







QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



NCASA FALL 2021

Dear Members,

Welcome to the first installment of our quarterly newsletter. Here, you'll find tournament announcements, news, educational opportunities, league development information, and more!

Our aim is to keep our members informed of what's happening at the state level, to share news and information, and to highlight the successes of our leagues. <u>Please send us news</u> you'd like to share about your league, e.g. upcoming events, game highlights, and charity/community engagements. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

NCASA Board of Directors

## **ANNOUNCING! THE 2021 CAROLINA'S CUP!**

Don't miss out! <u>Register your team</u> for a weekend of 11v11 competitive fun in Winston-Salem, December 4th-5th. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 19TH.** 



**Truist Sports Park** 

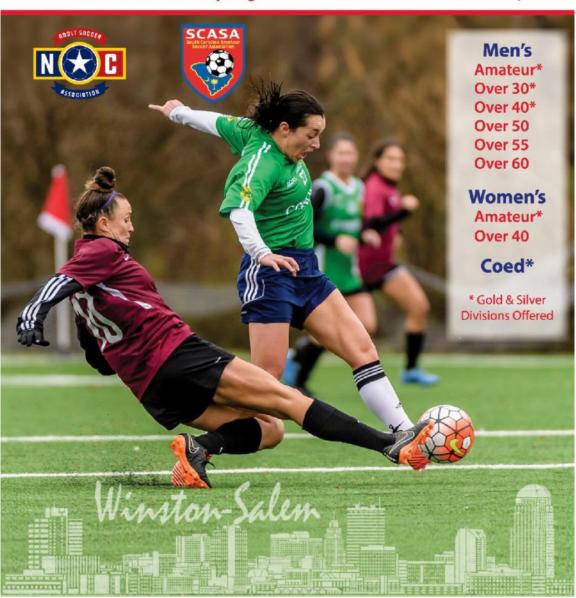
Bermuda Run, NC

For more information & registration

www.CarolinasCup.org



December 4th and 5th, 2021



Register Today!

# CELEBRATE THE TATAS TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS RAISES OVER \$30,000!

It was a beautiful October weekend of fantastic soccer, raffles, entertainment, fundraising, food, and friends! Eight competitive teams and three recreational

teams played at Richard Barry Park in Huntersville, NC, in the *Celebrate the Tatas Tournament of Champions*, an NCASA premier all-women's soccer tournament.

Novant Health and Atrium Health Levine Cancer Institute will each receive \$15,000 to provide mammograms for women in the greater Charlotte area who are under-insured or uninsured. Look what we can accomplish, together!

**Learn more** about this amazing charity and **make a donation!** 





## **BECOME A REFEREE!**

Like much of our nation's high school and youth sports leagues, North Carolina soccer leagues are experiencing a severe referee shortage.

According to a brief report presented to the NCASA Board on October 18th, 2021, Paul James, NCASA Board member, State Referee Administrator and State Youth Referee Administrator North Carolina, reported that a total of 1,658 referees are registered in North Carolina for 2021. This is significantly below our average of 2,500-2,800 referees that are annually registered.

Let's work together to change this trend for 2022. If you have an interest in improving your knowledge of the game, and earning extra income, <u>sign-up toget certified for 2022!</u> The certification process is 100% online!

**Check out this NCSRA Flyer for more info!** 



## AROUND THE STATE

ABASA introduced a small change years ago, that has made lasting positive change.

Sportsmanship plays an integral part in the success and longevity of our soccer leagues. It requires that players make a commitment to fair play, respect for teammates, opponents, referees and the rules of the game.

Many leagues require players to sign a Code of Conduct policy to set behavioral expectations for their leagues. <u>Asheville Buncombe Adult Soccer Association (ABASA)</u> goes a step beyond, by actively monitoring conduct and awarding Sportsmanship Winners each season.

ABASA team captains submit a Match Day Report for every game. Using a simple **web form**, the timely reporting enables the league to track cards and injuries, verify game outcomes, and rate team sportsmanship. The team that wins the most sportsmanship points at the end of the season, is rewarded one free player for the following season. Hats off to ABASA for a job well done! What tools and practices does your league utilize to promote sportsmanship? **Drop us a line**. We'd love to share your success stories!



## 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' WORKSHOPS

One of the important benefits of being an NCASA member league is that we offer our member Board of Directors access to a wide variety of planning and management workshops throughout the year.

From, Risk Management and Safe Sport Compliance to, Improving Sportsmanship & Player Conduct, and How to Get and Retain Referees, we'll be covering a lot of important and relevant territory this year.

2022 is teed up to be another great year for Board of Director educational opportunities!
Workshop dates and times will be announced in Winter 2022.



#### **TOUCHLINES**

## LEGAL OR ILLEGAL TACKLE?

Do you know the difference?

- Getting the ball *first* DOES NOT make a tackle legal.
- NOT getting the ball first DOES makes the tackle ILLEGAL.
- Getting the ball *first* but following through with the rest of the body in a careless or reckless manner or using excessive force DOES make the tackle ILLEGAL.

U.S. Soccer Referee Education Resource Center "I Got the Ball"

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

2021 NOVEMBER 15 NCASA BOARD MEETING 2021 DECEMBER 13 NCASA BOARD MEETING 2022 JANUARY 23 NCASA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING









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