

Oconee County Parks & Recreation Department

Spring 2020 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 March 7th, 2020.
- 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 March 23rd, 2020.
- 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

Under 10 Soccer League:

U10 Player Evaluations/Drafts – Saturday, February 29th

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. OCPRD staff will put together the U10 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 March 7th, 2020.
- 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 March 23rd, 2020.
- 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 – Monday, March 2nd

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 March 7th, 2020.
- 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 March 23rd, 2020.
- 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, March 3rd

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 March 7th, 2020.
- 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 March 23rd, 2020.
- 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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