

U12- Rangers FC Indoor Soccer Club 2009-10 Season Parent Meeting



Program History: This is the second year of our Indoor Ranger FC Academy Program. We started this program to offer young players a different type of training option that focuses on skill development in a challenging, yet fun atmosphere. Our team name and logo are taken from the Rangers Football Club, a professional soccer team based in Glasgow, Scotland. The Rangers currently play in the Scottish Premier League and hold the world record for the greatest number of major honors won by any professional club team.

Team Goals: Our primary goals as a team are to have fun, develop new friendships with each other, and to develop as soccer players. We hope to be able to teach the players to perform skills under pressure and at full speed, which will help them improve their game. We also will work on providing our players with the knowledge to be able to make basic tactical decisions on their own during the games. We will have practices that focus on technical skills and basic tactics. Our coaches will challenge each player to improve within the program based on their current level of skill. We will measure our success by individual and team development and enjoyment, not by wins and losses during games. We seek to have a program that allows our players to enjoy the game in new ways. If you watch practice you may at times see us engaging in activities that do not look like “real soccer”. Please be assured that all activities we do will help with skill building, game awareness and enjoyment.

Style of Play: We will be encouraging players to try new things and to be creative. It is our hope that players will develop the confidence to test the skills we are working on in games, even if they are not always successful with them. We will always encourage and applaud a players desire to try new positions and skills. We will try to teach our teams to move up and down the field as a team, use combination plays, and give proper offensive and defensive support. I will be moving players into multiple positions to help them learn all parts of the game. It is my hope that the players will begin to communicate with each other on the field and support and encourage each other in their tactical decisions.

Attendance: We recognize that we all have hectic lives and that our players may be involved in multiple activities or that sometimes the kids just need a break or some downtime from organized activities. Our practices are not mandatory and there are no penalties, such as diminished play times or laps, for missing practice. We only ask that you let us know if your player can't make a game and practice as soon as you can so that we can make sure we have enough players to field a team or have an effective practice.

Discipline: If players are continuously acting out I will ask them two times to fix their behavior. If they fail to do so, I will have them sit for some time at practice or during a game. If the behavior continues we will need to talk about it away from the field to find a way to help resolve the behavior without it detracting from the rest of the player's experiences on the team.

Communication: Please do not hesitate to discuss any issues with Sarah Haworth, Bruce Paterson, or Marc Bergeron. Sarah and Bruce can be reached at the BVBGC at 508-883-6363. Marc can be reached on his cell phone at 508-212-0420. We encourage open communication and questions as we hope to make this a great experience for all of our players, however, we ask that you do not talk about any private or potentially embarrassing issue in front of your child or other players. In general, we will use e-mail to communicate changes in schedule or to make announcements. Please let me know if you do not check email regularly or if you need us to call you for announcements.

In the event there are any cancellations due to weather we will send an email to everyone letting them know of the weather cancellation for either practice or games as soon as practicable. If there are any questions or doubts due to weather feel free to call your coach or Marc Bergeron (508) 212-0420 (cell) or (508) 883-9025 (home).

Sideline Behavior: Please do not shout directions or coach at the kids from the sidelines. Rather, the players and coaches will appreciate your enthusiasm and praise. Yelling specific directions to them from the sidelines only confuses them and does not help them to be able to make their own decisions. I want the kids to be able to make decisions for themselves on the field as they experience the game. Remember you are a role model on the sideline for the players. Please set a good example.

Team Organization: Based on the number of players we have registered we will need to make two teams so that each player can have a positive experience with regards to playing time. We will form two balanced squads for matches. Although we have two teams for matches, we are all one “team” at the U12 age level and we will have some practices where we will all participate as a large group. It may be necessary to move players between squads during the first few weeks to make sure each team is balanced. Both teams will be trained the same way.

Practice Schedule: We are pleased to say that we have worked out some practice time at the Hab on Thursday nights and all of our U12 players will practice at the Hab each Thursday from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. The teams will break up for some small sided drills and then end every practice in a scrimmage.

Overall: I am excited for a great year and I hope you and your child are as well. Let’s all have fun and enjoy ourselves. If you have any questions, please, let’s keep open communication. Go Rangers!



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