

# Oconee County Parks & Recreation Department

## Fall 2019 Youth Soccer League Parent Information

### Under 6 & Under 8 (Micro Soccer) Leagues:

#### **Coaches:**

Our Coaches are volunteers. Each coach will have the opportunity to attend a soccer rule clinic, soccer coach clinic and must complete the NYSCA coach course through the National Alliance for Youth Sports. Your volunteer coach should contact you within a few days after receiving their roster. All MICRO (U6-U8) teams are randomly formed by computer which will balance out the players' ages and number of seasons played. **NO** guaranteed placement for players except for the head coach's child and siblings.

#### **Parents:**

- At least one (1) parent **must** complete the Parent Association for Youth Sports (PAYS) course.
- Parents may take the course online at <http://paysonline.nays.org> (Select Oconee County Parks and Rec Department. Payment screen will say, "No payment or donation required" click confirm).
- A child may **not** participate in the program until one (1) parent meets this requirement.
- You are encouraged to volunteer as a coach, team parent, etc.

#### **Uniforms:**

- Only team jerseys are provided; cleats, shorts, soccer socks, etc. are the parents' responsibility.
- Team jerseys are given to coaches for team distribution at a practice prior to games beginning.
- Shin-guards are required for all soccer league activity.
- Soccer socks are required, should be worn on the outside of the shin-guards, and long enough to pull over the shin-guard.
- Black shorts and socks are recommended. However, no requirement on sock or shorts color.

#### **Practices:**

- First scheduled team practices are the week of August 19, 2019.
- U6 weeknight activity will be Monday or Thursday AND Saturday.
- U8 weeknight activity will be Monday, Tuesday or Thursday AND Saturday.
- Practice weeknights will be 6:00pm-7:00pm or 6:15pm-7:15pm.
- Practices take place at the Oconee Co. Middle School Micro Fields, Oconee Veterans Park, or Herman C. Michael Park. **U6 will primarily play out of the Oconee Co. Middle School Micro Fields.**
- Two (2) Practices per week during preseason includes one (1) weeknight and one (1) Saturday.
- There will be optional practices during the Oconee County Schools breaks.

#### **Games:**

- U6 & U8 will play games primarily on weeknights. There will be a few Saturday games throughout the season. Games begin the week of September 9, 2019.
- Games take place at Oconee County Middle School Micro Fields, Oconee Veterans Park, or Herman C. Michael Park.
- **Exceptions** – Possibility of Friday night games for make-ups/rainouts/cancellations.

#### **Make-up Games:**

- Very limited slots available for make-up games. Possibility of using off nights for make-up games.

#### **Inclement Weather:**

For inclement weather, game cancellations or delays: 1) Call the Inclement Weather Hotline: 706 -769-3965 (extension two), 2) Contact YOUR COACH, 3) Check our web site linked to [www.oconeecounty.com/ocprd](http://www.oconeecounty.com/ocprd)

## **Under 10 Soccer League:**

### **\*U10 Player Evaluations/Drafts – Monday, August 12\***

#### **Coaches:**

Our Coaches are volunteers. Each coach will have the opportunity to attend a soccer rule clinic, a soccer coach clinic and must complete the NYSCA coach course through the National Alliance for Youth Sports. Your volunteer coach should contact you within a few days after the evaluation process. U10 Coaches will draft their own teams. **NO** guaranteed placement for players except for the head coach's child.

#### **Parents:**

- At least one (1) parent **must** complete the Parent Association for Youth Sports (PAYS) course.
- Parents may take the course online at <http://paysonline.nays.org> (Select Oconee County Parks and Rec Department. Payment screen will say "No payment or donation required" click confirm).
- A child may **not** participate in the program until one (1) parent meets this requirement.
- You are encouraged to volunteer as a coach, team parent, etc.

#### **Uniforms:**

- Only team jerseys are provided; cleats, shorts, soccer socks, etc. are the parents' responsibility.
- Team jerseys are given to coaches for team distribution at a practice prior to games beginning.
- Shin-guards are required for all soccer league activity.
- Soccer socks are required, should be worn on the outside of the shin-guards, and long enough to pull over the shin-guard.
- Black shorts and socks are recommended. However, no requirement on sock or shorts color.

#### **Practices:**

- First scheduled team practices the week of August 19, 2019.
- U10 weeknight activity will be 6:00pm, 6:15pm, 7:00pm OR 7:15pm. The majority of boy's activity will be Monday, Tuesday and Saturday, and the girl's will be Thursday and Saturday.
- Practices held at Oconee Veterans Park or Herman C. Michael Park.
- Two (2) preseason practices per week. One (1) weeknight and one (1) Saturday.

#### **Games:**

- U10 will play games primarily on weeknights. There will be a few Saturday games throughout the season. Games begin the week of September 9, 2019.
- Games held at Oconee Veterans Park or Herman C. Michael Park.
- U10 season will have a post season Jamboree. One (1) playoff type game with teams paired based on record.
- **Exceptions** – Possibility of Friday night games for make-ups/rainouts/cancellations.

