



**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**How and where do I register?** Go to [www.clarkcountysoccer.com](http://www.clarkcountysoccer.com) and pay online (via Credit Card or Debit Card). Note that paying by credit card/debit card is the only to register your child in our system “real time”. **CCSA does not accept cash or check payments for registration.**

**What are the Registration Fees, What’s Included, and Registration Deadlines?**

<u>Registration Cost:</u>	<u>What’s Included</u>	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>
<b>Academy Kids (U6s):</b> \$80	7-8 games & Jersey	<b>Regular Registration:</b> Closes February 28th
<b>U8s:</b> \$90	7-8 games & full uniform*	<b>Late Fee (After February 28<sup>th</sup>):</b> \$20
<b>U10s-U19:</b> \$125	7-8 games, Full uniform*, Referees,	
<b>Season Starts:</b> April 4 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Season Ends:</b> May 17 <sup>th</sup>

**FOR REGISTRATION QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

[registrar@clarkcountysoccer.com](mailto:registrar@clarkcountysoccer.com)

[info@clarkcountysoccer.com](mailto:info@clarkcountysoccer.com)

[ccsaupdates@gmail.com](mailto:ccsaupdates@gmail.com)

**What is the minimum age for my child to star playing at CCSA?** Four (4) years old. Your child must either be 4 before the season starts or turn 4 during the season to be admitted.

**What if my child decides not to play...can we get a refund?** While we understand that circumstances change for every family, given the costs CCSA must incur each season, we apply the following Refund Policy:

**Refund Request Made**

Prior to registration deadline

After Registration deadline and more than 3 weeks from opening day

Within 3 weeks of Opening Day

After Opening Day

**Refund Amount**

100%\*

50%\*

25%\*

No Refund

**\*NOTE: All refunds will exclude the 4% CC Processing Fee and the \$5 Transaction Fee. If refund requested AFTER uniform order, refund will also exclude uniform cost. Uniform may be picked up on normally scheduled Uniform Pick Up Day.**

**What age group will my child be placed in?** The U.S. Youth Soccer mandated registration system used by CCSA automatically selects your child’s playing age group based on their “Birth Year”, not birthdate. See below chart for age group assignments:

Season	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028
<b>Birth Year</b>							
2024							
2023							
2022							U6
2021						U6	U7
2020					U6	U7	U8
2019				U6	U7	U8	U9
2018			U6	U7	U8	U9	U10
2017		U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11
2016	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12
2015	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13
2014	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14
2013	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15
2012	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16
2011	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
2010	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18
2009	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
2008	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	
2007	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19		
2006	U16	U17	U18	U19			

**NOTE: Falsification of player birthdate in an effort to slot a player outside their appropriate age group is not permitted and may result in (but not limited to) denial of registration and forfeiture of entire or partial registration fee. The club reserves the right to request birthdate proof (i.e. birth certificate) if birthdate validation is required.**

**U19 Player Eligibility Guidelines:** Players born on or after (younger) the U19 age group birth year and still enrolled in high school or an equivalent home school program are eligible to play. Players who’s birth year falls outside of the U19 birth year or are not enrolled in high school or an equivalent home school program are not eligible to play. **CCSA reserves the right to ask for proof of high school enrollment and/or a birth certificate to validate player’s eligibility.**

**FALL AGE GROUP U14/15:** Our Fall season program in this age group is restricted to Middle School boys (U14s) and High School Freshmen girls (U15) only. High School Freshmen boys cannot play in our Middle School-aged Fall program.

**General Player Eligibility:** In the interest of maintaining the integrity of our Recreational Only youth soccer program, CCSA chooses to only allow players specifically registered as Recreational to participate in our seasonal play. This choice is further defined as “A player may not participate within our recreational only program if Dual Rostered with another recreational or travel/competitive team or club within the state of Indiana or any other state.

