

# North Carroll Soccer Club

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## Message from the President

I am Chris Briley and this is my first year serving as the President of the Soccer Council. After many years of dedicated service, Karen Rickabaugh has "retired" from leading the council, leaving it a stronger and better program. Others that have been serving for many, many years and given up countless hours have retired as well, such as Mark Rauser, Dave Shinsky, and Rhonda Mikoloski. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service to the community. It's my hope that the new council leadership can continue building on the hard work of the leaders and volunteers before us.

NCSC is an all volunteer program that provides recreational soccer for children between the ages of 4-17. It's our goal to provide an opportunity for kids to learn the sport of soccer, sportsmanship, and get some exercise, all while having FUN!

We are pleased to announce that despite rising uniform costs, we've been able to hold the registration fees constant this year. A big part of us being able to do that is the generosity of our sponsors. So, please patronize our sponsors and thank them for their support. Remember, there are no mandatory fund raisers in our program either!

I am looking forward to another great season. Please reach out to me or any member of the council if you have any questions.

Regards,  
Chris  
president@northcarrolsoccer.com

### 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 Sept 8</b>
	<b>Sept 22</b>

## Rules of the Game

**Wil D'Addario, Referee Coordinator**

Handball – It is a "direct kick foul" if a player (other than the goalkeeper inside his own penalty area) deliberately handles the ball (meaning to deliberately touch the ball with any part of the arm from the finger tips to the top of the shoulder). If the player handles it for the purpose of preventing an opponent from gaining possession, it is a "cautionable offense" and a yellow card should be given. If a player deliberately handles the ball to deny an obvious goal scoring opportunity, a red card should be given and the player "sent off." However, a hand ball foul should not be called if: (1) a player is instinctively trying to protect himself from injury or (2) the player did not deliberately touch the ball but the ball hit the arm & he did not move the arm toward the ball (however, if the player's arms were in an unnatural position such as above his shoulders or sticking out to the sides, then he should be called for a handball).

## Weather Notes

**Brian Frazier, Secretary**

One of the greatest concerns expressed in our end of year online survey was over the weather. Sadly, no one could have done anything about 2011 being the wettest Sept. in Maryland history or a 5 inch snowfall in October! But, here are a few notes about our weather policies:

Any weather decisions will be made as early as possible and are immediately posted on our website and Facebook page. This year we will be adding email updates about game cancellations due to weather. Sometimes we can make these decisions on Friday before games, but often we cannot make a final decision until Saturday morning. If conditions deteriorate during the day Saturday, later games may end up being cancelled as well.

Two major factors are at play in making these decisions: field conditions and current weather. The more important concern is field conditions. Soccer is an outside sport and can be played in the rain (otherwise it would never survive in England!). However, when there is standing water or excessive mud on our fields, the players are being placed at considerably greater risk of injury. Therefore, we do sometimes have to cancel games on what ends up being a beautiful Saturday that follows three straight days of rain BUT sometimes we do play on a rainy Saturday when the fields are still in good condition.

### Registration is Open!

- Register in person at Cape Horn Park  
\*May 12 10am-2pm  
\*May 19 2pm-6pm  
\*June 2 10am-2pm
- Register online via the link on our website
- Register by mail – forms can be downloaded from our website