



CALCASIEU SOCCER CLUB

EAGLES

PARENT HANDBOOK



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INTRODUCTION

This handbook has been produced to introduce parents and players to the Calcasieu SC Eagles soccer program. It will continue to evolve alongside the program and will not cover every single aspect of the program but we hope it will be helpful to families as they get involved and hopefully return from season to season. We believe everyone plays a part in making a program successful and desire a united front as we strive to provide a fantastic experience for everyone, most importantly the players.

PURPOSE, VALUES & VISION OF CSC

CORE PURPOSE

Our Mission Statement

To provide and promote outstanding soccer programs to people of all ages and abilities.

CORE VALUES

The principles that bind our organization together and guide our decisions

Enjoyment

Enhance love for the game in all we do

Respect

Model respect in everyday activities and interactions

Inclusivity

Provide fair & reasonable opportunities to play regardless of age or ability

VISION & STRATEGY

Calcasieu Soccer Club will advocate within Calcasieu Parish for the good of the game of soccer. By promoting and working for soccer, we hope to nurture a love of the game in the children and adults of our club and enrich the community of Calcasieu. We hope the skills and knowledge our members learn will endure, allowing our players to continue to enjoy and participate in this global sport throughout their lives. We will strive to operate based on the concepts outlined below:

Respect For All Persons

All of our members are equally important and will be treated with respect and fairness without regard for age, ethnicity, gender or social status.

Safety For All Participants

We will provide a physically and emotionally safe environment for our members.

Long Player Development & Enjoyment

Player development within a fun and age-appropriate environment is essential. Our younger groups are taught primarily individual skills, with less emphasis on tactics or winning. Our club employees and will continually refine a set of learning goals for all ages.

Coach Development

Coaches play an instrumental part as both teachers and role models. We offer our parent and professional coaches continuing education so they can attain their fullest potential.

Family Involvement

We believe membership in CSC is a family affair. We rely on our members to volunteer in order to provide quality programs for our kids. We hope that our families will enjoy their membership in our soccer community

Good Conduct by All

We endorse the Louisiana Soccer Association's codes of conduct for players, coaches, parents and referees so every member can enjoy the game without fear or intimidation.

Competent Governance

Calcasieu Soccer Club is governed in a fair, open and inclusive manner. Club business is conducted according to our bylaws by a volunteer board, and by providing numerous opportunities for all members to actively participate.

Affiliations

The development of the game of soccer in our community is best accomplished through our alliances with fellow clubs and affiliations with soccer's governing bodies, including the Louisiana Soccer Association, United States Youth Soccer Association and the United States Soccer Federation. We continuously build relationships to serve the greater good.

HOW WE COACH

THE EAGLES PLAYER DEVELOPMENT MODEL

The purpose of the Eagles Player Development Model is to guide coaches when training teams and provide players with a progressive pathway of development through the age groups. It has been created using information from the US Soccer Curriculum and NSCAA Player Development Diploma Course with the intention of creating consistent, dependable training methods throughout Calcasieu Soccer Club.

By following this Player Development Pathway and the CSC Framework for Development, we aim to allow players to develop to their full potential, in a safe & structured, challenging & enjoyable environment.

