

# Charlotte Soccer Club

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**Greetings Families** (*Both new and established members*),

I hope you will enjoy the following [playing-year] year-end report and Summer Newsletter.

Below, summarize, are our past actions and future projections of club operations, with an overall club goal to assure continued stability, growth and opportunity for our players for years to come.

### *A New Beginning:*

In just our first re-organized year as a CASL team for this area, your **Charlotte Soccer Club** (formerly *The Scorpions*), have pursued an agenda of progress to grow and stabilize our organization for years to come with the following foundational actions. Our first major action was a rebranding of the organization, to reflect our civic pride, by including coloration and theme, to emulate our school district with **Oriole Pride!** Oriole spirit runs deep in our area, so too does the love of soccer. We also grew our organization from a sunsetting, one team, one gender model to a variety of seven teams in our first season alone (19 players, to 85 players total), securing a future for soccer in our town!

First, we formed a non-profit, elected board and became a known entity in the county. We later achieved our 501(c)3 status with the IRS; this allows our organization to do a larger variety of fundraiser opportunities to enrich our organizational experience for players, and keep costs down. We also secured a P.O. Box at our local post office and established a Facebook page/presence, and formed a customized and well functioning website (<https://www.charlottesoccerclub.org/>).

A special shout-out to our local school district, as it has been *pivotal* in allowing usage of facilities for our teams, year round. A community wide effort is underway to give our young athletes the best experience possible, with access to all essential resources available in the area. On this same note, I also wish former board members, and coaches leaving the organization the best on their quest to find their happiness elsewhere as our core continues to expand and thrive in the service of our membership.

### *The Year Ahead:*

In this current off-season (June to Mid-August), our Vice Presidents' of Travel, Finance, Registration, and Communications, *and their committees*, have been busy with many actions to prepare for the 2025-2026 playing year. Our actions have included fundraisers, yearly CASL mandated tryouts with team placements, as well as a full equipment inventory. The goal of equipping teams with all essential team gear is in process; this goal includes our previous teams and newly formed teams in the 2025-2026 year. Speaking of new teams, we have formed an additional three teams for the 2025-2026 seasons. That puts our organization at a total of ten

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fully rostered teams, ready to grow and battle in the fall and spring season for our club and the Charlotte community. Our new total player enrollment going into the 2025-2026 playing year in CASL is near 130 active players (An increase from 19 to 130, in one year! That's a 584% increase) ! *The word is out, this is a special organization to be part of and grow in!*

### *Closing Comments:*

It's been a pleasure to lead this all volunteer organization through its transformation, and into our future this past year and onward. I think fondly of the endless efforts of our volunteers, coaches, and board members this last year. So many hours and cold dinners have been had to form our organization into a first class operation. Together, we are actualizing change, growth, for all of our kids, together, as a community.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me, directly, if you ever have a question or would like to provide direct feedback. I'm here to help with any needs or questions, big or small.

