



Rangers Newsletter

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Registration Opens Feb 15th for Young Rangers and CMSA. Adult registration will open later in February.

Did you know that Rangers registration is up by over 5% compared to last year's indoor season

CMSA Respect In Soccer Information - for Team Officials that have not completed the program - [click here.](#)

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The Indoor season is rolling along and we have had many success stories. With a little more than one month left in the Indoor season we are turning our attention to the Outdoor season.

CMSA Evaluation Changes

We are planning some key changes to the Evaluation process for the Outdoor season. There are two key drivers to the changes:

- As part of the Total Player Development program, our Technical Director Peter Malakoane has spent many hours watching games and discussing player and team performance with the coaches and the rest of the technical staff. In the past, all player placements were based solely on evaluations. Now placement of existing Indoor players will be assessed based on a combination of game performance and the evaluation sessions. All returning Outdoor player placements will be based on team placement last outdoor season and evaluation performance.
- The club is moving toward a philosophy of keeping the same core group of "like ability" players together as a team, especially as the players get older. Even with this philosophy, there will always be some movement of "bubble" players (bottom portion of top team and top portion of team below). Our evaluations will be more targeted to focus on these "bubble" players.

This season's successful implementation of our Total Player Development program means that we will enter the new season with much more knowledge about our players. The net result will allow a higher weighting to go to game performance, and ultimately a better evaluation process because it will focus on specific "bubble" players.

The game knowledge that we have been accumulating will also help us improve on our CMSA Team Tier placements.

Young Rangers (formerly House League)

We have implemented some very positive changes to our House League program this winter. In continuing with the evolution of that program we are changing the name of House League to "Young Rangers". This is not the only change that we will be making for the upcoming Outdoor season.

Here is the new format for this Outdoor season (which is similar to the format used for our very successful Indoor season):

- All team sessions for U4, U6 and U8's will be held on Saturday mornings at Coach Hill field. Times will be exactly the same as Indoor: so U4's from 9:00 to 10:00 AM, U6's from 10:00 to 11:00 AM and U8's from 11:00 to 12:00 (noon).
- Laurie Fisher, one of our Ranger's technical instructors, and her team will

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[Calgary Women's Soccer Association Web Site - click here](#)

[Calgary United Soccer Association \(Men's\) Web Site - click here](#)

continue to support all of our coaches to ensure that they are leading our Young Rangers players in a consistent manner. Examples of the support that Laurie's team provides include: a pre-season coaches meeting, working with coaches at the Saturday morning sessions, and acting as a resource during the season for our coaches.

- In addition, at the Coach Hill field we are going to have 4 free development sessions (dates TBD) for all U6 and U8 Young Rangers that can attend. These will be led by the Rangers technical team and will provide our players with additional instruction. This will provide our Young Rangers with an introduction to the technical training that our CMSA players receive.
- We don't believe in the saying practice makes perfect, we believe that "proper" practice makes perfect. This is why our focus for Young Rangers is to have them introduced to the "beautiful game" with proper instruction.
- **Respect in Soccer ("RIS")** – CMSA just released an update on RIS certifications and all Rangers teams have at least one coach that is RIS certified. Way to go Rangers coaches! Our next goal is to get all our Rangers team officials (coaches and managers) certified. The free web based program only takes 2.5 hours, and keep in mind that the program can be completed in multiple increments (so you can fit it in when you have time). Once you have completed the program, please email Sheila at info@calgaryrangers.com.
- **Coaches Clinic** – the last coaches clinic of the Indoor season is on February 24th from 8:00 to 9:00 PM at West Springs School. Please mark your calendar. We want a great turnout for these invaluable sessions. Plus for those that can make it, we will extend the session at a local pub afterwards. Note that House League, CMSA, CUSA and CWSA coaches are all welcome to come!
- **Some other reminders:**
 - Young Rangers (formerly House League)
 - o Young Rangers sessions will take place on Feb 18th (Family Day),
 - o The last Indoor session is on Feb 25th. We will be handing out medals, and we may have a few more surprises.
 - Calgary Minor Soccer Teams (CMSA)
 - o U8 Minifest – March 3rd in Calgary.
 - o Tier VI and U10 – City final games start in February and continue into March.
 - o Tier V - March 10th and 11th – both the Boys and Girls Inter-Cities with the Boys playing in Edmonton and the Girls playing in Calgary.
 - o Tier I to IV - March 16th to 18th – provincials in various cities depending on the team's Tier and gender. [Click here](#) to see a schedule.
 - o CMSA – If Coaches/Managers have CMSA related questions they need to contact Sheila at info@calgaryrangers.com rather than contact CMSA directly. [Click here](#) to see the communication chart that CMSA wants all Clubs and Team officials to follow.