While CCSA’s governing bodies of Indiana Youth Soccer and U.S. Youth Soccer allow dual rostering where competitive players can play within recreational teams as a secondary option, CCSA and its volunteer leadership feel strongly that adherence to our core values of a recreational only environment are in the best interest of our participating players.

**U19 age groups are also governed by additional IHSAA high school guidelines, which state:**

**Rule 15-2.2 Participation In Team Sports:** Students may participate in team sport contest as members of a non-school team provided no more than the following number of students who have participated in a contest the previous season as a member of one of their school teams in that sport are rostered on the same non-school team, at the same time.  
Baseball – 5    Basketball – 3    Football – 6    **Soccer – 7**    Softball – 5    Volleyball – 3

For full summary of [IHSAA State Athletic By-Laws Click Here](#)

**Is my child guaranteed to be placed on a team if I register within the deadline?** No, they are not. We have a limited amount of teams and players we can take each season. Those limitations are based on coach availability, field scheduling, and neighbor club team availability. At the point at which we reach those limits (usually ~600 players for the Fall season and ~850 for the Spring season) we then initiate a “wait list”. In the event a child drops off, we then replace them with a registered player from the Wait List...replacements are placed in order of registration date. **If your child is wait listed your credit card will NOT BE CHARGED until such time as they are formally assigned to a team.** [Click here to access the Wait List Request Form](#)

**What does my registration fee provide?**

- 7-8 regular season games
- Sunnyside Cup Tournament participation at the end of the Spring season only (U10-U19). No tournament after Fall season. Sunnyside Cup can add 3-5 more games for participating age groups.
- Officials: U10-U19 full complement of officials (U6 & U8 Do not have game officials)
- Uniform
  - CCSA logoed shirt for Academy Kids (no shorts or socks)
  - Full kit for U8-U19 (one each of logoed shirt, shorts, and socks)
- Priority status (with team) practice time at CCSA soccer complex (Turf Field subject to Jeff Parks Dept. scheduling, and Grass fields on a “First Come, First Serve Basis)
- Coaching equipment (balls, cones, pennies, and activity/drills books)
- USSF Certified officials for each game (Academy Kid games not officiated)
- Insurance coverage for practices conducted on CCSA (IYS) approved practice locations outside of the CCSA complex

**Can I “request a coach or team” for my child to be placed with?** While CCSA is governed by registration guidelines provided by U.S. & Indiana Youth Soccer, we do understand the occasional need to consider “special requests from our soccer families”. To that end, we will make every effort to accommodate such requests as follows:

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Consideration?</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Academy System (U5/U6)	Open Consideration	We will do our best to accommodate-No guarantee
U8	Open Consideration	We will do our best to accommodate-No guarantee
U10	Limited Consideration	Special circumstance only – explain in registration
U12	Limited Consideration	Special circumstance only – explain in registration
U14/15	None	Unless extreme circumstance present
U16-U19**	None	Unless extreme circumstance present

As a general rule we cannot accommodate requests unless there is an extreme circumstance present. CCSA is governed by Indiana and U.S. Youth Soccer's guidelines for recreational soccer team assembly. Below is an excerpt from the USYS Registration Rules:

Recreational soccer programs are intended to provide the opportunity for all interested children within the area served by the Member Organization (Club) to participate in and enjoy the game of soccer without regard for athletic ability or soccer skills, up to the limit of the Member Organization's ability to accommodate them. Specific guidelines are contained herein for recreational team formation and player assignment.

- a) The team formation process shall be random in nature.
- b) Criteria for player assignment shall include no consideration for the ability of the player except to aid in balancing the strength of teams.
- c) All forms of recruiting, invitations, and tryouts for a specific team are prohibited.

**Can I request to move my child UP or DOWN in age group?** Due to "Risk Management and Liability" policy guidelines, we cannot place a child "down in age group". Requests to place a child "Up in age group" will be considered on a case by case basis.

