



# Soccer Scene

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## Upcoming Events

- Spring Recreation tournament
- Cobra teams finish strong

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## Spring Recreation inter club tournament

The GCCSA Recreation spring season end of season inter-club tournament is set for April 30-May 1.

The brackets for each age division are posted on the schedules page on the website.

Their will be many great matches throughout the two days.

As with any competitive match,

emotions can run high. I encourage all parents and fans to recognize and uphold the code of conduct. (posted below).

There was a story that appeared in The Star about a month ago about a disagreement that happened at a GWU baseball game.

At that game campus police were called. In the newspaper story the police officer was

quoted as saying "it was a disagreement like what you get at a youth soccer game."

There is no reason that campus police or any police should ever be called in to "police" a soccer disagreement.

Although it is competitive, it is still youth soccer and is meant to be enjoyed. So relax, and win or lose good call or bad call, enjoy the beautiful game.

## Spectator Unsportsmanlike Behavior Policy

Parents and Spectators, We would like to inform our spectators of the escalation steps and the consequences of spectator unsportsmanlike conduct.

Unsportsmanlike conduct includes but is not limited to actions such as yelling at the referees, taunting opposing players and coaches, obscene gestures, the use of foul language, and so forth.

GCCSA is a member of the North Carolina Youth Soccer Association (NCYSA) and we are required to follow the state mandated guidelines in regards to spectator unsportsmanlike behavior.

1. The first step is the referee will stop the game and warn the spectators to stop the unsportsmanlike behavior.

2. If the behavior continues, the referee will eject the spectator from the field and will ask the spectator to wait in the parking lot or leave the field all together.

3. If the spectator refuses to leave then NCYSA directs that the club call the police to remove the spectator from the field. This then becomes a legal matter that the spectator will need to deal with.

4. Parents and spectators who demonstrate repeated issues regarding their behavior will not be allowed to watch games at the field.

coaches, and exhibit sportsmanlike behavior.

We would also like to remind everyone that some of the referees are young adults and are trying to build experience in the sport. Your actions can have a direct impact on these young people and we know from NCYSA statistics that many young people give up refereeing as a result of these adult/young adult confrontations.

We are trying to set a positive example for our children. Parents and spectators who cannot refrain from these behaviors will be asked to leave immediately.

Obviously we do not need or desire to involve the police in a soccer match, so please respect the referees, the players and

We are all ambassadors for GCCSA and our actions reflect on the club as a whole. Thank you for your cooperation.

# Parental Behavior

*During the game parents should:*

- *Cheer for all members of the team, not just their own child.*
- *Allow the coaches to coach – do not shout instructions to the players.*
- *Do not yell at members of the opposing team.*
- *Do not yell at the opposing coach.*
- *Do not yell at the referee.*
- *Stay off the field of play.*
- *Keep two yards off the touchline*



## GCCSA Cobra Tryouts — May 19!

*Tryouts for the GCCSA “travel” teams known as the Cobras will be held on Thursday, May 19.*

*This tryout is for all registered GCCSA players. So if you played recreation this spring on a GCCSA recreation team, or if you already play for a Cobra team you will need to come to Tryouts on Thursday, May 19.*

*There is an additional day for tryouts—Tues., May 24 if you are an age 96’ or younger and Thursday, May 26 if you are a 95’ age or older player.*

*You are required to attend both tryout dates.*

*Tryouts are for Challenge level and Classic level teams.*

*Challenge teams play in the Charlotte Area Youth Soccer*

*League (CAYSL).*

*Classic teams play under the NCYSA and travel distances are further.*

*Academy tryouts are an assessment and are open to kids in the U8-U10 age range.*

*For more information on the Challenge/Classic and Academy soccer programs visit the website:*

*www.gccsasoccer.com*

*More information on Cobra tryouts can also be found within this newsletter.*

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## Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct and Penalty Guidelines are to be read to and understood by all coaches, assistant coaches, managers, players and parents of each NCYSA registered team. All coaches and managers are instructed to review this material with their players and parents.

### GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

The North Carolina Youth Soccer Association supports youth soccer activity that is governed by a strong sense of individual and team sportsmanship.

This Code of Conduct and Penalty Guidelines has been prepared as a guide to the principles and expectations of NCYSA and is intended to apply to everybody involved in NCYSA activities regardless of their role or affiliation. Adherence to the spirit as well as the letter of the Code is required.

Persons unwilling to abide by this Code should reconsider their involvement in NCYSA activities.

### PRINCIPLES AND EXPECTATIONS

1. NCYSA believes in the principles of fair play, ethical behavior and the right of every individual to fully enjoy the sport of soccer without undue interference from others.
2. NCYSA recognizes that participation in competitive activities is a source of strong feelings which will often lead to misunderstandings, disagreements and other conflicts. However, NCYSA also believes that every participant has a duty to respect the right of competitors to hold conflicting views.
3. NCYSA therefore expects its coaches, players, referees and spectators, as well as their friends and families to deal with conflicts in a spirit of good sportsmanship and to cooperate in promoting the enjoyment of soccer to the greatest extent possible.
4. NCYSA expects adherence to both the spirit and the letter of its Rules and the Laws of the Game. Illegal, unfair, rowdy, violent, dangerous and unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated, whether on the field of play or away from the playing area.
5. NCYSA expects all participants to show respect for opponents, regardless of their skill.

Since NCYSA activities usually involve children from a very young age and since children are influenced by the behavior of adults, adult participants will be held to the very highest standards of conduct.

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### UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT

1. Vulgarity by coaches, players or spectators directed towards anyone.
2. Harassment of referees, coaches or players by anyone.
3. Debasement of referees, coaches or players by anyone.
4. Physical violence or threat of violence directed toward anyone or encouraged by anyone.
5. Verbal or physical assault on a referee. Physical assault is defined as any physical contact initiated by a player, coach, team official, spectator, elected officer or appointed official.
6. Consumption of alcoholic beverages in and around the playing area before, during or after a youth match.
7. Use of illegal drugs under any circumstance.

### COACHES, REFEREES AND SPECTATORS

1. NCYSA expects coaches, referees and spectators to conform to the spirit and intent of applicable rules at all times.

### COACHES

1. Coaches are responsible for their own conduct as well as the conduct of their assistant coaches, players and spectators.

### *THE COACH AS AN EXAMPLE*

The behavior of the coach is the most important guide for player and spectator behavior. The coach can exert strong player and spectator control by the example he/she sets, and by a few words of caution directed to the appropriate place when necessary.

## 94 Cobras Player Profile—Jay Runge

*Name: James A Runge. "Jay"*

*School: Shelby high*

*How long have you played for the Cobras? 3 years*

*Position: Forward*

*What do you like most about soccer? This is a hard question, I like all of it!*

*What do you like the most about practice? Learning new skills and hanging with friends*

*What do you like the least about practice? Running, Running and oh yea more Running*

*What is something unique that you bring to your Cobras team? I guess my team would say my brain :)*

*What is your favorite Cobras memory? They have all been good, but I think the trip to Wilmington was great!...*

*What is your favorite professional team?*

*Real Madrid*

*What are your plans for the next 2 years? I applied and have been accepted to the School of Science and Math in Raleigh. I have wanted to attend since 5th grade when I first heard about the school. Hopefully I will be playing soccer while I'm up there.*

*Where to you want to go to college? I'm not really sure, but I want to go somewhere with a good Physics department. then I want to study in Europe. My mom wants me to go to Florida State, but we'll see.*

*Do you want to play in college? That would be*



*great, but my focus will be my studies.*

*Anything extra you would like to add... I started playing rec for GCCSA in the spring of kindergarten. I have had some great coaches over the years. Thanks dad, Coach Setzer and Coach Clark! I have learned a lot!*

*I also referee. Thanks to all the "older" guys for your guidance. I will miss my teammates and all the people I have met through the association in the last 10 years. Its kind of like leaving a part of my family behind.*

