

Parent Info Night

WHATCOMFC RANGERS

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MEET OUR TECHNICAL STAFF

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PASSION || PURPOSE || GREATNESS

We want you to have a balanced and fulfilling life off the field, we also want to develop you into a passionate soccer family and top tier soccer player. We partner with you to do both!

DRIVEN BY PURPOSE

We partner with our community to promote teamwork, collaborative effort, and challenge-seeking while developing each athlete's unique possibility.

EMPOWERED WITH PASSION

We engage athletes and their families in a team experience that fosters a life-long love of sport in an ambitious, positive environment rooted in inclusivity, integrity and lasting memories.

DESTINED FOR GREATNESS

We promote player growth through competitive challenge to build confidence, ability, and strong character on and off the field; providing them opportunities to be the best version of themselves.

WHAT SETS WFC APART

- **Highly Qualified Staff** – Former pro players, current college coaches, & US Soccer-licensed coaches.
- **Proven Development Pathway** – Structured, long-term curriculum for all levels
- **Multiple Team Progression** – Clear pathways for growth & advancement. Sustainable player pool structure.
- **Compete with the Best** – Top players in Whatcom county. RCL, MLS NEXT, players play against good competition. Committed college players every year!
- **Impactful Club Experiences** - Be a part of something bigger than yourself. Grow as a person and a player. Club wide events, mentorship, we are more than just a soccer team. Parents enjoy their time with us!





PLAYER PATHWAY



DESTINED FOR GREATNESS

A LIFE AFTER RANGERS:

- Over 500 former players of our staff have continued to play beyond their youth careers in college & professional leagues.

A LIFETIME LEGACY:

- Incredible amount of our alumni have stayed connected to the club & game as adults, coaches, referees, community program leaders, sponsors, etc.



SOCCER DEVELOPMENT

THE BIG PICTURE:

- We develop the person & player.
- Building character, confidence, and leadership alongside soccer ability.

CALCULATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

- Cohesive curriculum from team to team
 - Consistent Principles of Play
 - Shared Vocabulary
- 1 on 1 Development Reviews
- Game Film - Veos
- Player movement and guest playing when appropriate. You want more training you got it!





MORE TEAMS. MORE GROWTH. MORE SUCCESS.

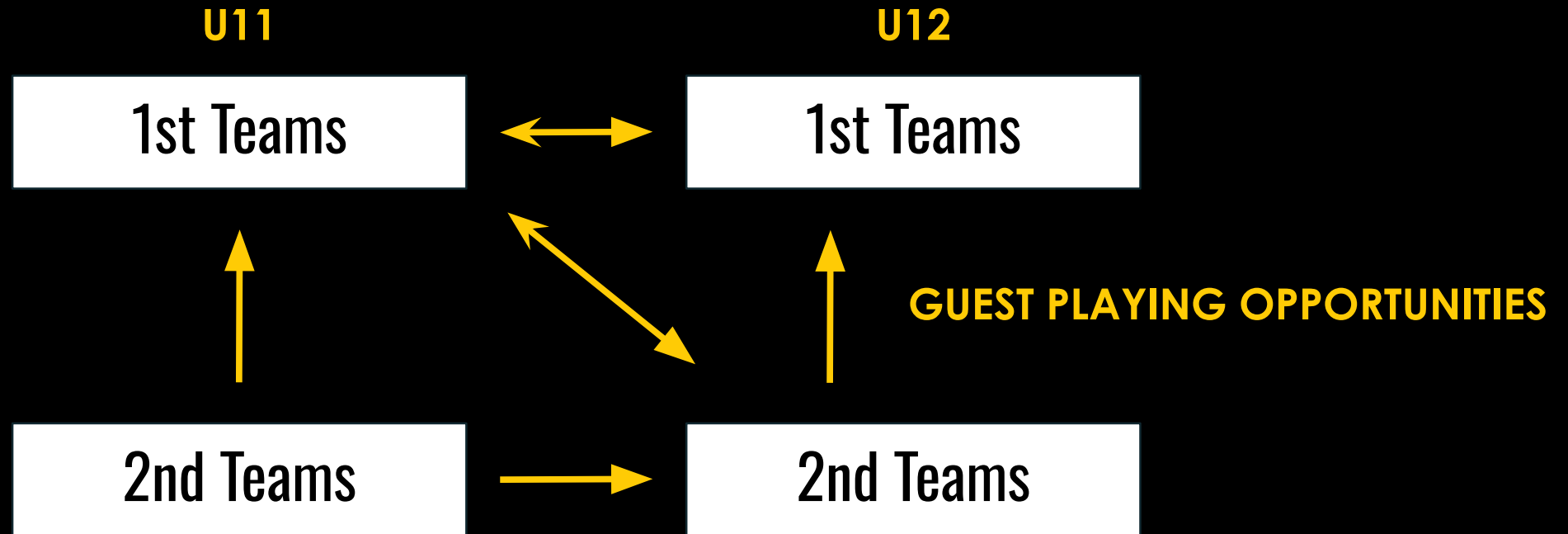
**We are the only club in Whatcom County with multiple teams at each age group.
More Teams, More Opportunities – The Best Pathway for Player Development!**