CCSA urges the parent/guardian to consider the below factors before requesting to move their child up:

- A. Players in the next age group up on average are bigger, stronger, faster, and more aggressive.
- B. Our age groups are U5/6, U8, U10, U12, U14/15, U16, and U19...if you moved a U8 player to U10 they'd be competing against players who are 1-2 years older than them each game.
- C. Even if your child is dominating their assigned age group, given the factors above, it is unlikely they'll do the same in an older age group.
- D. The dynamics of the game change dramatically as age groups get older. Consider that:
  - a. The field of play can be MUCH bigger...(i.e. U14/15 field is significantly bigger than a U12 field).
  - b. Speed of play accelerates
  - c. Physicality of play increases
  - d. Physical conditioning level of the player is more demanding

If after reviewing the above factors the parent still feels compelled to make the Move Up request, the Director Of Coaching and Player Development (along with the CCSA President) will investigate the matter and ultimately make the final determination to approve or deny the request.

**SPECIAL NOTE: CCSA does not select your child's age group placement...the registration system we use (dictated by USYS) automatically places them based on birth year. Go to [www.clarckcountysoccer.com](http://www.clarckcountysoccer.com) to view the USYS Age Group Charting.**

**How do I communicate with our coach/team and see game schedules and team announcements?** You'll need to download the SportsEngine Team Management app. This is where you'll be able to message your team/coach, see game schedules, and get team news/updates. Here are the official download links for the

- Android (Google Play): [Download SportsEngine – Team Management \(Android\)](#)
- iPhone (App Store): [Download SportsEngine – Team Management \(iOS\)](#)

**When will I hear from my child's coach?** We make every effort to have our teams assembled and provide our coaches their preliminary rosters 2-3 weeks prior to the season beginning. It is then up to the coach to contact their team to arrange the seasons logistics.

**When do practices begin?** Typically coaches will begin practicing their teams 2-3 weeks prior to the seasons kick off. Academy kids will not practice prior to opening day, but practice for 30 minutes prior to each game, then play their 30 minute game.

**How long and how often are practices?** While we leave this decision up to the individual coach, our general guidelines for practice frequency and duration are as follows:

- **Academy Kids:** No weekday practices. Practice/warm up 30 minutes prior to game, then play 30 minute game.
- **U8:** 1 practice per week at a maximum of 45-60 minutes of total practice time per week.
- **U10:** 1-2 practices per week at a maximum of 120 minutes of total practice time per week.
- **U12:** 1-2 practices per week at a maximum of 180 minutes of total practice time per week.

- **U14/15:** 1-3 practices per week at a maximum of 270 minutes of total practice time per week.
- **U16/19:** 1-3 practices per week at a maximum of 360 minutes of total practice time per week.

**What are the seasons play/game weekends & other important dates?** [Click on our Operations Calendar](#) to access a full listing of game dates and other important season dates. Actual game schedules will be issued and posted to our website and SportsEngine app within two weeks of opening day. We (CCSA) also reserve the right to reschedule or cancel games if we determine that field conditions are hazardous and present risk of injury to the players.

**All game dates/weekends are subject to change in the event of inclement weather or poor playing conditions. CCSA reserves the right to reschedule games during the week and will work with each team to coordinate. Coaches ARE NOT empowered to reschedule or cancel games without CCSA approval.**

**Where are the games played?**

- **Academy Kids (U6):** All games played at CCSA (grass and/or Turf)
- **U8:** All games played at CCSA (grass and/or Turf)
- **U10:** All games played at CCSA (grass and/or Turf)
- **U12:** All games played at CCSA (grass and/or Turf)
- **U14/15:** All games played at CCSA (grass and/or Turf)
- **U16/19:** All games played at CCSA (grass and/or Turf)

