



# Charlotte Soccer Academy Youth Academy 2022-2023 Season



## Charlotte SA Youth Academy Quick Facts

600+ Boys & Girls

Age Groups 10U & 9U

7 Directors of Coaching

45 Coaches

Fun, Learning, Teaching Environment

Seven Locations:

CSA-Charlotte - Flat Branch Complex @ Polo Ridge Elementary

CSA-Matthews/Mint Hill - Beatty Park/Sportsplex @ Matthews

CSA-Uptown - McClintock Middle School

CSA-Palisades - The Palisades Soccer Complex

CSA-York County - Fort Mill/Rock Hill, SC locations

CSA-Huntersville - North Meck Park/Strikers Soccer Center

CSA-North – CSA North Soccer Complex/Frank Liske Park

Visit the [Youth Academy Webpage](#) for more information.

## What is the Youth Academy Philosophy?

The Youth Academy Program philosophy is to emphasize player development coupled with team development and focus on the technical development of each child. Players are put in challenging situations and are allowed to compete. We want players to have competitive fire and the desire to play the game the correct way. As coaches, we do not concern ourselves with winning. We are focused on playing the game in a way that encourages player development. We feel that players will learn to enjoy and love the game for itself rather than just to win. Players will learn through guided discovery where the coach is the facilitator.

## How old must my child be to participate in the Youth Academy system?

CSA's Youth Academy players are primarily 10U (2013) and 9U (2014). Children born in 2015 are eligible to be evaluated for 9U Youth Academy; however, they must have prior approval from the sectional Director of Coaching. (Contacts on reverse side.) For Charlotte area players in birth year 2015 and younger, we recommend participation in the Junior Academy, part of our Recreational program, to prepare them for the Youth Academy programs.

## How does my child become part of the Youth Academy Program?

All players must attend CSA's open evaluations during the week of May 2-6 in both North Carolina and South Carolina. We anticipate taking a total of 550-600 players combined in the seven CSA Youth Academies. We strongly recommend attending the pre-tryout Zoom meeting for your age group and region to learn more about the YA program, staff, and tryout process. The meeting schedules, tryout schedules, and registration information are posted under the 2022 TRYOUTS/ASSESSMENTS tab at [www.charlottesocceracademy.com](http://www.charlottesocceracademy.com). You can also read more about the evaluation and selection process on the following page.

**MORE INFO**

## CSA Youth Academy Information 2022-2023 Season

### How does the evaluation and selection process work?

All players must register for evaluations online at [www.charlottesocceracademy.com](http://www.charlottesocceracademy.com) and pay the fee. At check-in, players are given a numbered tryout shirt to identify them. Players will be evaluated by coaches while participating in games. Results of the evaluations are made available within 48 hours of the last evaluation date. Your child will not be placed on a specific team initially. We will assess where your child will be best suited within the tiered structure of the Youth Academy at the pre-season camp in early August and during the first few weeks of training. If your child is not accepted into one of the CSA Youth Academies, you will be provided information on the CSA Recreational Program.

### Where are practices held? What are the days and times of practices?

In the past, practices have been either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday with an additional optional 4v4 evening. Sessions are either 5:00-6:30pm or 6:30-8:00pm. The Fall season runs from mid-August to mid-November. The Spring season runs from early February to early May. Please see practice locations below.

### How is the weekly schedule structured?

Theme/curriculum-based pool training will be the focus of the first training session of the week. In the second session, players will be grouped with their coach. They will train with the Director or coach that will be coaching them on the weekends. In the third session, players will play games in a 4v4 environment putting together the skills they have worked on during the week. Games will be on the weekend. We attempt to keep all games on Saturdays between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm; however, there is the possibility of one or some Sunday games as well as one Friday night play date under the lights. Each team participates in a festival or tournament event each season.

### Who will CSA Youth Academy teams play?

CSA teams will compete with Youth Academy teams from other clubs in the Greater Charlotte area. The CSA teams will play any of the following soccer clubs: Waxhaw SC, Wesley Chapel-Weddington AA, Charlotte Independence SC, CVYSA, GCCSA and SGSAA. Travel is kept as local as possible.

### What format do age groups play?

The teams will play 7v7 throughout the entire season.

### What is the cost of the CSA Youth Academy Program?

The cost of the program includes twice-weekly training; an optional weekly 4v4 session, paid, licensed coaches for each team, festival/tournament entry fees for two events, referee fees, field/light costs, registration, insurance, and administrative costs. Uniforms and pre-season camp fees are an additional cost. Youth Academy fees for 2022-2023 will be \$950 for the year, which consists of two 14-week seasons. For more detailed information, refer to the FAQ on the Youth Academy [webpage](#).

## Open Training Sessions for Current CSA & Strikers Recreational Players

**Current CSA Recreational & Strikers Recreational players** are welcome to join in on a CSA Youth Academy training session. No registration is necessary, but please arrive a few minutes early to check in with the directors. Detailed Location information is on next page.

**For locations not listed, contact the director on the next page to schedule a session.**

#### CSA-Charlotte Program

Boys & Girls 2014 birth year only  
Tuesday, April 19, 5-6:30pm  
Thursday, April 21, 5-6:30pm  
Flat Branch #2 (Girls)  
Flat Branch #3 (Boys)

#### CSA-Matthews/Mint Hill Program

Girls 2013, 2014, 2015  
Tuesday, April 26, 5:30-7pm MSP #8  
Friday, April 29, 5:30-6:45pm CBP #3  
Boys 2013, 2014, 2015  
Monday, April 25, 5:30-7pm MSP #8  
Friday, April 29, 5:30-6:45pm CBP#3

#### CSA-North Program

Boys & Girls 2013, 2014, 2015  
Thursday, April 28, 6-7:15pm,  
CSA North Soccer Complex #1

#### CSA-Palisades Program

Boys & Girls 2013, 2014, 2015  
Tuesday, April 26, 5:30-7:00pm  
Thursday, April 28, 5:30-7:00pm  
Palisades Soccer Complex

#### CSA-York County Program

Boys & Girls 2013, 2014, 2015  
Tuesday, April 26, 5:45-7:00pm  
Thursday, April 28, 5:45-7:00pm  
Gold Hill Middle School

**MORE INFO**

## **Youth Academy Directors of Coaching (DOC) Contact Info and Licenses**

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## **Locations:**

Charlotte: Flat Branch Complex (Polo Ridge ES) - 11830 Tom Short Road, Charlotte 28227

Matthews/Mint Hill: CBP/Colonel Beatty Park - 4330 Weddington Road, Matthews 28105

Matthews/Mint Hill: MSP/Sportsplex at Matthews – 2425 Sports Parkway, Charlotte 28105

Uptown: McClintock Middle School and nearby schools/parks

Palisades: The Palisades Soccer Complex - 14600 Grand Palisades Parkway, Charlotte 28278

York County: Gold Hill Middle School, 1025 Dave Gibson Blvd, Tega Cay, SC 29708

Huntersville: Strikers Soccer Center - 11725 Alexandriana Road, Huntersville 28078

Huntersville: North Meck Park - 16131 Old Statesville Road, Huntersville 28078

North: Frank Liske Park - 4001 Stough Road, Concord, 28027

North: CSA North Soccer Complex (Formerly Red Ventures) - 3400 Davidson Highway, Concord 28027

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE CSA YOUTH ACADEMY PROGRAM,  
VISIT US AT [CharlotteSoccerAcademy.com](http://CharlotteSoccerAcademy.com)**