More teams mean more players training and playing in level-appropriate environments. This is the ideal place to develop, build confidence, and grow as a player.

This club provides a true developmental pathway from a player's first day as a Ranger to their final season.

HOW DOES THAT HAPPEN?

- Guest playing is our primary pathway tool
- We provide challenge & balance in competition to every player!



PROVEN PATHWAYS

Our pathway has produced players who began in our local whatcom recreational soccer league and progressed to:

- High school varsity stars with leadership roles
- State Cup Champions
- College soccer players in all divisions
- NCAA National Champions
- Professional soccer players



Pictured: Oscar Jimenez - Louisville City - USL Champion, Jayden Nguyen - WWU - NCAA National Champion, Cole Kulhanek - Sounders Academy / GCU, Emily Webster - NCAA All-American & National Champion

PROVEN PATHWAY



PREMIER CLUB SOCCER



DAY IN THE LIFE OF A RANGER PARENT

Average In-Season Week:

Training Sessions (max 1hr 30min session)

U9-U10 | 2 Session a Week

U11-U13 | 2-3 Sessions a Week

Start Times Usually 4:30-6:00pm

1 Game on the Weekend

Arrive 30 min prior to kickoff

Carpool to away games

Communication & schedules are digital via our TeamSnap App. Access all information, calendars, and quickly message your coach or team straight from your phone, tablet, or computer.

Carpools Are Key! Many of our families organize & utilize carpools to make the schedule more efficient for families. Scheduling rides to trainings with families around your neighborhood & coffee shop drop off and pick ups for away games. Meeting & communicating with your teams families is a great way to minimize driving time! Our TeamSnap App makes it easy to connect with other families.

Missing events is inevitable, life is busy! Don't worry! We communicate schedules well in advance to help planning but we can't avoid all conflicts. Communicate with your coach when you see a conflict and they will work with you.