**Is there anything I need to provide for my child to play soccer at CCSA?** Yes, you will need to provide:

What Do I Need To Purchase For My Child To Play at CCSA?							
Age Group	Cleats	Shin Guards	Socks	Shorts	Game Jersey	Ball	Comment
Under 6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Optional (Size 3)	CCSA only provides game jersey in this age group
Under 8	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes (Size 3)	CCSA provides full uniform in this age group
Under 10	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes (Size 4)	CCSA provides full uniform in this age group
Under 12	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes (Size 4)	CCSA provides full uniform in this age group
Under 15	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes (Size 5)	CCSA provides full uniform in this age group
Under 19	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes (Size 5)	CCSA provides full uniform in this age group
<b>NOTES:</b> Make sure you write a name and phone number on your child's soccer ball.							
U6 and U8 players can wear turf shoes instead of cleats, but strongly recommend cleats as most other players will have cleats							

- **Soccer Cleats:** We recommend you purchase “firm ground/molded” soccer cleats. Be sure you purchase soccer cleats and not football or baseball/softball cleats. Your child will not be allowed to participate unless they have the proper cleats. Academy Kids can play with turf shoes (indoor soccer shoes) since they’re playing all their games on the turf field. **Soccer cleats DO NOT have a central toe cleat. See below:**

**BUY THIS**

**DO NOT BUY THIS**

**DO NOT BUY THIS**



**Soccer Cleat**

**Football Cleat**

**Baseball/Softball Cleat**

- **Soccer Ball:** While your coach will have his own set of soccer balls, it’s always expected that each player bring their own ball. Ball must be age appropriate in size. See above grid for appropriate ball size by age group.
- **Water Bottle:** We encourage your child to bring their own water bottle to each practice and game as our coaching staff will not be able to provide this. Our concession stand will open on game day for pre/post game refreshments.
- **Shin Guards:** Age appropriate shin guards are available at your local sporting good store/section.

Please note that **Academy Sports in Jeffersonville, IN is the preferred equipment partner of CCSA.**

**SPECIAL NOTE: Your child will not be allowed to participate in practices or games if they do not have appropriate cleats and shin guards. Referees will check before each game and disqualify your child if they do not have the proper equipment.**

### COACHING AT CCSA (?)

**What if I want to coach my child's team?** We are a volunteer organization, so we welcome anyone who wants to volunteer to coach. Our requirements are simple:

- **No prior experience is necessary**...but obviously helps. Our current coaching pool has a broad range of coaching experience from none to high school/collegiate.
- **What is required of me to coach at CCSA?** [Click on this link](#) to access information about what is expected
- **You must complete the "Grassroots Licensing Course" Online Course:** CCSA will reimburse you (\$25) for taking this 60-90 minute online course.
- **You must complete a background check:** U.S. Youth Soccer Risk Management Policy mandates that anyone involved with our organization (whether a coach or concession staffer) must complete a background check every 24 months. The process itself is completed online and takes less than a minute to complete.
- **IF INTERESTED, PLEASE COMPLETE THE [COACHING COMMITMENT FORM](#) OR EMAIL US WITH QUESTIONS AT [doc@clarkcountysoccer.com](mailto:doc@clarkcountysoccer.com)**

**If I decide to coach, what does CCSA provide me?** We will provide all coaches with:

- Reimbursement of your Grassroots License/Tutorial online course
- **Reimbursement of registration fee for child/children on team your coaching**
  - o **Head Coach** = 100% for 1<sup>st</sup> child. 50% for second child. Additional children not discounted
  - o **Assistant Coach** = 50% for one child. Additional children on same team not discounted.

**\*Specific Coach/Assistant Coach pairings and needs are detailed in our [Coaching Information Packet](#)**

- Full complement of necessary equipment (pennies, balls, cones, ball bag, etc...)
- Priority practice status on the CCSA complex grass fields. Subject to change in the event of inclement weather causing unsafe field conditions.
- Full complement of practice and game day activities (aka drills) to help you train your team throughout the season
- Team management helper guidelines and tips
- Onsite support from licensed and experienced CCSA staff/volunteers

**Can I coach multiple teams?** While we prefer our coaches to focus on one team, we do allow a parent coach to coach their kids if they're in different age groups. However, we strongly discourage practicing teams "together" if they're in different age groups. There's a higher risk of injury and can cause an unpleasant environment for the players in the younger age group.

