



Soccer Circuit CSA-YMCA FAQs

Fall 2021

- **What is the YMCA-CSA Soccer Circuit?**
 - o Our soccer circuit is a YMCA-CSA partner driven league for youth athletes ages 4-18.
 - o This soccer circuit is played throughout the YMCA branches in a regional model, and will focus on practices that develop the fundamental skills needed to play the game.
 - o The soccer circuit is a true recreational soccer program where we offer 50% playing time in games for our athletes throughout the season.
 - o Partnering with CSA, our players will see upgraded coaching, curriculum and uniforms, as well as certified officials for U10 and up divisions.
 - o Clinics and other technical training sessions will be offered throughout the season. Coaches will have the opportunity to attend CSA led coaches training prior to the season beginning.

- **What does the regional model consist of?**
 - o We no longer have branch specific sports. Athletes that sign up for a region will have games and practices at the branches within that region, throughout the season.

- **What are the different regions?**
 - o When registering, double check what region you are registering for using the list below:
 - North: Lake Norman, Lincoln County, Lowes, & Sally's
 - Central North: Johnston, Keith, McCrorey & Simmons
 - Central South: Dowd, Harris, & Stratford Richardson
 - South: Brace, Morrison & Steele Creek

- **Can I sign up in any region?**
 - o Yes, you are welcome to register for any region but please note that our regions are set up geographically near each other.

- **When will registration open?**
 - o Registration is currently open for all.

- **What divisions are being offered?**
 - o North: U6-U14 Coed, U10-U14 Girls
 - o Central North: U6-U14 Coed
 - o Central South: U6-U19 Coed, U6-U19 Girls
 - o South: U6-U19 Coed, U10-U19 Girls
 - o Prices
 - Members
 - Ranges from \$75-\$165 depending on age group
 - Program participants
 - Ranges from \$95-\$185 depending on age group
 - o Please check online or come into a branch for specific league pricing.
 - My Y Pricing will be applied to member and non-members still
 - Please note that the program participant prices match those of the CSA rec program.
 - o The U6 age group will play in the practice-play model, where all team meetings will take place on Saturdays. Teams will have a 30 minute practice, followed immediately by their game. There are no weekday meets for U6 unless communicated out specifically from the league.
 - o U14-U19 age groups play in the MARS (Mecklenburg Area Recreational Soccer League), which is a league comprised of several different recreational soccer organizations



throughout the Charlotte Metro area. These teams typically travel throughout the county for games.

- **What are the meeting days and times?**

- Practices will take place Monday-Friday between 5:00-8:00pm for 55 minutes for U8-U12.
- U14-U19 MARS divisions may practice up to twice a week.
- Games will take place Saturday between 8:00am-7:00pm for U6-U19 teams
- U14-U19 MARS teams may also have games on Sunday between 12:00- 5:00pm.
- U6 will have their practice and game on Saturday mornings.

- **Will practices and games be held at the branch I register at?**

- Practices and games will be held at YMCA facilities where field space is available or at CMS facilities where agreements currently exist within your region.
- We will do our best to create a consistent practice and game schedule for each team
- Schedules will be released in advance of the start of the season.

- **How will practice and game locations be determined?**

- Practice locations will be determined by the region you sign up for. Practices can be held at any of the branches within the region, but will be consistent throughout the season.
- Game locations will also be determined by the region you sign up for. Some branches may only hold a certain age group on game day due to field sizes, others may offer multiple age groups.

- **I have a unique request, can I communicate that to the league director?**

- Yes, we encourage you to put your preferences on your registration. We take preferences for friend requests, coach requests, and 1 day of the week you cannot practice.
- Not all requests are honored for a variety of reasons, but we make every effort to accommodate as many as possible.

- **What are the season dates?**

- Team assignments released: August 25th – August 30th
- Game schedules posted: By September 13th
- Official season start: Tuesday September 7th
 - U6 practice play meet and greet: September 11th
- Game Day 1: September 18th
- Game Day 2: September 25th
- Game Day 3: October 2nd
- Game Day 4: October 9th
- Game Day 5: October 16th
- Game Day 6: October 23rd
- Game Day 7: October 30th
- Make up / tournaments: November 6th
- Anticipated latest MARS end date: November 14th

- **How are uniforms handled?**

- Each player will need to purchase a co-branded PUMA jersey and t-shirt. Both shirts should be brought to all games. Additionally, each player will need to wear cleats, black socks, and black shorts. These items are required to play.
 - I am a new YMCA soccer participant:
 - Uniforms are not provided by CSA or the YMCA for any age group, and must be purchased separately.



- Jerseys will be purchased directly through soccer.com, and a link to purchase the set will be sent out to participants after you register. These will be shipped directly to your house.
 - Uniform cost: Both shirts and shipping comes out to \$51.89
 - The uniform set includes a lightweight polyester jersey with DryCELL technology and a 70/30 cotton T-shirt with YMCA CSA logo.
 - Additional optional items can be purchased.
 - I have played a previous soccer season at the YMCA (Spring 2021 and later):
 - If you purchased a blue uniform and white shirt in a previous season, you can use the same uniform for this season (and Spring 2022).
 - **We at the YMCA are for all and do not want a jersey cost to be the reason you chose not to play the beautiful game. Requests for assistance for uniform purchase can be sent to the regional email address listed below.**
- **I am interested in becoming a volunteer coach – who do I contact?**
- Please visit the following link, and send your regional representative an email. Contacts can be found below. <https://www.ymcacharlotte.org/mission/join-the-mission/become-a-volunteer/coach-youth-sports>
- **I am a returning coach, how can I secure my spot to coach?**
- The same process for returning coaches, please visit the following link and send your regional representative an email. <https://www.ymcacharlotte.org/mission/join-the-mission/become-a-volunteer/coach-youth-sports>
- **Who do I contact if I have questions?**
- Individual branch front desks can answer basic information as well as register you for the program. Specific questions can be sent to the following:
 - North: NorthSportsRegion@YMCACharlotte.org
 - Ryan Swengros can also answer regional questions via email at Ryan.Swengros@YMCACharlotte.org
 - Central North: CentralNorthSportsRegion@YMCACharlotte.org
 - Jennifer Jeffcoat can also answer regional questions via email at Jennifer.Jeffcoat@YMCACharlotte.org
 - Central South: CentralSouthSportsRegion@YMCACharlotte.org
 - Tony Williams can also answer regional questions at Tony.Williams@YMCACharlotte.org
 - South: SouthSportsRegion@YMCACharlotte.org
 - Steven Crespo can also answer regional questions Steven.Crespo@YMCACharlotte.org