UNIFIED CLUB CALENDAR

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE POSTED BEFORE TRYOUTS

UNIFIED CLUB BREAKS

- August 3 - Aug 28 Summer Break
 - December-January Winter Break ~3-4 weeks
 - April-May End of the Year Break (tryouts)
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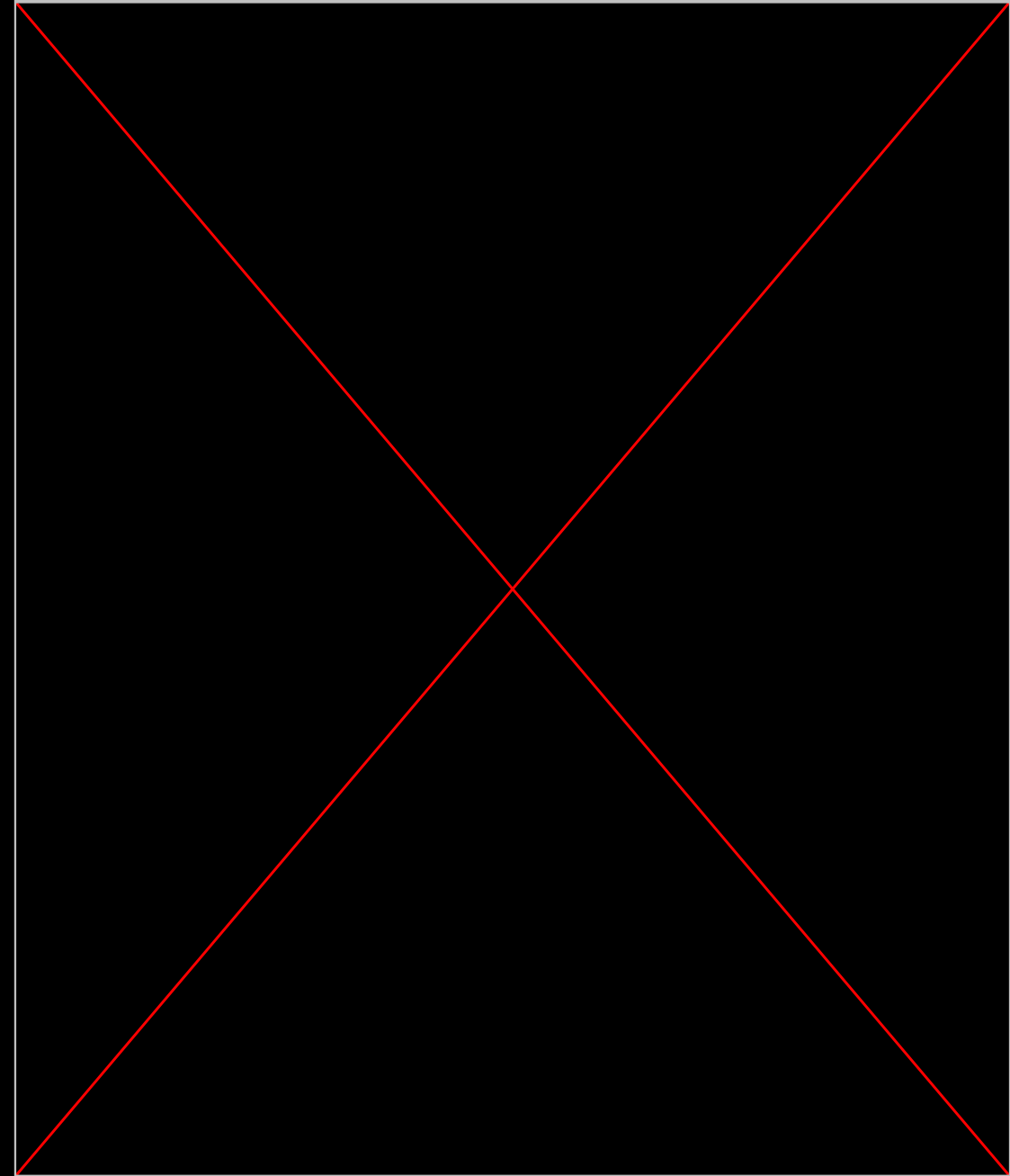
TRAINING DAYS & TIMES

- We build out training schedules for a few months in advance
- U9-U11 2 trainings a week / U12-U19 2-3 trainings a week
- Monday - Thursday
- 4:30-8:30pm - older ages at the latest time slots
- January – Indoor trainings as often as possible

IMPACTFUL EXPERIENCES

NOT JUST A TEAM, THIS IS A CLUB & COMMUNITY

- Be a part of something bigger than yourself.
- Events that bring us together:
 - Ranger Soccerfest Day
 - Bellingham Bay Marathon
 - Rangers Night
 - Senior Matches
 - WWU Rangers Games



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

- Service Weeks & Volunteering
- Scholarships
- Referee Development
- Connected Community Soccer
 - Jr Rangers & Rec.
 - Bellingham United
 - WWU
 - WCC



COST & SCHOLARSHIP



MOST AFFORDABLE TOP TIER CLUB IN WA STATE

WE ARE A NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED IN 1986.