**If I coach multiple teams, would the registration for each of my children be free?** Yes...if you have children on both teams you're coaching, their registration would be free.

**Can I (or my child) get certified to be a referee?** Yes you may...our preferred age minimum for youth referees is 12 years old. To get information about referee classes/certification courses, you may contact:

Teresa Knear-Bell, Southern Indiana Referee Assignor and Instructor • [Tknearbell1@yahoo.com](mailto:Tknearbell1@yahoo.com) Or call at 812-989-5512

### GAME DAY FAQs

**Does CCSA PLAY or practice in the rain?** **As a general rule, YES**...however, many factors could cause us to cancel or reschedule a game due to weather. Those factors are (but not limited to):

- **Lightning:** at a bare minimum the game will be delayed 30 minutes from each lightning strike per U.S.Y.S. Safety Guidelines. Your game referee will enact and preside over these delays.
- **Poor field conditions:** Excessive mud or slippery conditions that put player safety at risk. Also, the Jeff Parks Department has jurisdiction over field usage in poor conditions, so they may decide to delay or cancel games.
- **Excessive rainfall:** If visibility and play quality is affected by excessive rain, the referee (and coaches) may agree to delay or reschedule the game. Only the referee can cancel the game.

**Does CCSA PLAY in cold or hot weather?** We abide by U.S. Youth Soccer's guidelines for both conditions. You can find those guidelines in our concession stand or online at [www.clarkcountysoccer.com](http://www.clarkcountysoccer.com) under Parent's & Players tab. It is the responsibility

of the parent/guardian to clothe and hydrate their child accordingly based on the game weather/temperature. Your child may wear a toboggan, gloves, long pants under their soccer shorts, or a sweatshirt under their game jersey. However, if they wear a hooded sweatshirt, the hood **MUST BE TUCKED IN** under the jersey or they'll not be allowed to enter the game. Hats are not allowed. Please see details below for guidelines:

### COLD WEATHER

Wind-Chill Factor Chart (in Fahrenheit)														
		Wind Speed in MPH												
		Calm	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
Air Temp (F)	40	40	36	34	32	30	29	28	28	27	26	26	25	25
	35	35	31	27	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	19	18	17
	30	30	25	21	19	17	16	15	14	13	12	12	11	10
	25	25	19	15	13	11	9	8	7	6	5	4	4	3
	20	20	13	9	6	4	3	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-3	-4
	15	15	7	3	0	-2	-4	-5	-7	-8	-9	-10	-11	-11
	10	10	1	-4	-7	-9	-11	-12	-14	-15	-16	-17	-18	-19
	5	5	-5	-10	-13	-15	-17	-19	-21	-22	-23	-24	-25	-26
	0	0	-11	-16	-19	-22	-24	-26	-27	-29	-30	-31	-32	-33
	-5	-5	-16	-22	-26	-29	-31	-33	-34	-36	-37	-38	-39	-40
-10	-10	-22	-28	-32	-35	-37	-39	-41	-43	-44	-45	-46	-48	-50

Temperatures inside the chart are Wind Chill Temperatures

Please read the entire document which covers prevention, indicators and treatment.

- Wind Chill 40 degrees and above: Full activity, no restrictions.
- Wind Chill 39 - 20 degrees: Outside participation allowed w/appropriate clothing.
- Wind Chill 19 - 10 degrees: Additional appropriate protective clothing. Shorten games by 5 minutes per half.
- Wind Chill 9 degrees - minus 10 degrees: Strongly recommend postponment. Frostbite Time: 30 minutes
- Wind Chill below minus 10 degrees: Stop all outside activity. Frostbite Time: 15 minutes or less

### WARM/HOT WEATHER

Heat Index Chart (in Fahrenheit %)														
		Relative Humidity (Percent)												
		40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100
Air Temp (F)	80	80	80	81	81	82	82	83	84	84	85	86	86	87
	84	83	84	85	86	88	89	90	94	94	96	98	100	103
	90	91	93	95	97	100	103	105	113	113	117	122	127	132
	94	97	100	103	106	110	114	119	129	135	135			
	100	109	114	118	124	129	130							
	104	119	124	131	137									

Temperatures inside the chart are Heat Index Temperatures

Please read the entire document which covers prevention, indicators and treatment.