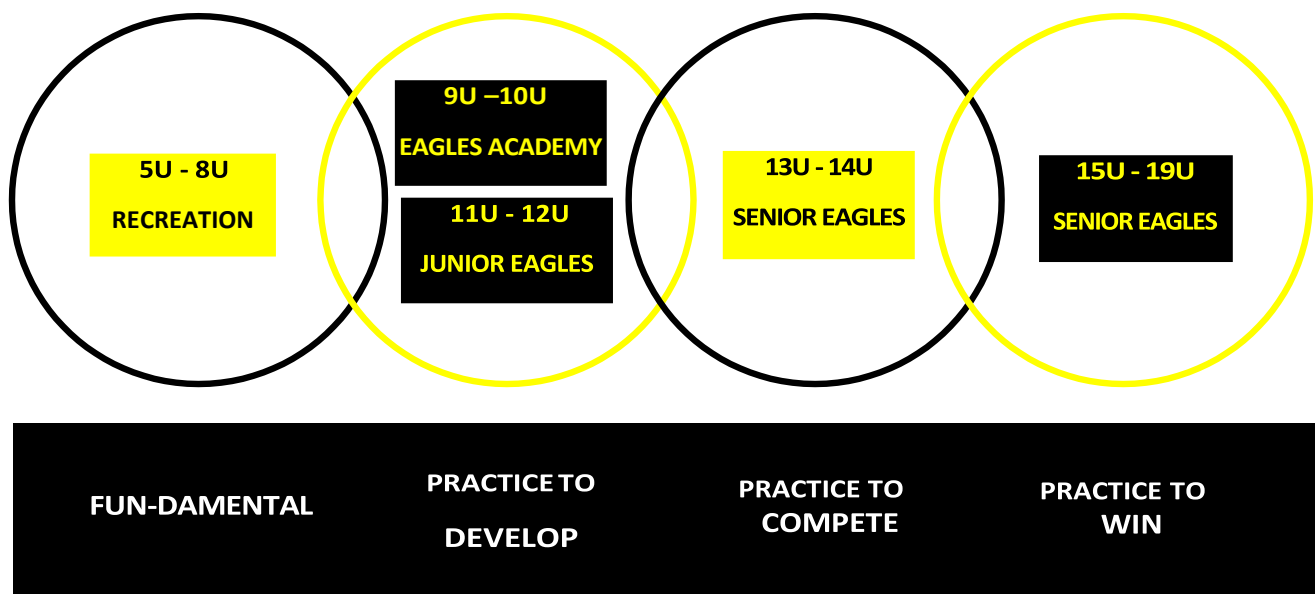
COACHING PHILOSOPHY & METHODOLOGY

- Follow the basic Principles of Coaching
- Create a clear and simple pathway for players to follow
- Keep the player at the center of the development process
- Provide players with as much active ball time as possible
- Allow players to learn and develop at different speeds
- Teach the principles of the game
- Expect commitment, respect and accountability from all
- Create a deep and underlying passion for soccer at all ages

THE PRINCIPLES OF COACHING

Developmentally Appropriate
Clear, Concise, Correct
Simple to Complex
Safe & Appropriate
Decision Making Opportunities
Game Implications

THE PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY



GENERAL INFORMATION & EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL

Please help us create and maintain an enjoyable, professional and positive environment for the players, families and staff of CSC along with all the clubs we meet by familiarizing yourself with and respecting the expectations set forth.

PRACTICE & ATTENDANCE

Fall practice begins the first week of August every year and is preceded by pre-season workouts the week before. Commencement of spring practice will vary by age group. Pre-high school age teams will begin early February and high school age teams will begin after the completion of the local high school soccer season.

Practice and game schedule information will be provided at the first team meeting after tryouts. In addition to regular team practice, there will be skills training, goalkeeper training, strength & conditioning training and team building activities provided throughout the season and occasionally during the off-season.

Parents and players should strive to punctually attend as many team practices and games as possible. Coaches have club support to sit out players who consistently miss team activities. Should missing practice be unavoidable from time to time, players may make up practice with other Eagles team one age group up or down. Coaches of both teams should be informed of this in advance.

EQUIPMENT & DRESS CODE

Players will not be permitted to practice without shin guards or cleats and should be responsible for bringing their own inflated ball and water to practice.

All players are expected to dress appropriately in the correct uniform for all Eagles soccer activities. Game uniforms are renewed every 2 years. When the team is designated as Home the light colored jersey will be worn and when Away, the dark colored jersey will be worn.



Players receive two practice jerseys at the start of each season are expected to wear the correct Eagles practice uniform for all practices:

Jersey: Grey

Shorts: Black

Socks: White

*Extra practice jerseys can be purchased for \$12 each.

Information on sizing, ordering and purchase of game uniforms will be provided at the team meeting after tryouts.

TOURNAMENTS & GAMES

We strive to have tournament schedule available as early as possible each year. The schedule will be decided on by the team coach, CSC Competitive Director of Coaching and CSC Executive Director. When selecting tournaments, consideration will be given to the current ability of the team and what would provide the most appropriate challenge and opportunity for growth. Where possible Junior CSC Eagles teams will travel to the same tournaments, however Senior Eagles teams may require different challenges as the teams develop.

