

Charlotte Soccer Club

2024 Fall Newsletter

An informational newsletter, designed for CSC Families.



August 25, 2024

Greetings all,

On the eve of formal practice and our game season, I wanted to share our organizational expectations and goals for the fall, for each team and player.

Our board of directors are overjoyed at the progress we have made in such a short amount of time to organize and secure our present and future organization's success. Soon, we will get to the heart of our mission, to play soccer and support **positive environments** for all of our players. Below is a summation of our state of affairs internally and externally, as well as a forecast of the fall soccer season in the CASL league. We have had a large influx of new families and teams, which is wonderful!

I hope the following information will answer any questions you may have and confirm your expectations as well. If you ever have any questions about the organization, please do not hesitate to contact me. My goal, and the goal of our board and coaching staff is to maximize our volunteering time to effect a great experience for all of our youth.

Thank you for this opportunity to build our organization with our board, volunteers, community, and most importantly, all of you.

I am truly honored,

Christian Xanthopoulos

Charlotte Soccer Club President

Destinations...

Time flies, and before you know it, our kids will be populating and driving the success of our High School programs for years to come. As exciting as that phase of soccer will be, and it will be, I want to remind everyone of an old saying: ***It's the journey, not the destination.***

Below, you will find an informational section for all club related information for our Fall 2024 season.

Practices (Building for the future):

Our goal in having team minimum practices (twice a week) as an organization is to promote skill building, while avoiding routine and burnout. Players are always encouraged to practice on their own with **dribbling, juggling, passing** with a pal or get **a ball and a wall** (Passing for touches). All these touches on the ball add up. A **thousand touches** on the ball per season, really is thirty minutes of solo practice a week, in our eight weeks of season.

Team practices, using input that the coaches gathered for their teams, are planned with the most benefit for the most members on each team. While not a perfect process, it will ensure a common time and days moving forward. Please contact your team coach for practice information. *

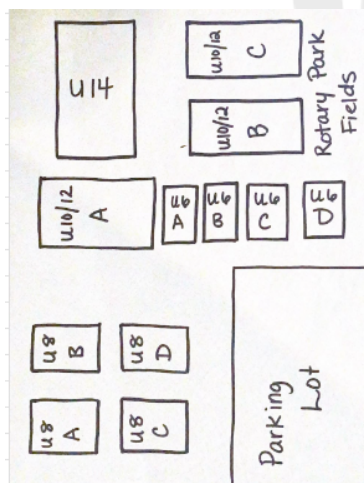
**Something to keep in mind, the fall is an incredibly busy time of year. Please be flexible with small changes to practice schedules, announced ahead of time by your team coach. Weather events and team enrichments will be in play as we get closer to the heart of the fall season, and may force adjustments.*

FALL 2024 Practice Days	Fields
	U9 Fields B or C
T/Th 5:30-6:45pm	Girls(D3)
M/W 6:00-7:30pm	Boys-Orange(D3)
M 5:30--6:45pm, F 5:30-6:45pm	Boys-Black(D2)
	U11 Field A
M 6-7:15 pm W 5:45-7:00 pm	Girls (D3)
M/W 6-7:15pm	Boys(D3)
	U15
T/Th 6-7:30pm Rotary	Girls(D3) [Rotary]
T/Th 6-8pm HS	Boys(D2) [HS]

Game set-up:

Games are guaranteed at eight(8) games a season. There will be four home games and four away games in each season. Coaches meet at the semi-annual coaches meeting at MHSAA headquarters in Lansing on Monday, 8/19/2024, to negotiate and collaborate with one another. Using feedback from many different parents, we targeted Saturday mornings and afternoons as our goal day for games. Overall, a majority of teams were able to secure a Saturday *heavy* schedule.

Below is the graph for our home fields, at Rotary Park. U9 teams will predominantly play on field B. U11 teams on Field A, and U15 Girls on the U14 field. U15 boys are hosted at the CHS Varsity fields in the Fall (U15 Girls will most likely cycle into the CHS Varsity fields in the Spring).



Away game locations will be communicated by coaches and posted to the CASL site after 8/27, once finalization by CASL is made for the fall. This process is to assure both teams and field space can be secured for an assigned referee. See the link for field locations that correspond to your away games. There are Google Map links that make getting to these fields around the Lansing Area(or 1 West Jackson area) a breeze to navigate.

https://system.gotsport.com/org_event/events/31307/fields

Make-up games, due to weather events, will be mutually scheduled between coaches and their organizational representatives. The goal is to complete make-up games ASAP, often before the next scheduled games. This can manifest into weekday evening games or Sunday games.