- Comfortable for outdoor play; Be sure to have water available.
- Caution: Be sure to have water available, more frequent water breaks, encourage water breaks during games and monitor athletes carefully.
- Caution: Be sure to have water available, more frequent water breaks, water breaks during games and monitor athletes carefully.
- Stop all outside activity and all inside activity if air conditioning is unavailable.

Same weather related principles apply to practices. However, your coach has jurisdiction over cancelling or rescheduling a practice. Except in the event of lightning strikes, in which case USYS rules apply without exception

**Where should I/can I sit?** All spectators **MUST** sit on the side opposite of the player's sideline in accordance with U.S. Youth Soccer Risk Prevention Guidelines. Parents cannot sit behind the players bench or behind each goal. Further, no one who's not

officially registered by CCSA as a coach or assistant coach (and officially listed on the team's roster) can be on the player sideline...also in accordance with U.S.Y.S. Risk Prevention rules.

**NOTE:** You must allow for a minimum of a 3' easement between the sideline marker and your seating area in order to enable the referee to walk/run up and down the sideline to manage the game. The referee reserves the right to relocate spectators to afford him/her enough room to do their job.

**Can I bring a drink to my child if they forgot theirs?** Yes, but we prefer you do so during the Quarter or Halftime breaks.

**Can I bring snacks for my child (of their team) after the game?** Absolutely...we encourage it. Most teams (usually the younger ones) organize a "Post-Game Snack Schedule" amongst the parents before the season kicks off. Please consider that your team's coach is not responsible for organizing this effort. While some do organize it, it is their choice to do so. We expect our coaches to focus on player development and game management.

**Note:** Our concession stand is fully stocked with snacks and drinks. If advised ahead of time (a few hours before your game ends), they may even be able to create snack bags for your team. It is up to the Concession Stand Manager to decide if they have the resources to accommodate this, so please check with them prior to expecting it can be done.

**Can I interact with the referee (ask questions or give commentary on his/her calls)?** **Short answer is "NO".** Referees are instructed and under no obligation to explain their calls to spectators. Some choose to do so in an effort to educate spectators and/or players, but by U.S. Soccer rules they're not required to.

**While our referees are well trained and held to a high standard, like the players on the field, our games are a training ground for the referees also...especially the younger ones. We expect our spectators to be respectful and kind to our referees as they do their best to manage a fast-moving game.**

Ongoing questioning of the referee's calls or inappropriate/abusive commentary or language will result in the following:

- 1) Verbal warning for first offense
- 2) Removal from the spectator sideline
- 3) Removal from the CCSA complex

**NOTE:** The referee reserves the right to escalate his/her action to #3 if they deem the spectator's behavior to be detrimental to the game and/or safety of the players involved. REFEREES HAVE ABSOLUTE JURISDICTION AND EMPOWERMENT OVER THE GAME AND THE PLAYERS/COACHES (AND SPECTATORS) INVOLVED IN IT. THEIR DECISION IS FINAL AND WHOLY SUPPORTED BY CCSA's Board Of Directors.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IN SOME CASES, THE YOUTH REFEREE OFFICIATING YOUR CHILD'S GAME IS ONLY 2-3 YEARS OLDER THAN THE AGE GROUP THEY'RE OFFICIATING, SO GIVE THEM A BREAK!**

**What if I have a comment or question about my child's game (after the game)?** If this is the case, you have several options...