## ***Do You Love Soccer?***

***Do you have a passion to play against great competition?***

***Do you want to take your game to the next level?***

***If you answered yes to those questions then a competitive travel team – The Cobras may be right for you!***

***Come find out for yourself – tryout for a Cobra Team!***

2011 – 2012 Season Cobra Team Tryouts

**Thursday, May 19, 5:30 – 7:30pm**

**@ GWU**

*Plus you get a cool t-shirt to keep just for trying out!*

### **What To Bring:**

\$10 registration fee, Completed Medical Waiver, Completed Tryout Form, Player Contract

**(all of these forms are found on the website, additional copies will be available at tryouts)**

A 1x1 picture, or a picture that can be cut down to a 1x1

A properly inflated ball, Proper soccer attire including cleats and shin guards, Water, Your best effort...

## **See You at Tryouts!!**



## ***U13 Cobras Place First at First Strike***

*The Under 13 Cobras finished first at the FCCA First Strike Tournament April 16-17 in Concord, NC.*

*The Cobra boys posted wins of 1-0 versus FCCA Huntersville Select and 1-0 over GSA Greenville Galaxy on Saturday.*

*In the semi final match on Sunday the Cobras defeated FCCA Huntersville Select 2-0.*

*In the Championship game the Cobras defeated CSA Samba 4-0.*

*Congratulations boys! We are proud of you!*

*Team members include, Hayes Mabry, Drew Johnson, Nate Kennedy, Tyler Kendrick, Mathew Foster, Josh Price, Tyler Cowan, Stephen Pate, Richard Wright, Aaron Assad, Michael Wright, Will Cobb, Zack Sandifer and Joseph Walters. The team is coached by Tyler Kettering.*

## ***U16 Cobras Place Second at First Strike***

*Congratulations to the 94 Cobras for placing second at the First Strike Tournament in Concord NC April 16-17.*

*On Saturday the Cobra boys posted wins of 1-0 over Valley AFC Arsenal and 2-0 over Iredell County Blue.*

*In the semi Final match on Sunday the boys defeated Strikers of Gaston county Flames White 2-0, earning a spot in the Championship game.*

*In the Championship the boys faced a U17 team, FCCA Elite. The two teams battled to a 1-1 tie at the end of regulation. The match went into overtime, followed by a second overtime period. The final then went to PK's and was decide by FCCA.*

*Congratulations on a great tournament!*



*Team members include: Spencer Crow, Chance Ramsey, Jay Runge, Zach McMurray, Charles Dixon, Ben Gold, Sam McMurray, Will Blackwood, Clayton Hamrick, Thomas Wright, Sam Goforth, Matthew McMurray, J.C. Johnson Alex Stachowicz, David Snyder and Steven Snyder. The team is coached by Matt Clark*

## ***U11 Cobras Spring Season Champions***

*The U11 Cobras finished their spring season in first place in the Charlotte Area Youth Soccer League Gold division.*

*The Cobras finished off an impressive spring regular season with a final record of 7-1. The U11 Cobras promoted to the Gold division after finishing undefeated in the silver division after the fall campaign.*

*Overall the Cobra boys have compiled an impressive 21-2 record including tournament appearances.*

*The U11 Cobras finished first in the CVYSA Autumn Blast Tournament in the fall. The team were semi finalists in the CUFC Julian Brown Memorial Cup in Charlotte in April.*



*Up next for the team is a trip to Boone April 30—May 1 to compete in the King of The Hill Tournament.*

*Team Members include: David Blankenship, Evan Davis, Diego Garcia, Avery Gay, Caleb Goss, Tyler Grenier,*

*Chase Hendrick, Zack Ledbetter, Noah Martin, Noah Romich, Caden Sheely, Dane Skeith and Walt Zeller.*

*The team is coached by Bradley Morrison.*

## ***U9 Academy Boys compete in Greensboro***

*The U9 Academy boys finished off their regular season with a trip to Greensboro to compete in the Spring Academy Festival.*

*The weather was a little frightful and thunderstorms cut short the event after 2 inches of rain fell on the fields Sat. night.*

*The boys were impressive in two dominating performances on Saturday.*

*It was a great finish to the inaugural Academy season!*

