



MARCH 2026 CLUB NEWSLETTER

# THINGS ARE HEATING UP...

A busy month of February is behind us and March promises for more growth, competition and education. Team meetings have happened or are underway and it's been a pleasure to be in front of you all discussing how we move forward as a club. As always, thank you for being part of our community. Your enthusiasm, participation, and support are what make our club such a vibrant and welcoming place.



REGISTER FOR THE 2026/27 SEASON!

# TRYOUTS ARE LIVE!



**We're excited to invite all players to register for the upcoming James Island Youth Soccer Club (JIYSC) and Lowcountry United Soccer Academy (LUSA) tryouts.**

As the home of one of the top youth soccer development pathways in the Lowcountry, our mission is to develop great people and strengthen our community through soccer.

**REGISTER NOW!**

**Our programs support players at every stage of their journey:**

### **Foundations Program**

For players beginning their soccer experience

### **JIYSC Junior Academy**

For players ready to learn the fundamentals of the game

### **LUSA Academy Select Program**

Competitive development programs for advancing players

### **Additional Information**

- All players must register for tryouts to be considered for selection on a JIYSC or LUSA team for the upcoming season.
- This applies regardless of club affiliation during the previous year.
- We strongly encourage players to attend as many tryout sessions as possible.



**ALL PLAYERS MUST REGISTER!**

*We are transitioning to PlayMetrics as our new club management and registration platform. It is important that all players register for tryouts through PlayMetrics, as this will be the system we use moving forward for team assignments, communication, scheduling, and club management.*

STEP UP YOUR GAME!

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

## Summer Camps!

The 2025 summer season of No. 1 Camps saw over 300 campers enjoy our programming. We are excited to be returning for the Summer '26! Visit the club website for full details and registration. Please see the camp dates below:

- June 1-4, 2026, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- June 15-18, 2026 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- July 13-16, 2026, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- July 20-23, 2026, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**REGISTER NOW!**

## Summer Super 6's!

The Super 6's program is back once again this summer!! Designed to replicate pick-up soccer whereby players come out with their friends and simply play soccer. The Summer Super 6's program is open to all players regardless of club affiliation. We encourage all players to come out, have fun and express themselves without the pressures of impressing the coach. We want kids to take players on, score goals and ultimately love playing in the summer sun.

**REGISTER NOW!**



## JIYSC 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary

*For five decades, JIYSC has been dedicated to developing young athletes, fostering sportsmanship, and bringing families together through the love of the game.*

*This milestone is a testament to the strong community that continues to shape the club today.*

***We will be honoring our club's legacy throughout the year.***



***Please share your stories and photos from the past - email [publicrelations@jiysc.org](mailto:publicrelations@jiysc.org)***

# SPOTLIGHTS

CELEBRATING OUR  
PLAYERS & COACHES

**Congratulations to Presley Detoma and Cordova Dickerson on their selection to the DPL Perform Program, recognizing them as two of the top players in the league from the 2024/25 season.**

The DPL Perform program identifies standout players through club coach recommendations and independent scouting throughout the season. Scouts evaluate players during league matches, and their reports are reviewed by a panel of advisors who select the top performers to participate in the DPL All-Star Game at the National Finals.

With more than 14,000 players competing across the DPL, only 930 athletes are selected to the DPL Perform player pool, making this an incredible achievement for both players. The DPL Perform experience runs from March 28 – April 4, bringing together elite players from across the country for a week of high-level competition and development.

**Congrats on this well-deserved recognition – we are proud to see you represent our club in Lisbon!**



**CORDOVA  
DICKERSON**

DPL PERFORM  
LISBON TRIP - ATTENDING



**PRESLEY  
DETOMA**

DPL PERFORM  
LISBON TRIP - ATTENDING



## **Brady Johnson – West Ashley “All Time Great”**



We are proud to celebrate Coach Johnson, who was recently honored by West Ashley High School as an “All-Time Great” last month! This recognition highlights the lasting impact Coach Johnson has had on the program and the community. Beyond the goals and accolades, Coach Johnson’s legacy is built on leadership, hard work, and dedication to the sport. Those same qualities continue to shine through in the way he mentors and develops the next generation of players. From record-breaking performances on the field to inspiring athletes from the sidelines, Coach Johnson’s influence reaches far beyond the scoreboard. His recognition as an All-Time Great is a well-deserved honor for someone who has given so much to the game and the community. Congratulations, Coach Johnson!



## **NATIONAL ACADEMY LEAGUE TEAM OF THE MONTH!**

### **Congrats to our 2012 NAL Boys!**

Out of **hundreds of teams** in the National Academy League, our Lowcountry United 2012 NAL team was selected as the **NAL Boys Team of the Month** for February! The team has performed exceptionally well this season remaining **undefeated in league play** and surpassing **100 goals scored**. This is a well-deserved honor for both the players and the coaching staff. With their sights set on a **national championship**, we wish the team the very best of luck in their upcoming endeavors.



YOU SPOKE, WE LISTENED.