In general Junior Eagles teams will not enter the Louisiana Competitive Soccer League until at least the 13U age. All other Eagles teams will enter and play the schedule set by the Louisiana Soccer Association which is typically released each August.

PLAYING TIME

As this is a competitive soccer program, there is **no guarantee of minimum playing time during games**. However, we recognize a key part of the development process requires that players experience the actual game. Our coaches will provide players with reasonable time on the field based on merit, conduct, effort and attendance at practice and games.

OUT OF TOWN TRAVEL



When teams travel to out of town events requiring overnight accommodation, the team manager will reserve a block of rooms for the whole team. As much as possible we encourage all families to stay in the same hotel to develop team chemistry between both players and parents.

Parents should ensure that their children represent CSC in an appropriate manner at all times. Parents unable to attend an out of town event may arrange to send their child with the family of another team members. **HOWEVER**, this must be arranged between the families and CSC cannot be held responsible for behavior of the children the absence of parents.

TEAM MANAGER

To help with general team operations, a volunteer team manager or co-team managers will be appointed. These parent/s will work closely with the coach and Eagles Competitive Director of Coaching to handle administrative tasks such as team communications, tournament registration, hotel reservations, team budget and finances, etc. It is recommended that each team sets up a convenient communication system such as Team Snap. The team manager will provide information on joining this group. Please help by responding to all team communications and deadlines in a timely manner.

SUPPORTING THE CLUB & COMMUNITY

There is an expectation that all players and families will participate in events organized or supported by CSC. Pre-season Parent Education and Eagles Family Night are annual events that we hope bring members closer together. Events such as Buddy Ball Soccer, TOPS and Screamin' Eagles provide an opportunity for everyone to give something back to the club and community.



24-HOUR RULE

Parents or family members and coaches should refrain from discussing potentially conflicting issues until 24 hours after any concern arises or incident occurs. Meetings with the potential for tension should take place in the presence of a neutral third party and NEVER in the presence of children. Team issues or concerns should be calmly and respectfully addressed in the following order:

1. Direct communication with the team coach
2. Communication with the Competitive Director of Coaching
3. Communication with the Executive Director

SIDELINE BEHAVIOR

Sideline behavior refers to conduct at team practices as well as during games. We encourage positive support and praise but parents, family members or fans should refrain from coaching and distracting players during all Eagles soccer activities so as not to distract or confuse players.

GENERAL BEHAVIOR

Foul and abusive language or behavior at or around the soccer environment will not be tolerated. This includes inappropriate behavior and comments directed towards players, coaches, game officials or spectators. Persons representing CSC who fail to abide by these general rules on behavior and CSC Eagles Code of Conduct may be subject to the following:

1st Offense: Written reprimand from the Director of Coaching or Executive Director and the person may be suspended from attending games and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

2nd Offense: Written reprimand from the Director of Coaching or Executive Director and the person and their child/children may be required to leave the club.





CSC EAGLES CODE OF CONDUCT

PLAYERS

1. Play the game for the enjoyment of it.
2. Respect all teammates and stand up against bullying in any form.
3. Listen to and always show respect to coaches and officials.
4. Appreciate the efforts of teammates, opponents and everyone involved in the game.
5. Attend practice and games with a positive attitude and be prepared to put forth effort.
6. Always wear shin guards, appropriate soccer equipment & CSC Eagles attire at practice and games.
7. Be gracious when winning and graceful in defeat.
8. Obey the rules of the game and accept the referee's decisions.
9. Obey the rules and policies of Calcasieu Soccer Club & Louisiana Soccer Association.
10. Represent Calcasieu Soccer Club in a professional and sportsmanlike manner.

PARENTS

1. Respect and support the coaches and their decisions.
2. Respect opponents and their supporters.
3. Respect the referee and accept his/her decisions.
4. Be a positive role model for your child and all other children.
5. Be positive and encouraging but DO NOT coach from the sidelines.
6. Make every effort to get your child to all games and practices on time.
7. Never enter the field of play or approach the team bench during games.
8. Obey the rules and policies of Calcasieu Soccer Club & Louisiana Soccer Association.
9. Represent Calcasieu Soccer Club in a professional and sportsmanlike manner.
10. Remember that the game is played for fun and that it is for the kids!



