



The Canterbury Football Club (CFC | Roughnecks) *POWERED BY FW UNITED & INDY ELEVEN*



CFC Update December 2025

On behalf of the Canterbury Football Club Board of Directors and all staff members, we would love to wish CFC families the blessings and joy of the season (i.e. “Indoor Soccer Season”)!!! Seriously, as we move through this festive time of year, we remind everyone to embrace a spirit of gratitude for all we have, not the least of which is the experience of family, friends, and camaraderie afforded to us through CFC. Building on that fundamental thought, we believe it to be appropriate to update you on several important issues that were discussed at the most recent board meeting.

As the boys approach the final phase of their Middle School experience (WHAAAAT!!??? How did we get here???), we are aware of the many changes that will be forthcoming in soccer, and their lives in general. While most will matriculate to Canterbury High School, it is nonetheless true that their day-to-day soccer and school experiences will be vastly different in a very short time from now. Larger student population (spread over a four-year age span), expanded opportunities in sport and other areas of student life, and higher expectations for success overall, will be presented to each of these boys as they embark on this exciting journey!

One result of this new reality will be to coordinate the design of their soccer development with Coach Mauch and his high school staff. Coach Mauch has an unbelievable history of success at Canterbury School, certainly in terms of soccer achievements, but more importantly in support of the total growth and development of the young men in his care. Combining with the coaches from CFC will create an excellent, credentialed and qualified staff that will look to every facet of your son’s development. It will be simultaneously rigorous and enjoyable, as well as including travel and tournaments while emphasizing the importance of school and family life. Furthermore, the experience will include both TEAM- focused training AND development of the individual, one-on-one skills assessment and improvement necessary to maximize potential. Rest assured, CFC and Canterbury School will “guide and provide” ALL the soccer your son will need as he continues forward!

We are thrilled that the boys will have this opportunity, knowing that those who have gone before them at Canterbury School have had fantastic experiences (some of whom are CFC parents now)! We wanted to make sure you are aware that **CFC WILL CONTINUE** to exist so you and your son can make appropriate plans for the year (and years) ahead.

As you may be aware, the creation of the Canterbury Football Club initially was built on the strong foundation of these boys coming together and bonding as a cohort through shared experience.

Soccer is obviously the primary vehicle for that bond, but as we have all seen first-hand in the years since, it goes far deeper than that! The board recognizes that bond as a strength and definitely want to continue the momentum moving forward! These boys deserve to enjoy, to the maximum possible level, being a historic part of the historic Canterbury High School Soccer legacy! So many young men prior to our boys have engaged, experienced and enjoyed this very path, and the legacy of CFC will be to establish THIS cohort as one of the most successful to have “donned the blue!”

(...and, to be sure, there have been some VERY successful groups make their marks: 10 state championship match appearances---MOST of any Indiana school---including 7 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS---also 1st in Indiana--- Along with 9 All-America players, 2 ‘Mental Attitude Award’ winners, and countless ‘Academic All-State’ honors. Truly a remarkable history!!)

So, in short, know there **WILL BE CFC** as the boys move through high school. It will look a bit different, owing to adherence to IHSA and other high school specific regulations and guidelines. It will be somewhat “streamlined” owing to the high school season and other time constraints that will arise. (For the record, the official high school season begins the first Monday in August and runs through the end of the IHSA State Tournament). It will be primarily focused on smaller numbers, owing to the challenge of attracting and retaining new players who have not been a part of CFC in the past and have other allegiances that make full participation difficult. The specific design and collaboration plan is still being formulated, but understand the board stands firmly in support of offering these boys the chance to: play together; build lifelong friendships; be formative positive influences to younger Canterbury soccer players; support area soccer in ALL forms, including the newly professional FWFC with a suite in its new stadium; in the end, we hope for these young players to become lifelong soccer participants, advocates, and contributors in as many ways as possible.

We hope this update helps as you begin the process of sorting through the next few years for your son. Please feel free to reach out to anyone on the board for further information or clarification. Know that your son is appreciated and valued as a member of CFC, and that we recognize the important role each of you, as a parent, plays in the success of the overall endeavor.

Once again, warmest greetings for a wonderful, festive, gratitude-filled holiday season!!

CFC Board Members and Staff

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