

Competitive Soccer and CFC



CFC's competitive level of soccer is governed by the Charleston Soccer League and provides an alternative to the league's fall recreational soccer program.

Adam Howarth, Eastern Illinois University Men's Soccer Head Coach, serves as technical director; and Dino Raso, Eastern Illinois University Men's Soccer Assistant Coach, is the director of coaching. Both supervise the coaching and competitive structure of each age bracket. Other teams in the league come from towns including, but not limited to: Bloomington-Normal, Peoria, Morton, Decatur, Danville, Hoopeston, Mount Zion, Mahomet, Jacksonville, Champaign-Urbana, Springfield and Quincy.

(Both Howarth and Raso hold U.S. Soccer Federation A Licenses, the highest-level coaching license in the United States.)

What you can expect at the competitive level.

At the competitive level of play, players have the privilege of being part of something special. At this level, players, we believe, are interested in taking their skills to the next level – preparing them for further opportunities to play competitive soccer, either in high school or additional clubs.

Cost.

Each participant in competitive soccer will pay an annual fee that covers both the fall and spring seasons. Options for single-season play are available. Fees range according to age-level, and include all expenses related to play: league fees, tournament fees, field maintenance, coaching fees, etc. Current (2010-2011 season) fees can be found on our web site. Fees are non-refundable.* Additional information and complete fee schedules will be available at tryout sessions and at the beginning of the each season. Uniforms are a separate fee and overnight accommodations and expenses for tournaments are up to individual players and their families.

Practice.

Teams practice, at a minimum, twice each week. Days and times are up to managers and coaches and each member of the team is expected to arrive on time, prepared for serious training. Play time in games and tournaments is directly reflective of the effort put out in practice. CFC wants to stress that competitive soccer encourages the highest commitment to practice and play. Ultimately, teams compete to win and coaches are encouraged to field positions on the pitch at their discretion.

Travel.

Teams at this level travel around the state to compete against peer teams. Games are almost always played on Sunday and most Sundays, teams will play two games. On average, teams can expect to travel four Sundays each season (spring and fall).

Tournaments.

Teams also compete in at least one tournament each fall and two tournaments in the Spring. Overnight stays are possible.

Uniforms.

Players across the league are required (at an additional cost) to purchase club-regulation uniforms. The set includes one blue jersey, one white jersey, one pair of blue shorts, one pair of blue socks and one pair of white socks. Players must also have regulation shin guards (at practices and at games) and regulation soccer cleats (at practices and at games.) Expenses for cleats and shin guards are the responsibility of the player.

Conduct.

Teams – including players, managers, coaches and parents – are required to conduct themselves in a manner respectful of the game and its participants. Participants will be given a code-of-conduct agreement when they tryout and/or register with the league.

Affiliation.

CFC plays in the Central Illinois Youth Soccer League (www.ciysl.com), an affiliate of the Illinois Youth Soccer Association (www.iysa.org).

Additional information about the Charleston Soccer League can be found on our Web site at www.charlestonsoccer.org.

We encourage you to bookmark our address so you can get the latest news and info regarding CFC.

***Injury refund policy**

If a player is injured during the playing season, he/she will be pro-rated the amount deemed fair by the CSL board of directors on a case-by-case basis.

Injured players need to request release from his/her individual coach. Coaches will take requests to the Director of Coaching, who will bring the request to the board.

All requests **must** be in writing.