OFFENSIVE OR ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED



EAGLES PLAYING FEE INFORMATION

Calcasieu Soccer Club Eagles program is committed to making soccer available to everyone and we strive to provide a high quality, professionally run organization for all our members. To make this possible involves operating costs, which is why members are charged fees to play. Event entry fees, referee fees, staff and administration costs, field equipment and maintenance, coaching equipment, affiliation fees are all examples of the costs involved in the successful running of the Eagles program.

We are sensitive to the fact that participation in any program involving travel can come with financial and time concerns for families, so we continually explore ways to minimize them. Below are the ways we make a great soccer experience affordable; where the players learn under the supervision of qualified and experienced coaches, and parents can feel confident their child's development is in safe hands.

3 Ways to Pay

Option 1: Pay the annual Eagles club & team fee of \$1,120 in full at one time.

Option 2: Pay in 3 installments as shown below.

Combined club & team fee	Team Fee 2	Team Fee 3
\$380	\$370	\$370
Due in July	Due in September	Due in February

Option 3: Pay smaller installments spread over a longer time-period as shown below.

Club & Team Fee	Installment 2	Installment 3	Installment 4	Installment 5	Installment 6	Installment 7	Installment 8	Installment 9
\$200	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115
July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March

Uniform Cost: Approximately \$130 and purchased every 2 years. Uniform sales take place in August.

Financial Aid Program

Players can apply for up to 75% of their team fees to be discounted.

Sign Sponsorship Program

Players have the option to sell sponsorship signs to offset 100% of their team fees.

Multi-player discounts

Families with siblings in the program receive discounts for each player.

Purposed selection of events with varied but achievable travel times Tournaments are identified early each year with consideration given to travel time. Teams will typically attend three tournaments in fall and three in spring, with travel time being 1 hour, 2 hours and 3 hours. As much as possible, Eagles teams travel to the same events to make life easier for families with multiple players.

RISK MANAGEMENT & CONCUSSION AWARENESS

We want the Eagles soccer experience to be enjoyable for all but most important we want it to be safe. We recommend you visit the guidelines on our CSC Risk Management webpage <http://cscsoccerclub.org/risk-management/> but I've also included the signs and symptoms of a concussion below for your convenience.

WHAT IS A CONCUSSION?

A concussion is a brain injury. Concussions are caused by a bump or blow to the head. Even a “ding,” “getting your bell rung,” or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious.

You can't see a concussion. Signs and symptoms of concussion can show up right after the injury or may not appear or be noticed until days or weeks after the injury. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms yourself, seek medical attention right away.

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF A CONCUSSION?

Signs Observed by Parents or Guardians If your child has experienced a bump or blow to the head during a game or practice, look for any of the following signs and symptoms of a concussion:

- Appears dazed or stunned
 - Is confused about assignment or position
 - Forgets an instruction
 - Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
 - Moves clumsily
 - Answers questions slowly
 - Loses consciousness (even briefly)
 - Shows behavior or personality changes
 - Can't recall events prior to hit or fall
 - Can't recall events after hit or fall
- Symptoms Reported by Athlete
- Headache or “pressure” in head
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Balance problems or dizziness
 - Double or blurry vision
 - Sensitivity to light
 - Sensitivity to noise
 - Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
 - Concentration or memory problems
 - Confusion
 - Does not “feel right”

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD PREVENT A CONCUSSION? Every sport is different, but there are steps your children can take to protect themselves from concussion.

- Ensure that they follow their coach's rules for safety and the rules of the sport.
- Encourage them to practice good sportsmanship at all times.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU THINK YOUR CHILD HAS A CONCUSSION?

1. Seek medical attention right away. A health care professional with knowledge in concussion management will be able to decide how serious the concussion is and when it is safe for your child to return to sports.
2. Keep your child out of play. Concussions take time to heal. Don't let your child return to play on the same day the injury occurred and until a health care professional says it's OK. Children who return to play too soon—while the brain is still healing—risk a greater chance of having a second concussion. Second or later concussions can be very serious. They can cause permanent brain damage, affecting your child for a lifetime.
3. Tell your child's coach about any recent concussion. Coaches should know if your child had a recent concussion in ANY sport. Your child's coach may not know about a concussion your child received in another sport or activity unless you tell the coach.

HEADS UP Concussion in Soccer, A Fact Sheet for Parents, CDC.