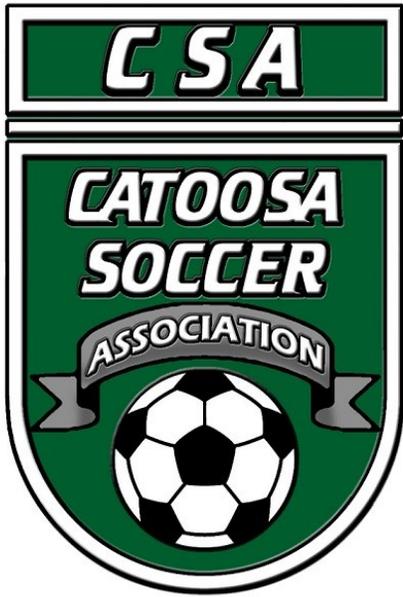


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## Games Begin Soon



On September 8th, regular season games begin and will run through mid-November. U6 games will not begin until September 15th, and will run for 8 weeks.

There will be no home games on the weekend of October 6-7 due to our *Kickin' Cancer* benefit tournament.

Good luck to everyone!

## Kickin' Cancer Benefit Tournament



During the first weekend of October, CSA will host its 2nd annual Kickin' Cancer benefit tournament. This year's beneficiary is St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We will need help with field preparations, concessions, field marshalling, and a slew of other stuff. Be looking opportunities to volunteer. More information will be given out soon!

## Movie Night



October 20th is the date that we will hold our third movie night. There is no admission charge, concessions are cheap, and it is an all-around good time. The movie will be announced later, but it will be a movie that the entire family can enjoy.

The concession stand will open at 6pm, and the movie will begin around 6:45. (If necessary, fire pits will be there to keep us warm!)

Make plans now to join us!

## Laws of the Game Explained: Dissent



A quote from Law 5 that "[t]he decisions of the referee, and all other match officials, must always be respected." That is a direct quote from the Laws of the Game. What this means is that the referee's decision is final — whether or not you agree with a call (or lack of one). Too often, parents, coaches, and players believe they have a "right" to talk to the referee in a disrespectful manner. This is known as *dissent*.

In short, dissent is disrespecting the game official(s) through verbal and non-verbal communication. Whether yelling, throwing objects, or simply putting one's hands in the air, dissent is a public way of showing disrespect to the referee. I have never seen anyone begin yelling at a server at a restaurant because an order was put in wrong. I have heard some say that they can say what they want to a referee because they paid to have their kid play. So, here is the question: what is the difference? You pay for food and service at a restaurant, yet will not make scene if something goes wrong, but believe it okay to do so because you don't agree with the referee.

Referees are doing their best. Whatever decisions they make, they believe those decisions are the correct decisions. Granted, not all referees make good decisions 100% of the time — no one does! However, the more they officiate, the better they get. We all just have to give them the opportunity to grow and learn in this profession as we do all in anything that we learn.

The consequences for dissent during a game is simple, players can receive yellow cards (or even a red), coaches can be dismissed, and spectators can be removed from the premises. At CSA, we have a VERY low tolerance for dissent. We don't want to be "that club"! If there is an issue with a referee, be RESPECTFUL during the game and contact the club about it afterwards.