# CLUB DUES

For the upcoming season, starting with tryouts, we are excited to announce that the club will be transitioning to a single, all-inclusive "Club Fee" that combines Club Fees and Team/Program Fees for all competitive teams.

This **all-inclusive** Club Fee will simplify and streamline the financials for parents, allowing them to budget and plan for the full season upfront without additional Team/Program Fees being assessed each fall and spring.

We implemented this all-inclusive Club Fee for the Junior Academy teams in Fall 2025 – Spring 2026 and it was well-received as it supported family budgeting and planning. And also to assist in the family budgeting process, we will be offering two payment plan options for each program to make the payment predictable and to spread the payments over several months.

The fees collected over the past two years have provided the club with strong data to accurately budget and plan for the upcoming year's expenses so that we can maintain a high quality program giving all players opportunities to excel on the pitch.

**We are happy to share that there will be no increase in total fees this year (inclusive of Club Fees and Team/Program Fees).**



## Why have fees increased over the past two years?

The costs of operating the club have increased substantially over the past few years. League registration fees, coaching salaries, and referee costs have been the biggest drivers. The older teams have felt more of an impact because the larger leagues – NAL, MLS Next, DPL, and GA Aspire - have much higher participation costs and requirements (including mandatory game videotaping and athletic trainer requirements).

## Who runs the club?

JYSC and LUSA are controlled by an elected Board of Directors, all of whom serve as volunteers to the club. The Board provides strategic direction and financial oversight into the club's operations. The Executive Director is hired by the Board to manage the day-to-day soccer activities. The paid members of the club include the Executive Director, Assistant Directors (2), Operations Manager, Facilities Manager, and all of our coaches.

## Does the club make money?

JYSC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and financials are public record. Each year at the annual meeting, the operating budget, which includes revenue and expenditures, is shared with the membership. That budget is created and approved by the Board of Directors using the previous year's results and the upcoming year's estimates. The budget is voted on and approved by the membership of the club during that annual meeting each August.

## What are the various ways for the club to drive revenue?

Beyond player registrations, the club's two annual tournaments (James Island Cup and the Charleston Spring Classic) are a major source of revenue used to fund the club. The income from the tournaments goes into the budget to help offset club operating costs. Field sponsorships, banner sales, and general donations are also impactful ways to fund player financial aid needs during the operating year, as well as to fund much-needed capital improvements.

**FOCUSED ON PLAYER DEVELOPMENT**

# REMINDER ON BIRTH YEAR CHANGE

**As we prepare for this transition, our focus remains where it has always been — on what is best for our players.**

We see this shift as an opportunity to be intentional about placing each child in an environment that appropriately challenges them, supports his/her long-term development, and builds a foundation for future success in the game.

Player development is not one-size-fits-all. It requires thoughtful evaluation, clear communication, and a commitment to growth over short-term outcomes. Our leadership team is approaching this process with a development-first mindset, ensuring that decisions are guided by what will most effectively help each player improve, gain confidence, and continue progressing in a positive direction.

At the same time, we recognize that soccer is about more than performance. The friendships, team bonds, and shared experiences our players build are meaningful and lasting. Any transition can bring a mix of excitement and uncertainty, particularly when it involves teammates and peer groups. We are committed to navigating this process with care, empathy, and respect for the social and emotional well-being of every child.

Communication will be a central part of our approach. Beginning in March, our Club Directors will start meeting with teams to discuss what this transition may look like at the team level and to answer questions directly. We believe these conversations will be an valuable step in ensuring that families feel informed, heard, and supported throughout the process.

[FULL INFO & FAQs](#)



**SPRING BREAK 26'**

# PRE TRYOUTS AGE GROUP TRAINING

As we head into Spring Break, we're excited to offer Pre-Tryout Age Group Trainings to help support athletes as they adjust to the new age group changes for the upcoming season. These sessions are designed to give athletes a chance to train with their new age groups and prepare for the upcoming year in a supportive environment. We encourage all athletes to take advantage of this opportunity to get comfortable with the updated structure and continue developing their skills before official tryouts begin.