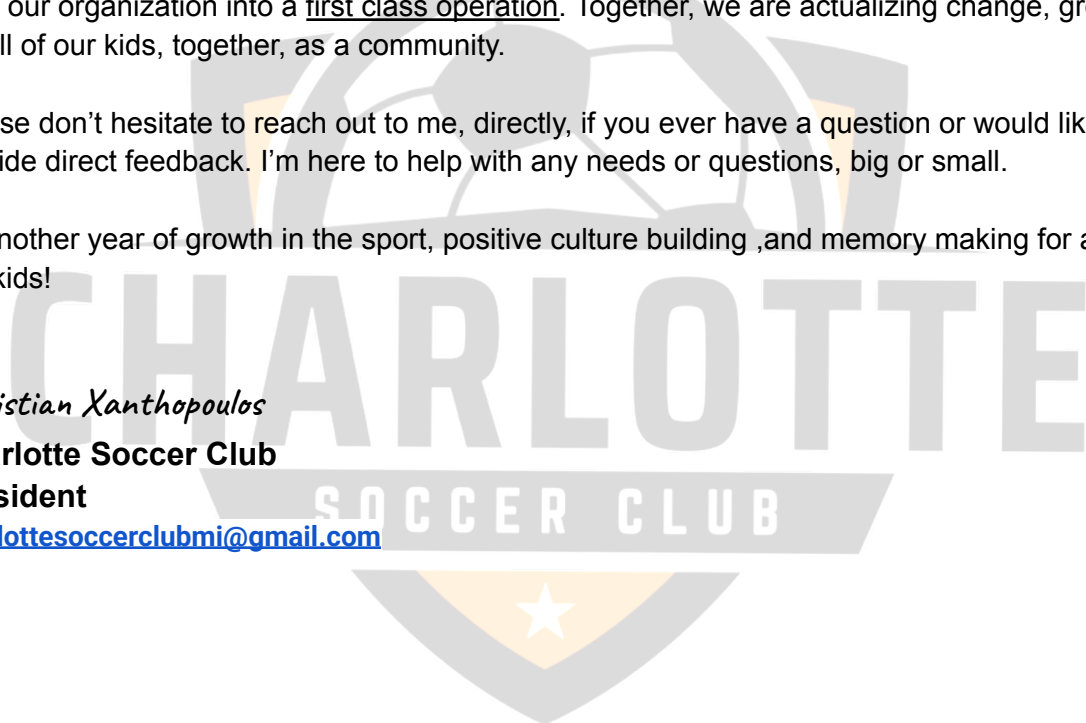
To another year of growth in the sport, positive culture building ,and memory making for all of our kids!

*Christian Xanthopoulos*

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Below, is a list of more immediate actions and details for summer-time action by families:

### SAVE THE DATE

#### 1. 2025-2026 *Registration Party*

- **When:** August 5th, Tuesday, from 5-7pm
- **Where:** Rotary Fields ( Next to Parkview Elementary)
- **What:** Registration into GotSport and other paperwork, Club dues payments, Uniform Try-ons, Pop-up scrimmages, KONA Ice Truck sale!
- **Why:** To assure all players are compliant with CASL and Charlotte Soccer Club requirements.
- **How:** In-person. If you cannot make the Registration Party, please email Rheagan Anderson(Registrar: [rheagan79@gmail.com](mailto:rheagan79@gmail.com) ) to make arrangements.
- **Who:** All players needing to complete the forms of paperwork for the 2025-2026 seasons, may do so ahead of time by printing out paper copies, and bringing them to the Registration Party, completed. This will save time in processing.

##### ☐ New Medical Release (Yearly)

<https://caslsoccer.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/USYS-Medical-Release-Form.pdf>

##### ☐ Concussion Forms (Yearly)

<https://caslsoccer.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/ParentPlayer-Concussion-Form.pdf>

##### ☐ Birth Certificates (If not already recorded in GotSport; **New members only**)

##### ☐ MSYSA (Yearly)

<https://caslsoccer.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Code-of-Conduct-Agreement.pdf>

##### ☐ Charlotte Soccer Club: Code of Conduct Acknowledgement (Requirement; Yearly)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hTBaO-Bg40T8p2R5P0FJYkCARIPmSwZRV7giHzJAyeA/edit?usp=sharing>

EQUIPMENT SWAP DAY

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Attention Parents: Equipment Swap Day will also be on our Registration Day. Does it seem like your kids outgrow their equipment in an unusually fast manner?

If you have gently used soccer cleats or shin guards that you no longer need, please consider bringing them to the swap area. Many pairs of cleats still have an ample amount of goals to be scored by them and would find a good home.

Thanks

## 2. Payment of Club Dues

- Club Dues for the year are set at \$200.00, for the entire year. Due 8/5/2025, at the Registration Party, or before.