First Games are set for Sept. 7th (Saturday), with a homestand versus Mason Soccer Club!

Game Day!

During our game days, we do have a few items to be consistent with as a team and organization, **non-negotiable standards**.

Sportsmanship: Our kids and coaches are wearing the coveted Orange and Black, showing *Oriole Pride!* We all are representing our organization and city at our various events, including spectators. Please refrain from yelling at, chirping, or giving the officials the “business” about their calls on the field. Passions can run deep, and that’s a good thing!(When directed positively)

Please let your coach handle discussions to the officiating staff. The officials WILL MAKE MISTAKES. They are human and often younger in age,(teens 13+). We must be supportive and patient with the younger officials, it’s just the right thing to do.

Seating arrangements: at games are to the left of the coach and players half of the field, on the same side as our teams. Also, please assure you are at least ten feet behind the side-touch line to allow for clear sight of the sideline by officials and an area for players to make their throw-ins without interference. This will keep the game flowing and leave the competition on the field with the kids.

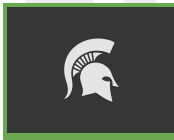


Coaching is to be done by our coaching staff during games and practices. **No adult that isn't cleared through the GotSport requirements is allowed on the game or practice fields.** Please respect our coaching staff by letting them coach the players on the field and sidelines, without interruption. Coaching your child from the sidelines during the game is frowned upon. Please cheer them on with all your might!

If you would like to volunteer for an **Assistant Coach** or **Manager** position, please contact your coach or the board for opportunities. The process is easy to do. **You are welcomed and valued!**

CLUB FALL **ENRICHMENT** ACTIVITIES

- **Fundraisers** are being organized for the Fall to raise funding beyond our operational costs. All funds raised will go right back into the club for enhancements and needs. Stay tuned and try to participate when these opportunities develop.



MSU Collegiate Soccer Game Events-

Team by team, coaches will speak with their groups to organize outings this fall to Michigan State University's MENS and WOMENS soccer games. Outings are voluntary, and **free** for the players and coaches. Adult tickets average around \$5 or less; if with a group(+15), far less. Parking isn't free, but there are many choices in the area and carpooling options. These games are filled with **energy and excitement!** Players will enjoy a live version of high level soccer.

Your team may even have the possibility to experience more with your visit! More to come...

- **FRONTIERS DAY PARADE**

Google Form: <https://forms.gle/rFABGbNatzi3Lu199>

We are looking for players to march(in game-day Orange uniforms [sneakers on]) in the annual parade in town on Sept. 7th, in the morning. We will have our first games later in the day at home, beginning at 1pm at the Rotary Fields, versus Mason. Please fill out the survey, so we can plan our morning.. Entree in the parade is to show our community pride and represent our wonderful organization to the whole

community. Coaches will be marching and guiding teams throughout the parade. We will be passing out swag items and goodies. If you can make it, the more we have, the better. If you can't make it, *please plan for next year*. Thanks!



- **Indoor Soccer Season (Winter)**- **For your consideration**, after this fall, begins an opportunity to play at SoccerZone throughout the winter season. Games tend to be Saturday mornings or Sunday afternoons. There are three seasons, with eight games per season[24 games total!]. Teams will be formed by age groups and gender, once interest in playing is evaluated in early-October. This is an amazing opportunity to continue to grow in the off-season, with practices once a week in Charlotte too.

UNIFORM UPDATES:

Uniforms are ordered and being processed for delivery before the first game of the season. Below is a mock-up of our away uniforms.

If you need a replacement uniform this fall, please contact the board for a temporary replacement and ordering options. Socks will be on hand for a nominal fee.



Media Opt Out Form

If you'd prefer to not have your child in promotional media used for the express purpose of publicising our organization, please fill-out this attached form and submit it to your team coach or to the team email.

Thanks.

[Media Opt-out Form](#)

Club Fees and CASL Fees Reminder

Fees were due Aug 23rd for our up coming season.

If you, or if you know of anyone, who needs financial assistance, please let the board know. Communications are confidential with the end goal of keeping kids playing!

CASL Eligibility for the Fall

All players and coaches **must** have their GotSport paperwork completed before August 31st, or they will be ineligible for game-day roster sheets. This means they cannot play until all paperwork is completed and posted.

Please seek out information on our website below, or contact the board for any assistance you may need in the process of posting your information on GotSport.

We are here for you!

Our Club Website is linked below. It is filled with information pertinent to our program. Check it out!

<https://www.charlottesoccerclub.org>

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