

## CCU/LSC Merger - What does this mean to me?

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Recently, CCUnited announced its intent to merge with Lonestar Soccer Club. This has generated a lot of interest as well as a lot of questions about how it will impact CCUnited players and families. **Simply put, fees are going down for all recreational players, players will continue to receive a high-quality uniform package (Nike) and nothing changes in regard to where your player will practice and play their games.** Our focus will remain on providing a quality recreational soccer league for all residents of Cedar Park and surrounding areas.

For the 2010-2011 seasonal year, in recognition of the 2010 FIFA World Cup being played in South Africa, our U5-U10 leagues will be organized around a World Cup theme. Team names will be from a select group of countries participating in the event (Silver=Japan, Black=Ghana, White=Germany, Forest=Mexico, Navy=USA, Sky=Argentina, Royal=Italy, Cardinal=Portugal, Red=England, Yellow=Brazil, Orange=Holland) and will be printed on the front of each jersey.

All CCU Coaches will be encouraged to attend the pre-season LSC CCU Coaches Training Event where LSC Professional coaches will run demo sessions and cover key topics aimed at educating volunteer coaches. This will include a Q&A session at the end and access to online session plans for Recreational Teams in each age group U5 to U18.

**U5/U6 Recreational Soccer – Lower Fees and game day player support from current LSC players and staff!** The U5/U6 program will continue to focus on non-competitive skill development. LSC players and staff will be on hand on selected, if not all, game days to assist and interact with the coaches and players.

**U7/U8 Recreational Soccer – Lower Fees, game day player support from current LSC players and staff as well as additional end-of-season play opportunities**

U7/U8 players will still be able to attend a player development training session each week. LSC players and staff will be on hand on selected, if not all, game days to assist and interact with the coaches and players. Working with other recreational soccer programs affiliated with Lonestar Soccer Club, optional end-of-season play opportunities will be made available to all U7/U8 players/teams.

**U9 & U10 Recreational Soccer – Lower fees, player development training, inter leagues where necessary and additional end-of-season play opportunities**

We are pleased to announce that player development training will be made available to all U9/U10 players this year. If necessary based on the number of teams in these, or other, age groups we will have the ability to schedule inter association games with other LSC Recreational programs. As in the past, at the end of each season, the top teams from our league will be invited to participate in the CAYSA Championships. We will also be able to provide optional end-of-season play opportunities for all U9/U10 players in conjunction with other recreational soccer programs affiliated with Lonestar Soccer Club.

**U12-U18 Recreational Soccer - Lower fees and enhanced coaching education**

Age group pure and combined age group teams will continue to play in the local association league (CAYSA) during the fall and spring seasons. U11 and U12 teams play in an 8v8 format with home games played at Elizabeth Milburn Park. U13 and older will teams compete in large-field, 11v11 format with home games are played at Williamson County Regional Park (WCRP). Advancement to end of season championships will be determined based on final standings in each league. Division 3 recreational coaches will have access to the Lonestar professional coaching staff to assist in practice planning, in addition to the pre-season coach's education sessions.

**U12-U18 Competitive Soccer - No fee increase and enhanced coaching education**

Competitive soccer will continue to be supported for those recreational teams that earn the right to advance to higher levels of play. Currently we have two Division 2 teams competing in this seasonal year and we project to have an additional three teams next year. Teams that finish at the top of their D3 brackets in the fall season are required to move up to D2 for the next seasonal year.