

Dear CSA Families,

I hope that this email finds you well and having enjoyed a great Christmas and holiday season!

As we get back into the swing of a new year I wanted to get you as much information as possible in regards to the upcoming spring season with the CSA youth academy so please read this email in its entirety.

1) Training resumes at McKee Road

February 1st - Training resumes at McKee Road Park. 4:45 - 6pm for the U9's and 6:00 - 7:30 pm for the U10's. The schedule will be the same as the spring with training being on Mondays and Wednesday evenings.

2) Spring Season Schedule

Sat/Sun - February 6th/7th - CSA Adidas Cup Tournament (Charlotte, NC) - All U9 and U10 teams*

Sat/Sun - February 20th/21st - Concorde Fire Cup (Atlanta, GA) For U10 Girls (Invitational only plus additional cost)*

Saturday February 27th - Colombia Utd (home at CPI fields - Tom Short Rd)

Sat/Sun - February 27th/28th - Concorde Fire Cup (Atlanta, GA) For U10 Boys (Invitational only plus additional cost)*

Saturday March 6th - Greensboro/KSA (away)

Saturday March 13th - North Meck (away)

Saturday March 20th - KSA (home @ Elon Park)

Saturday March 27th - Greensboro (home @ Elon Park)

April 3rd/4th - Easter Weekend (off)

NO TRAINING MONDAY APRIL 5th or WEDNESDAY APRIL 7th

Sunday April 11th - North Meck (home @CPI)

Sat/Sun April 17th/18th - Julian Brown tournament (Charlotte, NC) for all U10 teams*

Sat/Sun April 17th/18th - FCCA tournament (Concord, NC) for all U9 teams*

Sat April 25th - Winston Salem (away)

Sat May 1st - End of season festival (Charlotte)

Sat May 8th - Makeup weekend

3) Spring season team fees

Fees for the spring season will be \$150 to cover the referees and tournament and festival costs. This fee is due by February 1st. This is \$50 more than the fall due to the fact that we will be playing in one extra tournament as compared to the fall. This in top of the any club dues that are still outstanding. These fees must be paid by February 1st as we have to pay for the tournament fees ahead of time. Both of the fees must be paid online with the club dues (\$197.50) due by Jan 15th and the team dues (\$150) due by Feb 1st.

4) U10 Team Adjustments

Beginning on the March 13th gameday our U10 teams will transition into teams that will be playing 8 v 8 instead of the 6 v 6 format. Squads will be rearranged to around 12 per team and each team will be assigned one coach rather than the larger pools we have now where one coach is responsible for 2 teams. This will give the players some great experience as they get an understanding of the format that they will be getting at the U11 age group.

5) * Tournament clarification

All of the academy teams will be entering the Adidas Cup the weekend of Feb 6th and 7th where all teams will be playing 6 v 6 in their current teams. Please contact your manager asap ONLY if you are unable to participate that weekend and copy Tiffany Rice (tifrice22@yahoo.com) on the girls side and copy myself on the boys (mpinch@charlottesocceracademy.com) as the rosters are set for each team.

In February we will be sending some of our U10 players to Atlanta for the Concorde Fire Cup on two separate weekends. Due to the fact that this is a high level tournament we only have two team slots available for the U10 boys and the U10 girls. I will get input from the coaches and we will select players who we feel will benefit from the experience. This is in no way a mandatory event should you be invited to participate due to the travel and the extra cost involved. We do require however that if you do commit then you definitely go. The boys will be playing 8 v 8 so there are 24 available spots and the girls will be playing 6 v 6 so we will be taking 18 players to that event. There is an additional cost (\$75) to this outside of the team dues and club dues as this is not a budgetary item and this will be collected by the managers. All remaining players will participate in the game day versus Colombia Utd at home.

On April 17th and 18th we will be sending all of our U10 teams to the CUFC Julian Brown event in Charlotte where they will be playing 8 v 8 and all of our U9 teams will be going to the FCCA First Strike Event in North Charlotte the same weekend and playing 6 v 6.

6) Evaluation feedback

Thank you for your evaluations on the club, the coaches, and directors. We will utilize this feedback as much as possible to ensure that your children have a great experience and so that the parents feel that they are getting value for money.

7) Communication

As Brad Wylde (CSA's Executive Director) writes in his updates each week that the key to a successful club is through communication. Please always feel free to communicate with your coach first and foremost. You should also be hearing from your managers on a regular basis too and if for some reason you are not sure who your manager is please feel free to ask myself on the boys side and Tiffany on the girls side.

You will be hearing from myself and Tiffany on a regular basis as well throughout the season. Tiffany may send out emails that may relate to the girls side and I will be sending out general emails in regards to scheduling, club news etc.

If I have not had the pleasure of meeting you in person whether it be at training or on a gameday please feel free to introduce yourself as well so I can put a face to all of these email addresses!

I am looking forward to a great spring soccer season!

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