



Welcome to the December edition of the ECFC monthly newsletter. We hope you are enjoying the holidays and a little rest and recovery from the fall season. We look forward to seeing you out on the fields again soon. Here are the newsletter topics for this month:

- Supplemental January Trials
- Futsal Starts January 8
- Dev Program Spring 2017
- High School Boys Tryouts – February
- Seeking Uniform Coordinator Volunteer
- WA Cup Reminder
- Follow ECFC on Social Media

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### **SUPPLEMENTAL JANUARY TRIALS**

ECFC will be holding supplemental trials January 9-12, 2017, in preparation for the spring season as several of our teams have 1-4 spots open. If you know of kids who are looking for a team in the Spring, we encourage them to attend a trial with the team coach at the relevant age level. Check the ECFC [website here](#) for field information and days/times. Existing ECFC players do not have to try out again...this is for building out teams that are short players or perhaps adding an additional team if we can add a group of players in the right age levels. [Registration](#) is free and ensures that the necessary waivers are complete, etc. Please encourage rec players or other club players to explore Emerald City as we want to grow the club together! If you have any questions, please email [president@emeraldcity.org](mailto:president@emeraldcity.org).

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### **FUTSAL STARTS JANUARY 8**

Emerald City FC Futsal, or 'futsal de salao' (soccer indoors), is played on a basketball court with a low-bounce ball. It has been shown to improve ball handling skills and creates a fast-paced learning environment that forces players to make quick decisions. Open to members and non-members, ages U8 to U13, boys and girls. Beginning January 8, Futsal will be offered for six Sunday sessions for only \$60 from 2-4pm at Meadowbrook Community Center (skipping the Super Bowl Sunday). There are still spots available, so register now [here](#).

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## **DEV PROGRAM SPRING 2017**

Training for our Development Program (Dev) will start up again February 1<sup>st</sup> for an 8-game league season that ends in early May. Registration is \$550 and is open at [this link here](#). Our club is working hard to find ways to increase the numbers of young players in our Dev program, especially on the girl's side, so we would very much encourage current Dev families to help spread the word! We also want to encourage families with kids in the U8-10 age groups who played fall rec soccer with their local neighborhood clubs and now want to consider a great way for their player to play in the spring as well. At the developmental ages, ECFC has a no-cut policy. Please help spread the word about our Dev Program!

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## **HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRYOUTS – FEBRUARY**

High school aged boy tryouts are coming up soon! Please save the dates February 15 and February 16 for tryouts. More information will be coming soon about location and times. This is for M01, M00, M99 and M98 boys. Contact [president@emeraldcityfc.org](mailto:president@emeraldcityfc.org) if you have questions in the meantime.

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## **SEEKING UNIFORM COORDINATOR VOLUNTEER**

ECFC is largely a volunteer-run organization. We currently are seeking a new volunteer to carry the responsibility of working with our uniform provider and the various teams to coordinate and organize our uniform ordering process. Most of the heavy lifting is done prior to the start of the Fall Season, but there are several other times during the year where work is required. Please reach out to [Craig Sexton](#) if you are interested in learning more about this role and how you can help ECFC by holding this important responsibility!

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## **WA CUP REMINDER**

We wanted to remind you to keep an eye out for the upcoming Washington Cup 2017 tournament information, in which ECFC usually participates. U15 and older boys (High School) play in late January and into February, while most of the other teams/ages play later in Spring. Please note that some of the dates may conflict with your schools' mid-Winter or Spring Breaks. Your coach and team manager should communicate your team plans, and you can find information about the Washington Cup dates [here](#) and on the ECFC [calendar](#).

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## **FOLLOW ECFC ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

Please remember to follow ECFC on all of the following social media channels. This is a great way to connect with other members of the club, share your stories & pictures, and have some fun.

- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/114542515254/>

- Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/emeraldcityfootball/>
- Twitter - <https://twitter.com/EmeraldCityFC>

Remember, we pick one lucky follower/contributor each month to win some Emerald City merchandise. Please take a minute to follow ECFC today, and then share your pictures and posts with the community!

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Thanks,  
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**ECFC Board Member**