This includes the following:

1. CASL Dues
  2. Referee Fees for all home games
  3. Full Uniform (Home, Away, Shorts and Socks)
  4. Team/Field Equipment Funding (Balls, pinnies, Cones, painting fields, benches, corner flags...etc.)
  5. Club Costs (Insurance, promotions, website maintenance, and PO Box costs).
- Ways to pay your dues in full on 8/5 at the Registration Day:
    1. **Preferably**, write a **Personal Check/Money Order** to:  
*Charlotte Soccer Club*
    2. **Cash** is accepted, with receipt, at the Registration Party.
    3. Venmo the following amount ( You must include the *processing fee[3%]* in the total, or the amount will not be fully paid), at **\$206 if paying through VENMO, only.**



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4. Optional Payment Plan (Please communicate this option at Registration Day, with the Finance Table [VP-Finance Shetenhelm or President Xanthopoulos].
  - First payment due date: 8/5 of \$100 per player
  - Second and final payment: 9/2 of \$100 per player.
  - These two payments must be paid before the first game. Please reach-out if you have any challenges. We're here to help kids play! (See below)
5. Financial Aid is available through the following two sources for families in need. (Important to note: *Receiving Financial aid, does require three(3) hours of volunteering, per season, per player, toward club activities*) :
  - **CASL Financial Aid**(Apply here First): Up to \$75 costs covered, for one season. This financial aid is maxed at three players per team and MUST be reapplied for the Spring. You must apply through their website, here, first:  
<https://caslsoccer.org/forms/financial-aid/>  
Financial Aid for Fall 2025 will open on 7/1/25 and close 8/1/25.
  - **Charlotte Soccer Club Scholarships**(Apply here, second): The club has a limited amount of funds(donations and fundraising percentages) to disperse to families in need, on a case by case basis. These are partial scholarships, designed to help meet unmet amounts, after CASL Financial Aid has been achieved. If you have need, please fill out this Google Form **before 8/1/2025**. Your inquiry is discreet.  
[Charlotte Soccer Club Financial Aid Application\(Link\)](#)



6. **DQ Fundraiser Day**  
8th!

Tuesday, July

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### 3. Drop-In Soccer Session (Throughout Summer)

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- **When:** Every Tuesday and Thursday 6pm-7:30 pm, beginning the second week of July through the beginning of organized team practices.
- **Where:** Our home fields, The Rotary Fields.
- **Who:** Exclusively, Charlotte Soccer Club members only, all age groups. At least two(2) coaches will be present at all times.
- **How:** Drop off or stay with your players. Our sessions will be done at 7:30pm, so please anticipate pick-up at 7:20pm. For SAFETY: Bring your own water bottle, please. Shin Guards and cleats are a must. Unlike other clubs in the area, this drop-in program is *FREE* for our valued members!
- **What:** Focusing on dribbling confidence, first touches and finishing. Followed by scrimmages; traditional and adapted.
- **Why:** Attend summer sessions to avoid the dreaded *Summer-Slump* of skill retention.



#### 4. Official Club Gear for Charlotte Soccer Club



- **Sports-Stop (Grand Ledge)** hosts our online store for all Oriole Gear and is officially sanctioned to produce our gear.
- Every sale of every item is a fundraiser that goes directly back to our club.
- You can ship to your home, or pick-up in their shop in downtown Grand Ledge.

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- Many items have varying team color options, and can be customized with names as well. They have a selection of items for players, parents and family. Pricing has been targeted to make many options very affordable.
- Please help support our organization, while *looking good on the sidelines!*
- **CLICK HERE:**

[https://stores.inksoft.com/charlotte\\_soccer\\_club/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/charlotte_soccer_club/shop/home)

*Fun Fact:* We will be sourcing our uniforms, replacement uniforms and other apparel needs from Sports-Stop for the foreseeable future. They're great to work with(Quick turnarounds on custom pieces).

### Key Dates To Remember:

- Drop-in Soccer begins on Tuesday (7/8) , and will be from 6-7:30pm. As a reminder, Drop-in will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, until the end of August. *FREE* to attend.
- 8/5 Tuesday : REGISTRATION DAY
- 8/5 Tuesday : Full Payment DUE (See Alternative payment schedule and Financial Aid , above for more options.)
- 8/5 Tuesday : Uniform Try-on and ordering day
- 8/5 **KONA ICE TRUCK** will be at our Registration Day, at the Rotary Fields!



- Date TBD: **DQ** Fundraiser **Day** , Tuesday, July 8th !



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