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Dear Parents and Coaches

The EMSA West board has been working on a program that will best support EMSA West Warriors club teams for both the boys and girls in EMSA West.

**Club soccer** provides opportunities for serious players to develop their skills and play with other like-minded players. Club soccer players attend tryouts and are placed on teams which are labelled Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3. Placement is according to skill level and birth year. Players commit to additional training sessions throughout the season.

Club soccer players are scouted for scholarships and have opportunities to play on provincial teams and international teams. They comprise about 10% of our EMSA West program.

Community players do not need an invitation to attend tryouts for the Warriors program. You can find a list of 'players wanted' on the Warriors Soccer Club website.

Our **community players** (which comprise of over 90% of our players) have a focus of learning new skills, having fun, and enjoying fitness while developing their skills with their friends in their community. Developing life skills and enthusiasm for a sport that they can play into adulthood is key. Learning about teamwork, sportsmanship, discipline, leadership, friendship and developing physical stamina are skills that can be applied throughout the players' life. The benefits of community soccer are its relatively modest costs and ability to play with your neighbourhood friends in many cases. Community teams typically have players with a range of skill sets. Players are not tiered individually – however community teams from U11 and up are tiered during the season to allow for competitive play.

#### **Benefits of Club Soccer**

Players will be offered the highest level of technical training instructed by National B certification and Provincial B certification coaches. These coaches will train the boys and girls to bring them to their highest potential. Typically each team will have eight to ten technical training sessions throughout the season. The coaches and teams will be mentored by experienced high-level technical staff.

Families requiring financial assistance should speak to Cheryl Denam (Warriors Director) or Debbie Johnson (treasurer). The club offers options for payment of fees. (Jumpstart, KidSport, fundraising, volunteering and payment options).

**Tryouts** are tentatively set for the week of March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Registration opens on EMSA portal on February 1st.

Warriors Facebook page – search **Edmonton Warriors Soccer Club**.

Website address is [www.warriorsoccer.net](http://www.warriorsoccer.net)

**Yours truly,  
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President EMSA West**