- 1) You can (politely and professionally) approach your respective coach. They are encouraged to keep an open door policy with parents/spectators in an effort to improve communication, ensure Parent/Spectator-Coach are on the same page relative to your child's development, and to help educate the parent/spectator on the game of soccer and CCSA's coaching philosophy.
- 2) You can find a CCSA Board Member on site. Typically CCSA BOD members are on site and wearing a red shirt/top. Best way to find one is to inquire at the concession stand and they can contact one for you to come over and meet with you.
- 3) You can send your question to [doc@clarkcountysoccer.com](mailto:doc@clarkcountysoccer.com) : This will go directly to our Director Of Coaching & Player Development who will either respond to your question or call you to discuss if you provide a phone number. It is helpful if you detail your question in the email so that our DOC can prepare before you connect.

**How much playing time will my child get?** CCSA operates under U.S. Youth Soccer's recreational soccer guidelines, which require (urges) a minimum of 50% playing time for each registered player regardless of skill level or practice attendance.

Please bare in mind that only the referee is tracking game time. Our coaches are expected to provide 50% playing time, but from time to time the game gets way from us, which may inadvertently cost a player some of their time on the field. It is never intentional as we'll make our best effort to ensure each player gets 50% time during each game.

If you notice that your child isn't getting at least 50% playing time on a consistent basis, feel free to approach the coach (politely and professionally) or contact our Director Of Coaching with your concern.

**What is CCSA's coaching philosophy?** All registered soccer clubs across the country are urged to use the U.S. Youth Soccer coaching methodology...**The Guided Discovery Coaching Process.**

CCSA puts a high emphasis on this coaching methodology, and it is part of the licensing course each of our coaches are required to complete prior to being able to coach a CCSA team.

#### **Guided Discovery – what is it?**

- Coach – Player Connection
- Combination of information and questions
- Guiding the players
- Empowerment

**So what does The Guided Discovery Coaching Process mean in simple terms?** It means that our coaches are urged (and monitored) to allow your child to learn from the game vs. telling your child what to do every step of the way.

Have you ever seen that coach who stands on the sideline yelling at the players and telling them what to do every time they touch the ball? Of course you have! The Guided Discovery Coaching Methodology promotes the complete opposite of that. Especially as players progress in age and development.

In essence, we want our coaches to do their teaching/training during practices, and use the games as “implementation sessions” against real opposition. If your coach yells out directions the entire game, what is your child really learning? And what is your child going to do when the yelling stops and there's no one to tell him/her what to do?

The GDCM is designed to let the players learn by doing, and take ownership of their own development by getting involved in figuring out the game. Our coaches won't tell your child what they should to, but more will “ask your child what they think they should do”. Whatever their answer is part of their development, and consequently forces them to own their choice.

**“I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand” – Confucius**

**Player Confidential Information Guidelines:** At CCSA we take our player's safety and information confidentiality very seriously. For that reason, the below guidelines will be applied in any instance where an unconfirmed, non-account owning adult requests information about a child.

**GUIDELINE:** Under no circumstances will a CCSA representative release information to an adult who's not confirmed to be the account owner of the registered child. No exceptions. Any such requests must be filtered through our Registrar, Director Of Coaching, and/or President for resolution. Further, any such requests must also be brought to the attention of the registered child's account owner for involvement.

EXAMPLE: if parents are separated and dad doesn't have access, we (coach) will inform Mom/guardian that dad asked for access. Let them work it out.

#### **Volunteering with Clark County Soccer Association**

**Can I serve as a volunteer (outside of coaching a team)?** Yes you can...CCSA is a non-profit, that is solely managed and operated by a small group of volunteers. While we have a very tenured group of volunteers now, we always welcome new members. As CCSA has increased in size to almost 1,000 youth players and 200 adult players, the need for more volunteer resources has also increased. For a description of the various Board positions we have and their responsibilities/estimated time allotments

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