

# North Carroll Soccer Club

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## What's That I Hear?

Chris Briley, President

For safety reasons, whenever thunder can be heard or lightning is observed, practices and games must be immediately stopped. These games and practices cannot resume until 20 minutes after the last observation of dangerous weather. Players, coaches, parents, and spectators should leave the fields and seek appropriate shelter; however, there is no distance requirement. When dangerous weather is simply observed, play must stop. While we want the children to experience as much soccer as possible, safety is our foremost priority.

This policy is a directive of the Carroll County Parks and Recreation Department and we review it with our coaches in our pre season coaches meeting. It is possible that a coach may not see or hear the dangerous weather or realize what they have heard. So if you observe dangerous weather, feel free to let the coach know if he or she needs a prompting. Thank you for your support and understanding.

### Rules of the Game

Wil D'Addario, Referee Coordinator

Offside - The "offside" rule is one of the most complicated and often misunderstood in all of soccer. If "offside" is called in your age bracket, you can use this simple version. You are **not** offside if any of the following provisions are met:

1. You are in your own half of the field (your half is the half your goalkeeper is on).
2. You are even with or behind the ball.
3. You don't go past the "Second Last Defender" (The goalkeeper is usually, but not always, the last defender; this might be the case if the goalkeeper is out of goal).
4. You receive the ball direct from a goal kick, corner kick or throw-in. (But you can be offside if you receive it direct on a "free kick").
5. You are the ballhandler (the ballhandler can be closer to the goal than the ball if he has his back to the goal).

The penalty for Offside is that an Indirect Free Kick is awarded to the opposing team to be taken from the place where the offside infraction occurred.

### Summer Soccer

Brian Frazier, Secretary

Here are 3 great ways to keep involved in soccer this summer.

1. Get out and play! Whether through a soccer camp or just getting the ball out in the back yard for a few minutes, playing will make you better. Even if you just play for a couple minutes a day by dribbling around the house, the ball control skills that you are exercising will benefit you in the season.
2. Watch some soccer! This summer we have a GREAT opportunity to watch some of the best soccer in the world. Almost daily on ESPN there are games from the EURO 2012 Tournament. Each afternoon at 2:30pm, tune in to ESPN to see European teams face off.
3. Stay in shape! One of the biggest hurdles for any young soccer player is fitness. Most players at the onset of practice in August can only maintain physical activity for a few minutes without a break. Get active through running, swimming, playing outside or even (for the video game generation) some Wii Fit!

With Player Evaluations coming up on July 21, make sure you are ready to play and show off your skills for the coaches.

### Upcoming Dates!

Registration	<b>May 1- July 31</b>
Early Bird Registration Discount Ends Player Evaluation Day Practices Begin	<b>June 30</b>
Opening Day	<b>July 21</b>
Picture Day	<b>Week of August 13</b>
	<b>Sept 8</b>
	<b>Sept 22</b>

### Registration is still open through the end of July!

- Register online via the link on our website
- Register by mail – forms can be downloaded from our website

**ONLY A FEW DAYS TO SAVE \$25 ON REGISTRATION! Early Bird Discount Ends June 30**