

CAROLINA UNITED SOCCER ASSOCIATION (“CUSA”)

Rules, Policies, and Procedures

Coach and Team Approval

All teams, coaches, assistant coaches, and managers must be approved by the CUSA Board of Directors (“Board”). Such approval shall be within the sole discretion of the Board and consistent with the rules, regulations of, and direction from our governing and affiliate organizations. All coaches shall obtain whatever coaching licenses or other training the Board requires, and CUSA shall reimburse the coaches the costs associated with such licensure and/or training. All teams, coaches, assistant coaches and managers enjoy their rights as members in CUSA at the sole discretion of the Board. In consultation with the CUSA Director of Coaching (“DOC”), the Board shall make the final determination as to placement of any coach, assistant coach, manager or player with a team. Coach, assistant coach, and managers, responsibilities shall be determined at the sole discretion of the Board, or as delegated to the DOC or other designee.

Tryouts

Absent excusing circumstances to be determined in the sole discretion of the Board, any player interested in playing on a CUSA team must attend tryouts. Any player who is unable to attend a tryout must advise the Board or the DOC of their interest in CUSA prior to the tryout date.

Any player who contacts CUSA after tryouts requesting placement on a team will NOT be placed on a team unless there is a shortage of players for said team. The Board will advise the coach of that player’s appropriate age team of this extra player’s interest. It will be in the sole discretion of the DOC and Coach whether said team could use the extra player.

Players that have been cut from a team will be contacted if a roster spot opens up on an age appropriate team. However, the coach and the DOC shall have the sole discretion as to add a player, or to play with less than a maximum roster. Cut players have precedence over waitlisted players.

If there is a waitlist to join a team prior to season, wait listed players will be placed on appropriate teams if said team happens to lose a player on a first come, first served basis. As with cut players, placement is not guaranteed if the coach advises he wishes to participate at less than a full roster.

Player Placement

Following tryouts, players shall be placed on appropriate teams at the sole discretion of the DOC and his/her designees. The DOC and/or his/her designees shall endeavor to place each child on a team that is most appropriate to his/her skill level, age and gender. If a player is placed on an older age group team due to that player’s skill level, a parent or legal guardian of said player may request that he/she be placed with a

team of their appropriate age level (E.g., 14 year old kid placed on U16 team and parent wishes for him to play on U15 team). Further, if a player is selected for a higher-level team, and a lower level team is available in that age group, a parent may request that the player be moved to that team. However, these requests will be granted or denied at the sole discretion of the DOC or his/her designee. These requests must be made upon notification of player placement, and will not be granted if parents wait until after teams are formed and practice commences.

Coaches, assistant coaches and managers must communicate with the DOC and/or his/her designees regarding any problematic players. No player will be removed from a team without input from their coach, the DOC, and all decisions will be within the final and sole discretion of the Board.

Coaches, assistant coaches and managers will follow all rules, policies, and procedures given by NCYSA, TASLI, VSL, CUSA and any other governing organization CUSA affiliates with. Any coach who knowingly or repeatedly refuses to follow said rules, polices and procedures will be subject to immediate removal by the Board.

Competitive Teams

Competitive Tournament teams will be formed based on skill, talent, and within the sole discretion of the DOC and his designees. Players will be placed on teams that are appropriate given the players' skill level.

Team Rosters

U9 and U10 have a max roster of 14

U11 and U12 have a max roster of 16

U 13 and up have a max roster of 18

Player numbers include goalie.

Practice

Each Coach will be mindful of the usage of fields and will share the fields during same time practice.

CUSA has dedicated practice fields that are covered through insurance issued through the North Carolina Soccer Association ("NCYSA"). Coaches shall use these fields and will not practice elsewhere without Board permission, and under no circumstances, will practice take place on an uninsured field or location.

At no point will a player not associated with CUSA be allowed to participate in any CUSA related practices, games, and/or scrimmages.

Jerseys

Jerseys cannot be purchased outside the dedicated vendor unless prior written approval is given by the Board. Each team will be assigned designated numbers by the Board, and no player may select a number outside of those designated for his/her team. If a dispute arises between players on the same team about a number, the coach shall resolve that dispute and assign numbers on a first come first serve basis.

Coaches Other Responsibilities

- Coaches or Team Parent will obtain Medical waivers before the first practice
- Will have dedicated jersey numbers for their team and will not duplicate numbers within the range of numbers given by the Board
- Coaches or team parent will collect all paperwork and turn into the Registrar before the 3rd practice
- Money collection will be recorded by the coach or team parent and turned into the Treasurer with documentation. No money is to be forwarded to the Registrar.
- Coaches WILL NOT contact TASL, VSL, NCYSA or any other organization directly. All contact shall be through the Board and its designees.

Coaches Children

If a carded coach or assistant coach of a CUSA team has a child participating on a CUSA team, that child's CUSA and League fees shall be waived for that season. If said coach or assistant coach has multiple children participating in CUSA, subsequent children shall receive a one-half discount on CUSA and League fees. However, this does not include tournament fees, uniform costs, or any other player costs or expenses.

NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST

These Rules, Policies and Procedures outlined herein are not a complete or exhaustive list of every rule, policy, or procedure of CUSA and its Board. On the contrary, this document is designed to give coaches and parents direction and to guide expectations. The Board retains the sole authority in its discretion to amend these written guidelines, or to adopt additional rules, policies, and procedures. Further, the interpretation of any CUSA rule, policy, or procedure rests solely in the discretion of the Board.