



Charlotte Soccer Club Newsletter

August 2024

Greetings members! These last few weeks have been a whirl-wind of action since our tryouts in early June. We have elected a new board of directors, established our bank account at MSUFC and a Venmo account for club business. All business with the Capital Area Soccer League is on pace for a successful Fall 2024 season as coaches have meetings ahead for scheduling and divisioning! Below are a few informational areas that would be of interest as we approach our season.

SAVE THE DATE

We will have a **Uniform Try-On Day Tuesday August 13th from 5pm through 6:15pm**. You can come with your players and try-on an actual set of unprinted uniforms for your uniform order. This will be at the Rotary Park. Drop-in Soccer will continue as scheduled that night from 6-7pm. Uniform payment will be necessary no later than 8/13 Tuesday.

(If you have any needs, please contact me directly. Thanks.)

Costs(known):

We are diligently finalizing our last cost this week(field use through Charlotte Public Schools) and will have our final club cost for families out soon for the fall session and for the year(Fall and Spring) for CASL. You will have the option of paying session by session, or for the year. Billing costs, per player itemized are as follows, to be paid through the club only:

1. **CASL fees: \$35 per season or \$70 for the complete Fall and Spring sessions** [8 games per season, 16 total for the year].
2. **Club fees*: \$36 per season or \$72 for the complete Fall and Spring sessions**
3. **Uniform Cost: \$35 per kit** (This includes both home and away jerseys, shorts and socks).
4. **Payment options(affordability is our #1 goal as we came near 50% under rival club costs in the area):**

Fall only: \$71 for the Fall + Uniform Cost of \$35= **\$106****. Spring would add \$71 before April 2025 to equal the total yearly cost.

OR **Year costs** of Fall/Spring at \$142 + Uniform Cost of \$35 (fall only) = **\$177 total****

**We will discover the final cost for field rentals through CPS soon(Rotary Park), then bill this amount, per player, as the final cost for the year.

*Club fees for our non-profit, entirely volunteer based organization are composed of Referee fees (we are responsible for payment at home games for our organization teams, and insurance requirements for rental agreements, website administration and PO Box fees [In that order of cost]).

+ Any payment using **Venmo** will require a **2% upcharge** to cover their fees. Also, please label the intended cost (Example: Uniform, League Fees Fall/Spring and so on, so we can account for your payment accurately. Thanks.)

Club Badge:

We have a team badge (see the top right of the first page) to go along with our new official team name, **Charlotte Soccer Club**. You will see this badge on our uniforms, CASL website and various merchandise incarnations related to fundraising. Our badge signifies our sport, our unity as a community and the colorization of our organization, Orange and Black. Go Orioles Soccer!

Website:

Please explore our club website, which contains useful information.

<https://www.charlottesoccerclub.org/>

Uniform Updates:

Speaking of colors, below is a sample of the uniforms we have on order through B+3 Custom Apparel L.L.C. (a local producer and booster of our program, their store can be found on Facebook). **Uniform Try-On Day Tuesday August 13th from 5pm through 6:15pm @ The Rotary Fields.**



Your child will have a chance to try on their uniforms over their practice outfit and see which size fits the best. It is advised to order up a size (to what you are comfortable with), as we are planning on using these uniform sets for two playing years. Uniform cost will be separate from league fees, but are \$35 for the whole uniform (Two Jerseys [Home and Away], shorts and socks). We will ultimately have a Google Form to allow for easy ordering of your size needs, at and after the try-on date. Uniforms will have numbers on back with no names and either our badge (one color) or our organizational name on front, TBD. With just around 85 players in our system now, we cannot assure chosen numbers. Number selection will be done through a first come, first serve email through a survey website. There will be an advanced notice when this email comes out. Again, numbers will be first come, first serve. I would advise having a few choices lined up.

Sizings are listed below for those who want to measure up at home or cannot make the try-on date:

Features:

- Smooth Toe Seam.
- Tube Construction.
- Double Welt Top.

Fabric:

70% High Bulk Acrylic, 28% Polyester, 2% Spandex

Sock Size	Shoe Size	Length
X-Small	YOUTH SHOE SIZE 8-12	18.5"
Small	YOUTH SHOE SIZE 12-4 / LADIES SHOE SIZE 4-7 / MEN'S SHOE SIZE 3-6	22"
Medium	LADIES SHOE SIZE 7-10 / MEN'S SHOE SIZE 6-9	26"
Large	LADIES SHOE SIZE 10-13 / MEN'S SHOE SIZE 9-12	27.5"

Adult Garment Spec Size Chart

SIZE	AS	AM	AL	AXL	A2XL	A3XL
CHEST	40"	42"	44.5"	47"	50"	54"
Body Length	29"	30"	31"	32"	33"	34.5"

Adult Waist Sizes

SIZE	AS	AM	AL	AXL	A2XL
Waist Sizes:	29-30"	31-34"	35-38"	39-42"	43-46"

Youth Garment Spec Size Chart

SIZE	YS	YM	YL	YXL
CHEST	32"	34"	36"	39"
Body Length	23"	24.5"	26"	27.5"

Youth Waist Sizes

SIZE	YS	YM	YL
Waist Sizes:	21-22"	23-24"	25-26"

Scheduling of Games (8 per season; 4 home and 4 away):

Games schedules are a preseason function of CASL and their scheduler. Coaches from each team will meet on August 19th, in the evening, to arrange games with other clubs in the Lansing and Greater Lansing area, from our CASL club partners. Each one of our teams will have four home and four away games on their schedule. While our options at the Rotary fields for scheduling times are fairly open, we may have restrictions with other clubs when playing away. We, as a coaching team, will do our absolute best to ensure that our weekly games are on Saturdays, in the morning or early afternoons.

We should have confirmation of the schedule as we close nearer to the first games on September 7th, the first weekend after Labor Day. More to come...

CLUB Practice Commitment and Schedules:

As a select organization, practices are critical to individual and team growth. A balance with the values of practice and avoiding burn-out is always in the minds of coaches and parents. With that mindset in place, we would suggest the following preseason and in-season minimums for weekly practice:

U9-U12 : two practices of 75 min.'s each.

U13-U15: two practices of 90 min.'s each.

While these are minimums, coaches have the liberty of scheduling a total time per week that works best for their families and scheduling. *The more time and touches on the ball, the more accelerated development versus our competition. Our own inner drive to improve with skill and fitness.* All good things!

Coaches for your respective teams will be reaching out before the start of team practices for the week of August 26th, and there onward. Practices will be held at the Rotary Fields.

***(Reminder, the bridge on Cochran is under construction, so you will have to seek an alternative route...with a longer commute. Thanks!)**

Drop-In Soccer Practice Continues:

Our summer series of drop-in soccer practices are ongoing. The practices are **free** and available to all members. Drop-in soccer is held at the Rotary Fields from 6pm-7'ish pm(We may play on if we have a good scrimmage going). Our dedicated team of coaches will be on hand to guide players through basic touch drills and small-sided scrimmages. We will cap off with larger scrimmages. We will continue to have Drop-in Soccer up to the week of August 26th, when team practices will take over (Reminder, team coaches will be in touch with final practice days and times for the fall season).

6pm-7'ish pm on the following dates:

8/6 Tuesday

8/7 Wednesday

8/13 Tuesday

8/14 Wednesday [This may be a limited attended practice, as Charlotte Schools have Open-house this day]

8/20 Tuesday

8/21 Wednesday

LAST SESSION

We hope to see you all there as we prepare for a fun fall season of select soccer,

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