

Dear U9/U10 CSA Players and Parents,

I hope that you are having a good summer so far!

I wanted to drop you an email to say "welcome" to all of our new CSA families and "welcome back" to all of our families that were with us last year! We are looking forward to another great season of soccer for the 2010-11 season. We grew again in numbers after the tryouts in May which is encouraging and I think that we have a fabulous talent pool for the upcoming fall and spring season.

Here is some important information as we head into the start of the season in a few weeks so please mark your calendars:

1) CSA Pre-Season Assessment Camp (8/2/10-8/5/10)

This will be our first official soccer get together since tryouts at this camp will be held at Davie Park from August 2nd-5th from 5:30-8:00pm. All of our academy staff will be in attendance and this will be a great week of training and games where we will continue to assess players and give them a great jump on the season. I highly recommend that you register for this camp by clicking on the following link: <http://www.charlottesocceracademy.com/home/437050.html>
(I understand that there are some families that will be missing from this camp due to vacation schedules etc)

2) Regular Practice Schedule begins on Monday August 9th

The U9's and U10's will begin their practice schedule on **Monday August 9th** and will follow this schedule:

U9 Boys and Girls - Mondays and Wednesdays 4:45pm - 6pm at McKee Road Park on McKee Road in South Charlotte.

U10 Boys and Girls - Mondays and Wednesdays 6:00pm - 7:30pm at McKee Road Park on McKee Road in South Charlotte.

3) U9 and U10 Fall Season Schedule

The fall season schedule has been on the CSA web site now for a few weeks but I wanted to make sure that you had this handy. Please click on the following link to see the dates of the academy schedule:
<http://www.charlottesocceracademy.com/home/440548.html>

Home games will be held at the CPI Fields (Polo Ridge ES) on Tom Short Road. Game times will be announced within two weeks of each game day. Teams will play one game at the home events and local clubs but two games when we travel to Kernersville on 9/25/10.

Please note that there are just two weekends in the fall where we will be playing over the course of a Saturday and Sunday. These weekends are:

August 21st and 22nd - Dicks Invitational Tournament in Charlotte (web site shows Aug 21/21 which is wrong)

October 23rd and 24th - NCYSA Showcase in Greensboro, NC.

4) The "Academy" Model

For a lot of you the academy model may be different from what you are used to from other clubs and other sports. I would encourage you to read up on the information on our web site to familiarize yourself with the concept. This will be my third season of running the academy model at the U9 and U10 level here at CSA and it has certainly become a smoother process as each year has gone by. Please read the CSA Youth Academy Handbook which is located at the bottom of this link as this will answer a lot of your questions:

http://www.charlottesocceracademy.com/programs/youth_academy/index_E.html

I cannot stress the importance of the parents in this structure. We have had a wonderful group of supportive parents over the past few years and I certainly hope that this continues! You as the parent can make or break your child's year. I have seen many kids blossom in this system because their parents have stepped back and allowed their child to enjoy this wonderful game with no pressure coming from them and by being an encourager. I have also seen a small percentage of players freeze and walk away from the game because they have failed to live up to the pressure exerted on them from the sidelines. Please read up on the document I have posted on the web site under "A Parent's Guide to Academy Soccer": http://www.charlottesocceracademy.com/programs/youth_academy/index_E.html

5) Team and Coaching Assignments

Remember that no teams or coaching assignments have been set yet as we would like to really take time over this and make the final decisions by the time the regular season begins in September. We will use the CSA Pre Season Assessment Camp to continue our decisions on players and levels along with the first couple of weeks of training and the Dicks Invitational Tournament. We want to make sure that there is a good fit all around and some players can look very different from the players we saw in May. We have a fantastic staff who are all very gifted (and patient!) when it comes to working with this age group so I feel comfortable in the fact that your son or daughter will have a great experience with the CSA staff. Once these teams are announced we have complete flexibility to adjust these groups to place players on another team that may be better for their soccer development.

6) Communication

Once we have teams assigned you will be receiving communications from your coach and manager but until that point most of the communication will come from me and the club web site. You may get blanket emails from admin@charlottesocceracademy.com in relation to important club news (field closings, tournament news etc) but most of the information related to the U9 and U10 age group will come from me. I will try to cover as much information as possible in my emails as this is going out to around 500 email accounts and if I miss something I will hear about it! This leads me to my next request which would be to not respond directly to this email as it may be a while before you get a response!

I am not an administrator or a registrar so if you have any questions in regards to paperwork, uniforms, fees, or registration please contact the club office at (704) 708-4166 or email the club at admin@charlottesocceracademy.com. If it is soccer or coaching related email is the best way to reach me.

Thank you for being a part of the Charlotte Soccer Academy and it will be my pleasure to work with you and your children in this upcoming year!

Sincerely,

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