



Message from Program Director, Jim Finnerty:

Dear CSA Recreational Families,

Welcome to CSA and the first weekend of games!

My name is Jim Finnerty. I am your Program Director for Recreational Soccer. As we approach the first of games of the season, I would like to remind families about our policy and expectations for both parents and players.

We look forward to having a great season and hope you all have a positive experience with our program.

If you have any problems, concerns or questions any time during the season please contact me at jfinnerty@charlottesocceracademy.com.

Sincerely,

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Parent and Player Conduct – Expectations & Guidelines for the Season

#1 How parent behavior affects player development.

We have coaches in place at the game to support, encourage and teach your child. Parents should not be giving the players instruction during games. I am a parent of two players in the program and I do understand how hard this can be. I have to remind my wife almost every game. Players need to make their own decisions and mistakes during the games. This is the best way for players to develop and learn. Any feedback a player gets during the game will come from the coaching staff. Any other communication is confusing the player and in some cases is not what the coach wants the player to do. Please refrain from giving your child instruction during the game and instead show support by clapping, saying good job or show other signs of positive encouragement.

#2 How parent behavior affects coaches.

The coach will be the one who gives the players instruction. Our coaches are volunteers and have taken the time to go through training and instruction provided by CSA and myself. Any instruction from the parent would be disrespectful to the coach. The louder the parents are on the sideline the less instruction the players can effectively receive during the game from the coach.

#3 How parent behavior affects referees.

Negative comments to the referee during the game will distract him from the game and may lead to more mistakes during the game. CSA will not tolerate any negative comments to a referee at our facilities. Referees are going to make mistakes during the game. Please know this going in and understand that anyone would. We need to be focused on things that we can control, our behavior and be a role model for our children.

#4 How parent behavior affects the other parents.

Parents want to enjoy watching their child play. It's very difficult to enjoy when you have one or more parents getting over-involved in the game. Please make it your priority to make game day about the players. If you have a parent on your team who affects your enjoyment of the game please contact me with your game time, location and coach's name so I can address the issue. I will be around the fields and do my best to remind the parents of correct behavior but will need help and support from parents. Our goal for this program is to create the best atmosphere for everyone involved. We want parents to have the opportunity to watch their child play the game in a positive and peaceful environment. Things parents can do to create this are clap more, instruct your children less, and put your focus on your child's development and not just winning.