



# Charlotte Soccer Academy Tryout FAQ

## ***When and where are the CSA tryouts?***

Please [click here](#) to view our tryout schedule for Charlotte or [click here](#) to view our tryout schedule for North Charlotte/Cabarrus.

## ***What ages are eligible for tryouts?***

Players must be born BEFORE 8/1/2002 (must be 7 years old before August 1, 2009) to play competitive soccer in North Carolina.

This year, CSA will field boys and girls teams at every age group up to and including U18. For U18 teams, players must be born 8/1/1991 or later. (Players must be 17 or younger on 8/1/2009.)

For specific age ranges, please refer to the tryout schedule. The online registration system will allow you to register only for your age-appropriate tryout session. If you would like to try out for an older team, you must receive prior permission and you must also tryout for your true age group. Please contact the office at 704-708-4166 if you have any questions.

## ***How do I register my child for tryouts?***

We strongly encourage pre-registering your child online for tryouts. This will help ensure that your child gets on the field as quickly as possible and that all your contact information is readily available in our database. Registration for rising U16-U18 girls will close on May 7. Online registration ends on May 16<sup>th</sup> for all other age groups. Please [click here](#) to begin online registration. After that date, you must register at the fields. You may print out a registration form to complete and bring to tryouts. [Click here](#) to print out the walk-up tryout registration form.

## ***Is there a fee for tryouts?***

Yes, the fee is \$30.

## ***Does my child need to attend both tryout sessions?***

We strongly recommend that every player attend both tryout sessions for the age group. This gives the coaches the best opportunity to evaluate your child. If it is not possible to attend both sessions, please tell the check-in volunteer, so that a note can be made for the coaches.

## ***What should my child bring to tryouts?***

Appropriate clothing, including shin guards and soccer cleats; the correct size soccer ball; plenty of fluids. A numbered tryout T-shirt will be provided and must be worn during both tryout sessions.

## ***What happens at the field?***

Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your tryout session warmed up and ready to play.

If you have pre-registered online, check in at our "ONLINE REGISTRATION CHECK IN" tent and receive a tryout t-shirt and a welcome package.

If you have not pre-registered online, you will need to check in at the "ON SITE REGISTRATION" tent. Here you will complete and/or turn in the tryout registration form and pay the registration fee (check or cash). Your child will receive a tryout t-shirt and a welcome package. Again, please pre-register online to avoid long lines at the field.

The players will be asked to take the field at the start of the session, while a CSA Director briefly addresses the parents.

### ***How are offers made?***

No offers will be made at the tryout venue. To be fair to all players, the coaches must spend every possible moment evaluating the players. At the venue, the coaches will be unavailable to answer questions or discuss teams or players.

If your child is selected for a team, the team's coach or the age group DOC will contact you by telephone with an offer. He/she will instruct you that you have 24 hours from that time to accept the position. If the offer is accepted, you must go back to the online registration system and register for the appropriate team and pay the commitment fee. If you do not register for the team and pay the commitment fee online within 24 hours, you will not be guaranteed the spot you were offered.

All parents/players will be called no later than 48 hours after the last age group tryout session, whether they have made a team or not.

Please note that some, but not all, phone calls will be made after the first night of tryouts. If your child has not received a call after the first night, it does **not** mean that there is not a place for him/her on a team. Unfortunately, we cannot call everyone on the first night of the tryout.

It is very important that the contact information provided at registration is accurate and will be monitored during the week of tryouts.

### ***When do I meet my team and coach?***

If your child is placed on a team, it is very important that you and your child attend the post-tryout meeting for your age group. Meetings will be in the evenings the week of June 1; a schedule and location will be announced prior to tryouts. At these meetings, you will meet the CSA Board and the DOCs, your coach and your teammates. You will complete important registration paperwork and select uniform sizes and numbers.

### ***What happens over the summer?***

Please refer to the CSA website for events, camps and summer programs recommended by CSA.