#### **Make-up Games:**

- Very limited slots available for make-up games. Possibility using off nights for make-up games.

#### **Inclement Weather:**

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## Under 12 Soccer League:

### **\*U12 Player Evaluations/Drafts – Tuesday, August 13\***

#### **Coaches:**

Our Coaches are volunteers. Each coach will have the opportunity to attend a soccer coach clinic and must complete the NYSCA coach course through the National Alliance for Youth Sports. Your volunteer coach should contact you within a few days after the evaluation process. U12 Coaches will draft their own teams. **NO** guaranteed placement for players except for the head coach's child.

#### **Parents:**

- At least one (1) parent **must** complete the Parent Association for Youth Sports (PAYS) course.
- Parents may take the course online at <http://paysonline.nays.org> (Select Oconee County Parks and Rec Department. Payment screen will say "No payment or donation required".. click confirm).
- A child may **not** participate in the program until one (1) parent meets this requirement.
- You are encouraged to volunteer as a coach, team parent, etc.

#### **Uniforms:**

- Only team jerseys are provided; cleats, shorts, soccer socks, etc. are the parents' responsibility.
- Team jerseys will be given to coaches for team distribution at practice prior to games beginning.
- Shin-guards are required for all soccer league activity.
- Soccer socks are required, should be worn on the outside of the shin-guards, and long enough to pull over the shin-guard.
- Black socks and shorts are recommended. However, no requirement on sock or shorts color.

#### **Practices:**

- First scheduled team practices the week of August 19, 2019.
- U12 weeknight activity will be 6:15pm, 7:15pm, OR 7:30 start times. Boy's activity will be on Mondays and Saturdays while girls will be Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Practices held at Oconee Veterans Park or Herman C. Michael Park.
- Two (2) preseason practices per week. One (1) weeknight and one (1) Saturday.
- U12 Practices **may be** permitted to run 1.25 hours **IF** space is available.
- There will be optional practices during the Oconee County Schools breaks.

#### **Games:**

- U12 will play games primarily on weeknights. There will be a few Saturday games throughout the season. Games begin the week of September 9, 2019.
- Games held at Herman C. Michael or Oconee Veterans Park.
- U12 will have a single elimination tournament following the regular season. Seeding will be based on regular season standings. Please see rules for further explanation of regular season point system in regards to standings.
- **Exceptions** – Possibility of Friday night games for make-ups/rainouts/cancellations.

#### **Make-up Games:**

- Very limited slots available for make-up games. Possibility using off nights for make-up games.

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## **Under 15 Soccer League**

### **\*U15 Evaluations/Drafts – Tuesday, August 13\***

#### **Coaches:**

Our Coaches are volunteers. Each youth soccer coach must complete the NYSCA coach course through the National Alliance for Youth Sports. Your volunteer coach should contact you within a few days after the evaluation process. U15 Coaches will draft their own teams. **NO** guaranteed placement for players except for the head coach's child.

#### **Parents:**

- At least one (1) parent **must** complete the Parent Association for Youth Sports (PAYS) course.
- Parents may take the course online at <http://paysonline.nays.org> (Select Oconee County Parks and Rec Department. Payment screen will say "No payment or donation required" Click confirm).
- A child may **not** participate in the program until one (1) parent meets this requirement.
- You are encouraged to volunteer as a coach, team parent, etc.

#### **Uniforms:**

- Only team jerseys are provided; cleats, shorts, soccer socks, etc. are the parents' responsibility.
- Team jerseys will be given to coaches for team distribution at practice prior to games beginning.
- Shin-guards are required for all soccer league activity.
- Soccer socks are required, should be worn on the outside of the shin-guards, and long enough to pull over the shin-guard.
- Black socks and shorts are recommended. However, no requirement on sock or shorts color.

#### **Practices:**

- Practices will begin the week of August 19, 2019.
- Practice weeknights are on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday evenings at 6:00PM/6:15PM/7:30PM and on Saturdays.
- Practices held at Oconee Veterans Park, Herman C. Michael Park, or Oconee County Middle School
- Two (2) or three (3) practices per week during preseason, space permitting.
- Practices are permitted to run 1.5 hours **IF** space is available.
- There will be optional practices during the Oconee County Schools breaks.

#### **Games:**

- Games will begin the week of September 9, 2019.
- Games held at Oconee Veterans Park.
- Primary game days will be on weeknights. There will be a few Saturday games throughout the season, including tournaments and off night games for make-ups.
- U15 will have a single elimination tournament following the regular season. Seeding will be based on regular season standings. Please see rules for further explanation of regular season point system in regards to standings.

#### **Make-up Games:**

- Very limited slots available for make-up games. Possibility using off nights for make-up games.

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