Age Group	Day	Time	Field	Practice Session Coaches
<b>U8 Girls</b> - Aug 1 2018 - July 31 2019	April 6 & 8	5.30-6.45	Field C3 & C4	Sweeney & DuCharme
<b>U9 Girls</b> - Aug 1 2017 - July 31 2018	April 6 & 8	5.30-6.45	Field C3 & C4	Sweeney & DuCharme
<b>U10 Girls</b> - Aug 1 2016 - July 31 2017	April 6 & 8	5.30-6.45	Field C1 & C2	McCarthy, McIlvenny & Johnson
<b>U11 Girls</b> - Aug 1 2015 - July 31 2016	April 6 & 8	5.30-6.45	Field B	Gordon, Roberts & Burchfield
<b>U12 Girls</b> - Aug 1 2014 - July 31 2015	April 6 & 8	6.45-8.00	Field D & E	Garrett, Frey, Vogl, Wood & Johnson
<b>U13 Girls</b> - Aug 1 2013 - July 31 2014	April 6 & 8	6.45-8.00	Field C	Garrett, Burchfield, Sweeney & Ducharme
<b>U14 Girls</b> - Aug 1 2012 - July 31 2013	April 6 & 8	6.45-8.00	Field B	Roberts, Gordon, Tambakis, Wood & McIlvenny
<b>U8 Boys</b> - Aug 1 2018 - July 31 2019	April 7 & 9	5.30-6.45	Field C4	Cepeda, Millican & Wichman
<b>U9 Boys</b> - Aug 1 2017 - July 31 2018	April 7 & 9	5.30-6.45	Field C1 & C2	Cepeda, Cepeda Snr, Kratchman & McCarthy
<b>U10 Boys</b> - Aug 1 2016 - July 31 2017	April 7 & 9	5.30-6.45	Field A	Curtis, Roncancio, Crites & Martina
<b>U11 Boys</b> - Aug 1 2015 - July 31 2016	April 7 & 9	5.30-6.45	Field D & E	Sweeney, Macuch & Moody & Chambers
<b>U12 Boys</b> - Aug 1 2014 - July 31 2015	April 7 & 9	6.45-8.00	Field A & B	Rittmeyer, Kifer, Roncancio, McCarthy & Kratchman
<b>U13 Boys</b> - Aug 1 2013 - July 31 2014	April 7 & 9	6.45-8.00	Field D & E	Piesner, Cooper, Moody & Chambers
<b>U14 Boys</b> - Aug 1 2012 - July 31 2013	April 7 & 9	6.45-8.00	Field B & C	Cepeda Snr, Cepeda, Gordon, Ladd & Wichmann



HAVE A GREAT SPRING SEASON

# HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER PLAYERS

To all of our players beginning their high school spring season...

We want to take a moment to wish each of you the best of luck as your high school seasons get underway. It's been great watching you all grow this year and we're proud to see you competing and representing your schools this spring. Carry the results of the work you've put in with confidence, compete with intensity, and continue to be great teammates. The discipline, attitude, and commitment you've developed will help guide you throughout the season. Most importantly, enjoy the opportunity to play. These seasons go by quickly, and the experiences you gain competing with your teammates and classmates are something you'll always remember.

To our high school coaches, thank you for the time, energy, and commitment you put into developing these athletes. We appreciate everything you do to support their growth both on and off the field, and we wish you and your teams a successful season.

**We'll be cheering for all of you and wish you a great spring season.**



SUPPORT THE PLAYERS. KEEP IT COOL. HAVE FUN!

# SIDELINE BEHAVIOR

**The club, coaches, parents and spectators all play a vital role in shaping our players' soccer experiences.**

The way we behave on the sidelines directly affects player development, confidence, and enjoyment, as well as the game day experience for coaches and referees. We understand the emotion that comes with watching your child play. It's natural to cheer and get excited, but it's important to pause and ask: **Does my behavior support my child's growth, or could it distract or pressure them?**

**We encourage all parents and spectators to focus on supportive behavior:**

- Cheer after positive outcomes, not during active play.
- Allow players to make decisions on the field without giving instructions.
- Show respect for referees, coaches, players, and fellow spectators.

**Sideline behavior falls into three categories:**

1. Supportive – Encouraging and positive.
2. Distracting – Instructions to players during play; this limits learning.
3. Hostile – Aggressive or critical behavior; unacceptable and not tolerated.

By committing to supportive sideline behavior, we create an environment where players can learn, grow, and enjoy the game. Let's work together to make every match a positive, inspiring experience for all.



[US SOCCER ARTICLE](#)

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INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

# SPONSORSHIPS & FUNDRAISING

If you're a business owner - or interested parent - please consider becoming a club sponsor.

A large percentage of the funds raised through our sponsorship efforts are used for player scholarships, ensuring that financial limitations never keep our players off the field.

Packages start at just \$250 and offer high-visibility options including field signage, presence at events, web and social media mentions, and jersey naming rights.

We have over 1,200 players participating across all club programs, with local tournaments and league games drawing visitors from across South Carolina and throughout the Southeast region.

Your generosity will increase the profile presence of the club and assist in making our program stronger. And your sponsorship will help your company build an image of community support while positively impacting youth development WHERE YOU LIVE. Remember that your donation could be considered tax deductible (please consult your tax professional).



We have some exciting investments planned for our 50<sup>th</sup> year and would appreciate your support.

Please contact our Fundraising Director at [fundraising@jiysc.org](mailto:fundraising@jiysc.org).

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# STAY CONNECTED!

As we wrap up this edition, we want to thank every player, coach, volunteer, and supporter who makes our club such a vibrant community. Your dedication on and off the field is what drives our team forward, season after season. Let's carry this energy into our upcoming matches, trainings, and events. Stay connected, stay motivated, and let's have a great month!

Follow the club on Facebook and Instagram for the latest club news along with team and player successes! And tag us in your soccer posts for the opportunity to be featured!

**Kind Regards,**

Club Leadership

JYSC & Lowcountry United SA



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