

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **1) How do I register?**

Rangers hold separate registration sessions for Outdoor and Indoor seasons. Registration dates are posted before each season on the website. All that is required is to fill out a registration form and give a cheque for league fees. Registration forms are available on the website or at the registration nights. This check is returned if you are not selected to a Rangers team. If you are selected to a team, you will need to provide proof of age, and will need to get a player card from EIYSA (Edmonton Interdistrict Youth Soccer League).

## **2) What happens if I'm not selected for one of the Ranger's teams?**

Unfortunately there will be times when there are more players than teams to play on. The Rangers work together with our parent organization, the Sherwood Park District Soccer Association, to insure there is adequate space left in the Sherwood Park District Soccer league system for players. If you do not make a tier 1 or tier 2 team you will be provided with a district registration form and you can tryout for tier 3 or play in the house league community program.

## **3) What if I live outside of Sherwood Park, can I still register?**

The boundaries for the Rangers Soccer Club extend outside of Sherwood Park in accordance with the Edmonton Interdistrict Youth Soccer Association (EIYSA) and Alberta Soccer Association (ASA) guidelines. Some areas outside of the boundaries do not offer play in the EIYSA league in which case you may be released from your zone as a special import. If you are outside of the Ranger boundaries and a Club offers a program in that EIYSA zone, you would be classified as an import. There are restrictions on the number of imports and special imports depending on the age group.

If you're not sure whether you are inside the boundaries or not, or require clarification on your import status, please contact our Registrar at [rangersregistrar@shaw.ca](mailto:rangersregistrar@shaw.ca).

## **4) How are teams selected?**

Rangers are a competitive level Club. Players must attend 2 to 3 tryouts and be selected to teams. The team coaches as well as the Rangers head coach, technical director, and other Ranger coaches and when available outside expertise is used to evaluate players in the selection process. Ultimately it is up to the teams head coach to make the final selections. Ranger teams compete against other Clubs, which also select their players so that the best players play against one another in their respective age groups. If there are enough players in a particular age group, a Tier I, Tier II team will be selected, and in some cases a "y" team may be formed. Generally, the Tier I team will be comprised of older (or second year) players, with the Tier II team carrying younger players. The "y"

team would consist of both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year players that show promise. Rangers do not restrict a player to either team based on age, but age specific is preferred.

**5) Where do I purchase Rangers gear?**

The website has a list of available gear and can be purchased at Free Kick in Sherwood Park.

**6) Are coaches' evaluations reviewed and put to use?**

Yes, the Rangers head coach and technical director review the evaluations and use the information to assess coaching abilities. This information is also used for coaches training sessions to improve coaching techniques and to become overall better coaches.

**7) When and who do I contact to apply for a coaching position?**

The Rangers actively look for new coaches all the time. The best times to apply are before each indoor and outdoor seasons, end of August and end of February respectively. You can do this by contacting the head coach, technical director or drop by the Rangers office at Millennium Place. The coach's application form is available on the website under forms.

**8) How are coaches selected?**

The Rangers head coach and technical director accept coaching applications. Applications are reviewed and the best applicants are interviewed. From there the best applicants are selected to coach the Ranger teams.

**9) How big of a commitment is competitive soccer over the course of the season for parents and players?**

At the club level the outdoor season goes from mid April until possibly beginning of September, depending how your team does in city playdowns and provincials. Most teams will practice 2 to 3 times per week with 1 game per week. Teams are expected to enter 3 to 4 tournaments per season and must enter the Rangers Tournament. The indoor season is from the end of October until mid March again depending on how well your team does in playdowns and provincials. Most teams will practice 2 times per week and play 1 game per week. Indoor teams will usually enter 2 tournaments. Some teams elect to play Futsal or a new game in 06/07, called 7v7, which generally is 1 game per week. Futsal and 7v7 are both under the Edmonton Interdistrict Youth Soccer Association. Parents can expect a lot of driving throughout the city, some road trips and fund raising.

**10) Do all players receive equal playing time?**

No, not necessarily. The Rangers play at the club level, which is the most competitive soccer available in the Edmonton and area leagues. All coaches will Endeavour to play all players a minimum of 1/3 of game time throughout the year as per Ranger policy. The Rangers endorse the philosophy that practice time is as much or more valuable than game time for the skill development of the players.

### **11) Am I good enough to play?**

We encourage all skill levels to come to tryouts. You may be surprised that you fit in very well with club caliber soccer. Never feel that you're "not good enough"- we are our own worst critics- so let the coaches decide. If you tried out before for the Rangers and didn't make it, we strongly encourage you to give it another try.

### **12) What is the commitment of Club soccer in regards to School sports & activities and vacations?**

Ranger players are expected to put their club soccer commitment first. Players are not discouraged from participating in other activities, just to prioritize. As the outdoor season is continuous throughout at the summer, parents are asked to plan vacations around team schedules as best as possible.

Any other questions please send to [rangerssoccer@shaw.ca](mailto:rangerssoccer@shaw.ca)