LOW FEES & HIGH VALUES

We provide the cheapest competitive club soccer experience in WA State.

COMMUNITY DRIVEN

Thanks to generous sponsorship, donations & community partners, we are able to reduce costs & have provided scholarships to every qualifying family.

We also offer flexible payment plans & seek additional private scholarships for families in need.

TRANSPARENT COST

FULL YEAR MEMBERSHIP COST:

\$1845 U9 & U10 ~\$150 per month after deposit

\$1945 U11-U12 ~\$170 per month after deposit

\$1945 U13-U19 ~\$170 per month after deposit (MLS NEXT Boys Gold Teams +\$300)

COVERS ALL:

Field Rentals, Professional Coaches, Tournaments, State Cup, Leagues, Referees, Insurance, Association Fees, & Club Operations.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Uniforms (2-year cycles/New cycle begins this year) & Coaches Travel Cost

HOW DO WE COMPARE - U13-U19



TRYOUTS & TEAM FORMATION



AGE GROUPS & TEAM FORMATION

WSYSA & WFC organize age groups by Aug 1-July 31 calendar year.

We form teams by ability, grouping players of similar abilities together to form teams and we utilize player passing to provide balance in training & game environments where we see benefit.

Gold Team

First Team

Blue Team

Second Team

Silver Team

Third Team

White Team

Fourth Team

TEAM FORMATION OVER THE YEARS

We form new teams each year during the tryout period.

Returning players evaluation is continuous through their careers, not just on tryout days.

Plays are grouped by ability, players move up & down, **development is not always linear.**



+ New players join our club



AGE RANGES

Everyone is required to tryout on age, unless contacted by a WFC Director.

U9 Aug 1, 2017 – July 31, 2019 (U8 welcome!)

U10 Aug 1, 2016 – July 31, 2017

U11 Aug 1, 2015 – July 31, 2016

U12 Aug 1, 2014 – July 31, 2015

U13 Aug 1, 2013 – July 31, 2014

U14 Aug 1, 2012 – July 31, 2013

TRYOUTS & CONTINUOUS EVALUATION

Each age group will have two tryout dates.

For returning Rangers, evaluation is an ongoing process and not limited to the two tryout sessions.

After the second tryout, the technical staff, head coach, and assistant coaches will collaborate to determine the best team placement for each player for the upcoming season.

48 hours after tryouts, emails are sent to make the official team offers.

We form teams to place players at the right level for their development, while maintaining sustainability and balance within our teams & age groups.

We occasionally will combine players from multiple age groups to form teams, most common at the high school ages.

We also offer training player spots for those close to making a team, providing a bridge to support their continued development.

ROSTER SIZES & FIELD SIZES

U9

U10

7v7

Roster Size: 9-12 players

2 Trainings per week

50x70 yard fields

Build out lines 14 yards from end line - No punting

25 minute halves

U11

U12

9v9

Roster Size: 11-14 players

U11: 2 Trainings per week | U12: 3 trainings per week

55x80 yard fields

30 minute halves

BOYS & GIRLS U9-U14 CALENDAR

- April - May Break after last match - 2 Day Tryouts - 3-4 week break
- June – August 2 Summer Season (U9 starts after REC ends)
3 Tournaments
2-3 Trainings A Week
- August 3 - Aug 28 Summer Break - All Teams
- September Season Starts Fall RCL games - 10-14 Games
- December Winter Break All Teams (2-4 weeks)
- January - March Winter RCL games - 8 Games

Train indoors as often as possible in January

BOYS & GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL AGES

- Tryouts Boys February / Girls May
- June 2– August 8 Summer Tournament Season
2-3 Tournaments
- August 3 - Aug 28 Summer Break All Teams
- No Club Soccer During their High School Soccer Seasons
Boys RCL Season September-February / Off in the Spring
Girls RCL Season December-April / Off in the Fall
- RCL Seasons 10-14 Games, Winter or Spring Showcases college bound players.

