

Charlotte Soccer Club

Annual Report



June 26, 2026

Opening & Appreciation

We want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to all of our volunteer coaches, managers, and parents. Your dedication ensures that our players show up prepared, supported, and ready to take the field. This club thrives because of the time, energy, and care you invest in our athletes.

Fundraising Overview

Since our beginning, we have held several successful fundraisers, including events with Culver's, Dairy Queen, Kona Ice, club sticker sales, and club apparel proceeds. These efforts have directly supported:

- New equipment
- Our field paint machine
- Club scholarships
- Operational gaps that allow us to keep player fees low

Your participation in these fundraisers truly makes a difference.

Club Statistics

This past year, our club included:

- **123 players**
- **10 teams**
- **27 coaches and managers**

We are proud of the growth and commitment shown across all age groups.

Fiscal Report

We are pleased to report that the club was able to cover all operating costs for the year. Additionally, we awarded scholarships to 5 players, ensuring that financial barriers do not prevent kids from playing.

We remain committed to keeping our fees as low as possible for families. Comparable clubs in our area charge between **\$200 and \$350**. Our fee for the upcoming playing year is set at **\$225**, and this includes uniforms, placing us on the low end of the cost spectrum.

Looking Ahead: Plans for Next Year

- **Club Mission:** We aim to create a positive and enriching experience that inspires a lifelong love for the game.
- **Per US Youth Soccer:** "Following extensive review and discussion, US Youth Soccer, AYSO, and US Club Soccer have collectively decided to move to an age group player formation cycle that runs from August 1 to July 31, starting with the 2026-27 season/registration year. This change was made based on additional critical feedback, data, and expert input to better align players with their school-grade peers. Our associations feel that this age group player formation will be the most inclusive and help increase participation."
- **New Paint Sprayer Savings:** Our new paint sprayer has significantly reduced field-painting expenses, cutting costs from approximately \$3,000 per year to a much approximately \$1500 per year.
- **Team & Player Numbers:** We anticipate similar numbers of teams, coaches, and players next season.
- **Uniform Update:** Although we originally planned to use uniforms for two years, parent feedback made it clear that annual replacement is preferred. We will move forward with yearly uniform updates.
- **Elections:** Elections for the following positions will be held today:
 - President (interim 1 year)
 - Vice President (2 years)
 - Registrar (2 years)
 - Treasure (interim 1 year)
 - Trustee #1 (2 years)
- **CASL Rule Changes:**
 - Players may now register at any time.
 - No jewelry is allowed during play, even if taped.
 - U15 players may participate even if they are in high school, as long as they meet age requirements.

Improving Transparency & Governance

We are committed to strengthening trust and communication within our club. This year we will:

- Introduce **bylaw amendments** to increase clarity and accountability
- Hold **monthly in-person open board meetings**
- Provide **read-only bank account access** to all board members

These steps ensure that our operations remain transparent and aligned with the best interests of our players and families.

Upcoming Events

- **Registration Day:** Thursday, **August 6, 2026 from 6 to 7:30**
 - **Annual Used Equipment Swap:** Held during registration. Bring gently used cleats, shin guards, and other soccer equipment to donate/swap.
 - **Kona Ice Fundraiser:** All proceeds will support our scholarship fund!
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