



About us

Calcasieu Soccer Club (CSC) is a non-profit youth & adult soccer organization founded in the mid 80's under the name of Lake Charles Soccer Association. After becoming the Imperial Calcasieu Soccer Association in the late 90's, the club began doing business as Calcasieu Soccer Club in 2009 when the Eagles took flight!

Our membership is currently 1400 youth players, 3 years old to 18 years old, and 100 adults who participate in soccer leagues during the fall and spring, with many continuing to play in the winter and summer months through our camps and clinics. We also organize a youth soccer tournament each April hosting 60 teams from Louisiana and SE Texas. Through all these events and valued partnerships with the City of Lake Charles, and Ward 3 Recreation, we have a commitment to providing quality soccer programs for children and adults in the community and attracting visitors to the Calcasieu Parish area.



MISSION & PURPOSE

The purpose of Calcasieu Soccer Club is to provide and promote outstanding soccer programs to people of all ages and abilities.

CORE VALUES

Enjoyment

Enhance love for the game in all we do.

Respect

Model respect in everyday activities and interactions.

Inclusivity

Provide fair & reasonable opportunities to play regardless of age, ability, or circumstance.

Our Programs

Screamin' Eagles (for ages 3-4 years) where it all begins!



The cutest generation of players start their participation in soccer through our beginners Screamin' Eagles program. The focus is on a fun introduction to the game through activities designed to develop gross motor skills such as running, jumping and balance as well as ball movement and goal scoring! Approximately 170 players participate in Screamin' Eagles throughout the year.



Recreation Soccer (ages 4 – 17 years) for the whole family!

The emphasis of recreation soccer is on skill development, sportsmanship, and fun rather than serious competition. Following the guidelines of US Youth Soccer, players are assigned to teams and play age-appropriate game formats designed to create the best environment in which to maximize enjoyment.

Coaches are volunteers who receive equipment, player development guides, and can attend coaching demonstrations by CSC staff to assist them. CSC also hosts soccer clinics for players, taught by licensed and experienced staff. There are over 1000 players participating in the recreation program and families love their Saturday Soccer mornings at the fields!



The Eagles Program (ages 10 – 18 years) for those looking to take it up a notch!

CSC Eagles teams compete in soccer tournaments in Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida as well as the Louisiana Competitive Soccer League (LCSL) against visiting teams here in Lake Charles and across Louisiana. Teams also compete in a State Tournament competition each spring.



Teams are formed by tryouts each season, and those making the rosters receive advanced level training several times per week. Those progressing through the Eagles program often go on to enjoy sporting success at high school level plus there is an improved chance of college scholarship opportunities as several of our past Eagles players can attest to. There are currently over 200 players making up 12 CSC Eagles teams. Eagles coaches are licensed through US Soccer and are supported in their continuing education by the club. There is a great mix of coaches with college playing and coaching experience, as well as several former Eagles players now sharing their knowledge and experience with the next generations.



The Academy Program (ages 8 – 9 years) to prepare our future Eagles!

In 2014, CSC introduced an Under 10 Eagles Academy program which serves as a bridge between recreation soccer and competitive soccer. The Academy provides advanced skill training for players looking for more of an edge in their soccer development and aspiring to play in the full Eagles competitive program. It is open to all age-appropriate players who are coached by licensed and experienced CSC staff. Each season there are around 60 players making up three boy's teams and three girl's teams who will compete in games and jamborees locally and in Louisiana or SE Texas.



Buddy Ball Soccer (ages 6 – 16 years) for everyone!

Buddy Ball and TOPSOCCER are community-based soccer programs for young athletes with special needs. Calcasieu Soccer Club follows the model recommended by US Youth Soccer, and provides safe, fun, low intensity soccer activities for children who may be living with a disability that limits their involvement in other sport programs. The program is a partnership with Ward 3 Recreation and Awesome Kids and typically has over 30 participants staffed by CSC coaches and players and volunteers from the local community.



Adult Soccer (Ages 18 years and older) to keep the fun going!

CSC aims to provide an opportunity for experienced and novice players to get active and enjoy the game even after the glory days are behind them. Through two different programs, the Adult Coed Sunday League and the Coed 'Sub-Optimal' Wednesday League for those players wanting a mid-week workout. The adult leagues ensure that those who love the game can remain involved in soccer, reconnect with old friends, and make new ones.



The Pirate Cup Youth Soccer Tournament

In 2022 the first Calcasieu Soccer Club Pirate Cup Youth Soccer Tournament was held here in Lake Charles. The inaugural event attracted 59 teams from Louisiana and SE Texas and was a huge success on and off the field with some top competition, positive atmosphere, and great food! Our area is now a destination for out-of-town teams looking for a memorable weekend of soccer!





The Future



It has been a fantastic few years since the pause in operations due to the Covid-19 pandemic and hurricanes. The all-time high membership numbers of CSC are an indication of the continuing growth of soccer in SWLA. With a Women's World Cup this year, and a Men's World Cup here in the USA in 2026, we expect further interest in the sport and further growth of our membership. As we strive to raise the quality and quantity of the programs and events we offer, we hope our partners can support us in our efforts to prepare for the next 5 years.

Specifically, Calcasieu Soccer Club aims to improve in the following ways:

- Addition of more lighted playing areas to cope with the increased demand for playing time.
- Transforming several grass fields to turf fields to be better equipped for the unpredictable weather and wear and tear on fields due to increased usage.
- Building of a premier indoor facility that can serve many of the community's sports groups.
- Addition of a beach soccer tournament to attract more teams to SWLA.



Who we are!

Paul Burgess, Executive Director

Born and raised in the north-west of England, and a lifelong athlete, my passion has always been sports. After several years competing in track for the UK track & field team, I graduated college in Sports Science, and returned to the sport of soccer, becoming licensed as a coach by the English Football Association.

I moved to Louisiana in 2002 and have been working in soccer and youth ministry here in Lake Charles over the past 20 years. It has been a privilege to serve as CSC Executive Director for the past 10 years and being part of the growth of soccer in our community.



Kyra Williams, Administrator.

Soccer has been a passion of mine from a very early age, playing rec & club soccer in Dallas, Texas. In 2005 I moved to Lake Charles to play for McNeese State University for four years. After graduation, my coaching career began as assistant coach for McNeese, as well as Barbe High School, and as a head coach with the CSC Eagles program.

I have thoroughly enjoyed watching soccer grow in the area for the last 18 years and being part of this growth as a CSC Director for the past 5 years, plus McNeese Soccer FCA liaison has been both exciting and rewarding.

Board of Directors

President: Tony Fazio

Vice-President of Administration: Charles Stewart

Vice-President of Operations: Matthew Keating

Treasurer: Angela Queenan

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Adult League Coordinator: Meghan Heacock

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