



Charlotte Soccer Academy (CSA) and Charlotte United Futbol Club (CUFC) Boards of Directors, Executive Directors and Director of Soccer are excited to announce they have come together to start the process of merging the two clubs for the 2018-2019 season.

The joint vision of CSA and CUFC is to provide the foundation for Charlotte to develop into a national hub for youth soccer. The goal is to create a club that can be inclusive for all children in Charlotte and provide access to soccer that is not limited by location, socioeconomics, or ability. We are certain the merged organization will have the finest coaching and practice/game facilities in the region.

CSA and CUFC have an excellent professional relationship with similar philosophies and infrastructures. Bringing together the two premier Charlotte clubs creates countless new avenues for all youth players within the Charlotte soccer community from recreation to the US Developmental Academy level.

A focus will remain on developing soccer and life skills. The new structure will offer more options for youth players to compete at appropriate levels of play while allowing for growth within the club. The combined clubs will be better able to service the elite-level players where combining programs creates opportunities to compete at the highest levels in ALL age groups at State, Regional and National competitions. Merging also increases our ability to attract significant corporate sponsorships from companies looking to support youth sports in our community.

We're sure there are a lot of questions from both clubs regarding how this merger will affect each individual player on each team. Accompanying this press release is an FAQ which we hope will answer a lot of questions and put our members' minds at rest as we head into the spring season with tryouts and assessments fast approaching for our older girls' USYS and USSDA programs.

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