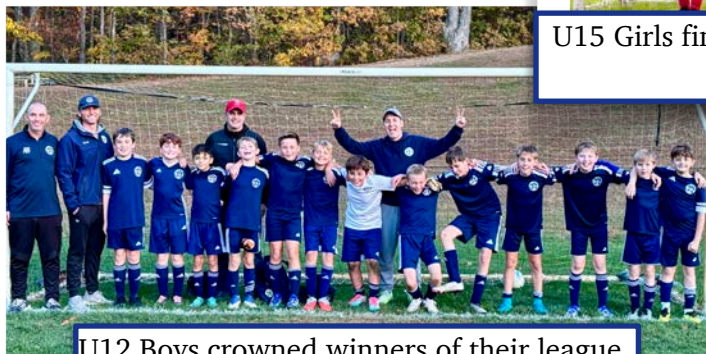
U12 Boys celebrate tournament victory at South Windsor Fall Classic.



U15 Girls show off their championship medals at the Capital Cup in New Hampshire.



U15 Girls finish tied for first in their league in their last fall season before high school.



U12 Boys crowned winners of their league.

Two Granby Rovers Soccer Club teams finished the fall season with a lot to celebrate. The 2014 Boys went undefeated to win the league for the U12 B division. They also successfully defended their 2024 title at the South Windsor Fall Classic. The U15 Girls finished in first place at the Capital Cup in New Hampshire over Columbus Day weekend, marking the fourth year in a row they won a fall tournament. Back home, they were also named co-champions of the Middle School B division.

Rovers Season Highlights



The U11 Boys White team celebrated many wins in the fall season with an overall record of 9-5 and finished 2nd in the league (5-2).



After being placed in the top A division and competing against much larger towns, the U9 Boys Blue team finished out the season with an overall record of 4-4-3.

Rovers Welcome New Board Members

Rovers is a volunteer-run organization. For six board members, 2025 is their last year of service. With a club vote on Nov. 14, five of the open board positions have been filled:

Treasurer: Chad Giannuzzi

Coaching Director: Mike Dombroski

Secretary: Meghan Smorol

Girls Director: Craig Jensen

Facilities Director: Jared Barry

"We're excited to have these volunteers step up to join the board and help lead our club going forward," said Austin Busbey, Rovers board president.



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