TEAMS & COACHING STAFF

BOYS

Age Group	Gold	Blue	Silver
U9 Aug 1, 2017 – July 31, 2019 U8 Play Ups Welcome!	Chris Calvin	Chris Calvin	
U10 Aug 1, 2016 – July 31, 2017	Adam Rapacz	Morgan Hoff	John Lofstrom
U11 Aug 1, 2015 – July 31, 2016	Sebastian Kent	Jacob Sorenson	Jacob Sorenson
U12 Aug 1, 2014 – July 31, 2015	Sebastian Kent	Ryan Hansen	Josh McBain

TEAMS & COACHING STAFF

GIRLS

Age Group	Gold	Blue	Silver
U9 Aug 1, 2017 – July 31, 2019 U8 Play Ups Welcome!	James Salisbury		
U10 Aug 1, 2016 – July 31, 2017	James Salisbury	McKenzie McBeath	
U11 Aug 1, 2015 – July 31, 2016	Alex Nelson	Amanda Haeder	
U12 Aug 1, 2014 – July 31, 2015	James Salisbury	Nikki Platte	TBD if numbers allow for a 3rd team

FREQUENTLY ASKED



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO / WHERE DO WE PLAY?

- U9-10 RCL games are along the I-5 corridor as far south as Federal Way and Gig Harbor
 - U11-19 play majority of games at home or in the greater Seattle area, including some out of state tournaments as they get older
 - Balanced Schedules: host half & for travel half of your games.
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ARE RANGERS PLAYERS ALLOWED TO PLAY MULTIPLE SPORTS?

- Yes!! We encourage kids to play multiple sports.
- The key is balancing their schedules, communication, and planning ahead.
- Let your coaches know about your schedule and possible conflicts.
- If they have to miss a training here or there for another activity we try to provide alternate training opportunities with other teams if you desire.



FAQ's

IS THEIR MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS BETWEEN TEAMS OR ARE PLAYERS STUCK FOR THE SEASON ON THE SAME TEAM?

- Rangers is dedicated to constant evaluation and movement of players to help foster development.
- The most common player movement from team to team is done by guest playing at trainings and games. We try to provide opportunities for players to train with other teams to create a more challenging environment or to promote more success. We sometimes offer guest playing opportunities in games and events to players deserving a more challenging game environment.
- Occasionally, there are players that would benefit mid season from a more permanent team change, either moving up a team or dropping down a team to better fit their development. In these occasion we can move a player mid year. These types of more permanent roster changes only happen 1-2 times a year to allow for a stable team environment.



FAQ's

DOES RANGERS RUN THE SELECT PROGRAM AS WELL AS THE PREMIER TEAMS?

- The Whatcom Sports and Rec. runs the Select soccer program in Whatcom County and is a separate program from Rangers Premier Soccer.
 - WFC Rangers aids the Select program with coaching education and provides player development initiatives to help provide a pathway for those pursuing Premier soccer.
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ARE ALL RANGER FEES DUE UP FRONT?

- Rangers offers a number of flexible payment plan options & will even build a plan that fits your families unique needs. Our goal is for everyone to have the opportunity to play!
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WHAT TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?

- We offer more scholarships than any other club in Washington! We offer scholarships to those who qualify to cover our \$500 registration fee and uniform scholarships! We never want cost to be an obstacle for those interested in Rangers, we try to help reduce costs and offer payment plans for those who need it.

QUESTIONS?

