

## FCCA TRYOUTS - IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND PLAYERS

### Checklist for Parents:

Register online for Classic, Challenge or Youth Academy and pay the registration fee of \$30 if registered before the deadline and \$40 if registered at the field. (Late registration at the field entails the player's information being manually entered into the database)

- If mail-in check is selected as payment method, the check MUST be received before the first session of the player's evaluation or tryout.
- Please note players who have not registered or paid the registration fee will not be allowed to take the field until this is completed.
- *Please note that Players who have an outstanding balance with the club from the previous season[s] will not be allowed to tryout with FCCA until the outstanding balance is paid.*

**Check in:** At the Main Building Concession Stand area at Frank Liske Park will start at 5.30pm. **BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD AND BRING THE NCYSA MEDICAL WAIVER FORM TO CHECK IN.** Go to <http://www.fccasoccer.com/admin/photos/ncysa-medical-waiver.pdf> to download

- Plan to arrive no later than 20 minutes prior to evaluation or tryout start time to allow for check in time and traffic.
- Players need to be at check-in to receive their tryout shirt and number. Tryout shirts must be worn at all tryout sessions.
- Make sure your son or daughter has shin guards and brings a fully inflated ball clearly labeled with your name.
- Players should dress appropriately for the weather.
- Bring plenty of water in a LABELED water bottle.
- Bring a GREAT ATTITUDE!

**Weather:** If the weather is questionable, check the weather hotline, 704-795-7993 or FCCA website for status of fields. Check the weather hotline, Rainout and our website: [www.fccasoccer.com](http://www.fccasoccer.com) for re-scheduled dates and times and for text updates on fields please join rained out!  
[www.rainedout.net/team\\_page.php](http://www.rainedout.net/team_page.php)

- **Please be sure to attend the parent meeting at 6.10pm at the Main Concession Building after taking your child to their respective field. Important information will be given at this meeting and we strongly encourage parents to attend.**
- **Parents are asked to stay off the playing areas and in between fields during Tryouts.** Your Child needs to focus on the instruction given by the Coaching staff to have the best possible opportunity of making a team and we ask that you refrain from trying to give instruction to your child during the tryout sessions. This can lead to increased anxiety for your child and may hinder their performance. **PARENTS MUST STAY IN THE PARKING LOT OR THE DESIGNATED FRINGE AREAS JUST ON THE INSIDE OF FENCES AT FRANK LISKE PARK DURING TRYOUTS. Please give the players and coaches some space to do what they do best!**
- **Please refrain from speaking with Coaches or DOC's once the tryout sessions are in progress. DOC's will be available to discuss any concerns prior to each Tryout Session.**

## EVALUATION PROCESS

### Challenge & Classic

Tryouts are open to all players wishing to play at the Classic, Select and Challenge levels and are conducted by the Directors of Coaching and FCCA's professional coaching staff. Players are evaluated over two nights to determine the best placement for each player. Each tryout lasts 90 minutes.

- **Evaluators:** FCCA Full-Time Directors of Coaching and FCCA's staff coaches
- **How Players Are Evaluated:** Each player that attends tryouts is evaluated in four different areas; technical, tactical, physical and psychological. For those returning players, how they have done over the course of season/year is combined with their performance during tryouts to form the fairest assessment possible. New players are encouraged to relax, enjoy playing and try to be themselves.
- **Team Selection:** Classic/Select/Challenge players are grouped together with the purpose of creating the most viable and appropriate competitive teams. Players that are currently with the FCCA will be given the opportunity to be moved up or down as deemed appropriate by the coaching staff and DOC's. This allows players to be placed at developmentally appropriate levels. There will typically be between 1-3 teams in each age group depending on the number of players, with the GREEN team being the 1<sup>st</sup> team and the GOLD and WHITE teams being the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams respectively. The DOC's will decide if a team will play at the Classic, Select [new this year] or Challenge level.
- **Playing up an age:** Any player wishing to tryout in an older age group must check in first with their true age group and will tryout in their true age group on the first night. Parents wishing to have their son or daughter tryout out in an older age group must speak with the DOC of that age group and the EDOC to make the request on the first night of tryouts. If the DOC agrees then the player will be allowed to tryout with the older team on the second night. **While an approval to tryout with an older age group may be granted, it does not guarantee that a player will be placed in the older age group.**

Challenge & Classic	Format	NCYSA Max Players on a Roster
U11-U12	8v8	14
U13-U16	11v11	18
U17-U18	11v11	22*Only 18 players can be dressed for each game

\* Please note the Directors of Coaching are not required to select the maximum number of players for each team

## FOLLOWING TRYOUTS

### Acceptance

Within 48 hours after the completion of an age group's tryouts, selected players will be invited to join a team. Players selected for a team will be notified by e-mail or phone call. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT PARENTS AND PLAYERS CHECK AND READ THEIR EMAILS AND PHONES FOR MESSAGES CAREFULLY DURING THIS PERIOD.**

Acceptance by a player and his/her family is considered binding, and each player/family is expected to make a commitment to their respective team and program for its duration (season/year).

This commitment includes, but is not limited to:

- Filling a roster spot on a team for the entire year
- Fulfilling all training, game, financial and volunteer commitments

**Players are expected to make a decision whether to join a team within 24 hours of receiving their notification email**, and acceptance must be completed online. Parents will be asked to check in agreement to the FCCA Payment Policy and the FCCA Parent Code of Conduct when accepting their child's spot on a team on the online system.

Part of the acceptance is payment of the acceptance fee. [\$200.00] This payment is not an extra fee, but rather the first installment of the player's total FCCA Club fees. Once this acceptance is made, the player and his or her family are committed to the team and the Club for the entire playing year and are expected to fulfill all training, game, financial and volunteer commitments.

Players and their families will be required to attend FCCA's annual Player/Parent meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Embassy Suites Concord, John Q Hammons Dr, Bruton Smith Blvd., Concord. This important event allows teams to organize and convey essential information to families before summer vacations start.

Upon being placed on a Classic, Select or Challenge team players will have to bring the following information to the Player/Parent meeting or delivered to the FCCA Club office prior to June 4th 2014. This information is needed to process NCYSA Player Card (All Players will need a NCYSA Player Card to participate in the program)

- 1) A copy of player's Birth Certificate
- 2) 1in x 1in Photo of the player (head shot).
- 3) A completed and printed NCYSA Medical Waiver. To complete the medical waiver, please [click here](#) to go to the FCCA Soccer website. Please place the completed medical waiver, copy of Birth Certificate, and 1in x 1in photo in an envelope labeled with your first/last name, age group, and team name. If you are unable to make the meeting please bring the documents to the FCCA office. All documents need to be delivered before June 5th 2014. If the office is closed, please slide all documentation under the office door. Make sure that the information is in an envelope and properly labeled. Check [fccasoccer.com](http://fccasoccer.com) for the club meeting date/time/location.

### **Joining a team after Tryouts**

Players are expected to make a one-year commitment to their respective teams and to the organization. In instances in which a team loses a player, through either injury or family relocation, coaches may add players. Any new player wishing to join FCCA after the tryout period ends or during the regular season must contact the appropriate Director of Coaching to discuss eligibility and to arrange a supplemental tryout. All required registration materials must be completed and fees paid prior to a player's tryout session. The Directors of Coaching will make all decisions regarding new players and player placement.