



## Soccer Circuit CSA-YMCA FAQs

- **What is the Soccer Circuit CSA-YMCA?**
  - Partner: Charlotte Soccer Academy (CSA) will allow for additional soccer expertise to be delivered to the athletes in the YMCA of Greater Charlotte program. Together the soccer experience will be enhanced and will be delivered more consistently. The soccer circuit will focus on drills and games designed to develop the fundamental skills of dribbling, passing, shooting, and team play. The soccer circuit will also focus on improving technique and build lasting friendships. Our CSA-YMCA Soccer Circuit is still a true recreational program; we will continue to offer 50% playing time for all athletes.
- **What enhancements will I see with CSA-YMCA**
  - Our players will see upgraded coaching, curriculum and uniforms, with the familiar Y experience they know and love. We will also be able to offer certified referees for U10 and up.
- **Will we still play in regions?**
  - Similar to our Basketball circuit we will be following our regional model. We will not have branch specific soccer; players will have games and practices at different YMCA's in their region.
- **What will the cost of the program be?**
  - North
    - Member
      - U6 and U8 - \$75
      - U10 and U12 - \$90
      - U14 - \$110
    - Non-Member
      - U6 and U8 - \$95
      - U10 and U12 - \$110
      - U14 - \$130
  - Central and South
    - Member
      - U6 - \$105
      - U8 - \$125
      - U10 - \$135
      - U12 - \$145
      - U14 and U19 - \$165
    - Non-Member
      - U6 - \$125
      - U8 - \$145
      - U10 - \$155
      - U12 - \$165
      - U14 and U19 - \$185
  - MyY Pricing will be applied to member and non-members.
  - Please note that the non-member prices match those of the CSA program.
- **When will registration open for soccer?**
  - Registration will open on Thursday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> to our members and non-members.

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- **What are the Soccer Circuit CSA-YMCA dates?**
  - March 15<sup>th</sup> – May 29<sup>th</sup>
- **Which region am I in/do I register for?**
  - Look for the branch that you have played at in the past. You will register by finding your branch which will correspond to one of our regions.
  - North: Keith, Lowes, Sally's, Lincoln County & Lake Norman
  - Central: Dowd, Harris, Simmons, Stratford Richardson, McCrorey & Johnston
  - South: Brace, Morrison & Steele Creek
- **Can I sign up in any region?**
  - Yes, of course, while we organized the regions geographically, athletes are welcome to sign up anywhere.
- **Who do I contact if I have questions?**
  - One of our sports staff will answer all questions sent via email at
  - North: [NorthSportsRegion@YMCACharlotte.org](mailto:NorthSportsRegion@YMCACharlotte.org)
    - JP Fulton can also answer regional questions [John.Fulton@YMCACharlotte.org](mailto:John.Fulton@YMCACharlotte.org)
  - Central: [CentralSportsRegion@YMCACharlotte.org](mailto:CentralSportsRegion@YMCACharlotte.org)
  - South: [SouthSportsRegion@YMCACharlotte.org](mailto:SouthSportsRegion@YMCACharlotte.org)
    - Steven Crespo can also answer regional questions [Steven.Crespo@YMCACharlotte.org](mailto:Steven.Crespo@YMCACharlotte.org)
- **Will practices and games be held at the branch that 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 and game locations will be random. We will make every attempt to have the same practice schedule weekly.
- **What days will practice and games be held on?**
  - Practices will take place Monday-Friday between 5:00-8:00pm for 55 minutes for U8-U16. Games will take place Saturday between 8:00am-7:00pm and Sunday between 12:00-5:00pm. U6 will have their practice and game on Saturday mornings. If needed, games can be during the week (Monday-Friday)
- **What age groups are being offered?**
  - North: Co-ed u6-u14
  - Central: Co-ed u6-u19 and Girls u6-u19
  - South: Co-ed u6-u19 and Girls u10-u19
- **What age groups will be in the MARS League?**
  - U14-u19 are anticipating to play in the MARS league. If the MARS league does not run, we will determine if games can be played with our partner CSA.
- **What about uniforms?**



- Each player will need to purchase a co-branded PUMA jersey and T-shirt. Both items should be brought to every game.
- Each player will need to wear cleats, black socks and black shorts for practices and games.
  - These will be purchased by the athlete's family through Soccer.com
    - The link will be sent via email after registration opens.
  - Optional items can be purchased on the soccer.com site
  - The jersey and T-shirt will be used for multiple seasons. Players should order their uniform a size bigger so they will still fit for upcoming seasons. The 2021 spring season jersey and T-shirt will be used through 2022 fall season.
  - The cost of the Carolina blue jersey and T-shirt is the only required jersey. The kit cost will be \$43.90 plus \$7.99 for standard ground shipping.
  - These kits are an upgrade to our reversible jerseys. Players will receive a lightweight polyester jersey with DryCELL technology and a 70/30 cotton T-shirt with YMCA CSA logo.
  - **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 purchases can be sent to the listed regional email addresses.**
    - My Y Pricing does not apply to the cost of the uniform.
  - Uniforms will be sent directly to the athlete's home.
  - Goalie jerseys can be purchased at soccer.com if desired. These are not required and are optional.
- **How many spectators are allowed at games and practices?**
  - This will be determined as the season approaches. As the status of the pandemic may change prior to the season.
- **Can teammate and coach request still be made?**
  - Yes, the YMCA will make every attempt to honor request but please understand that all request will not be met.
- **Are you still looking for volunteer coaches?**
  - Yes, please consider coaching and visiting <https://www.ymcacharlotte.org/mission/join-the-mission/become-a-volunteer/coach-youth-sports>
- **Will teams only consist of players from my branch?**
  - Teams will be made up from all players within the region.
- **What COVID-19 safety measures are in place?**
  - All players and spectators will be temperature checked and asked to complete health screen form upon entry of facility.
  - All coaches and officials will be temperature checked and will acknowledge health screen questions at the fields.
  - Players do need to wear facial coverings when actively involved in the game.
  - Parents/spectators must wear face coverings and sit socially distanced when watching games.
  - Coaches should wear face covering during games and practices and maintain social distance protocols.
  - *Please note that these may change as the CDC guidelines and the state of the pandemic changes. Should our protocols changes prior to the season and they are not suitable to your family a refund will be given.*

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- **Will there be team snack provided at the end of each game?**
  - No, we cannot have snacks at the end of each game at this time.
- **My athlete is a part of the u6 age group when will we start? And what is practice/play?**
  - U6 practice/play will begin on
    - March 20<sup>th</sup> – meet your coach
      - Times will be shared as the date approaches.
    - March 27<sup>th</sup> – will be the first practice/play day
  - All U6 Soccer athletes will follow our practice/play model. This means that all kids will practice for 15-20 minutes before they have their game. All events are on Saturday.
- **Will there be certified referees?**
  - There will be certified referees for U10 and up