

U6 Soccer Season Timeline

Monday, January 23	Online Registration Begins – 8 a.m.
Friday, February 17	<u>Youth Soccer Registration Deadline (Or until full)</u>
Wednesday, February 22	NYSICA Clinic at 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center
Thursday, February 23	Soccer Rules Clinic – 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center
Wednesday, March 1	Soccer Rules Clinic – 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center
	Coaches contact parents deadline
Thursday, March 2	Volunteer Coach Clinic on OVP Soccer Fields
	<i>U6 Coaches: 6 p.m.</i>
	<i>U8 Coaches: 7:15 p.m.</i>
Wednesday, March 8	NYSICA Clinic at 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center
Saturday, March 11	U6-U8 Leagues Practices Begin
Saturday, March 18	Pictures @ OVP Community Center
Saturday, March 25	U6-U8 Youth Soccer Games Begin
Friday, March 24	Pictures @ OVP Community Center
Week of March 27	Weeknight Games**
Friday, March 31	Pictures @ OVP Community Center
Week of April 3	NO ACTIVITY (OCS Spring Break); Optional practices on 4/1 & 4/8
Week of April 17	Weeknight Games**
Week of May 1	Weeknight Games** – Last Week of Games/End of Season*

***All dates subject to change pending cancellations and make-ups due to inclement weather.**

****All designated weeknights without games scheduled will be practice days.**

U8 – U15 Soccer Season Timeline

Monday, January 23	Online Registration Begins – 8 a.m.
Friday, February 17	<u>Youth Soccer Registration Deadline (Or until full)</u>
Wednesday, February 22	NYSCA Clinic at 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center
Thursday, February 23	Soccer Rules Clinic – 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center
Saturday, February 25	U10 Soccer League Evaluations/Drafts – All at OVP Soccer <u>U10 Boys – Monday League</u> <i>EVALS: Last Names A-K at 9:30 a.m.; L-Z at 9:45 a.m.</i> <u>U10 Boys – Tuesday League</u> <i>EVALS: Last Names A-K at 11 a.m.; L-Z at 11:15 a.m.</i> <u>U10 Girls – Tuesday League</u> <i>EVALS: Last Names A-K at 9:45 a.m.; L-Z at 10 a.m.</i> <u>U10 Girls – Thursday League</u> <i>EVALS: Last Names A-K at 11:15 a.m.; L-Z at 11:30 a.m.</i>
Monday, February 27	U12 Soccer League Evaluations/Drafts – All at OVP Soccer <u>U12 Boys</u> <i>EVALS: Last Names A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.</i> <u>U12 Girls</u> <i>EVALS: Last Names A-K at 6:15 p.m.; L-Z at 6:30 p.m.</i>
Tuesday, February 28	U15 Soccer League Evaluations/Drafts – All at OVP Soccer <u>U15 Boys</u> <i>EVALS: Last Names A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.</i> <u>U15 Girls</u> <i>EVALS: ALL at 6:15 p.m.</i>
Wednesday, March 1	Soccer Rules Clinic – 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center Coaches contact parent’s deadline
Thursday, March 2	Volunteer Coach Clinic on OVP Soccer Fields <i>U6 & U10 Coaches: 6 p.m.</i> <i>U8 & U12-U15 Coaches: 7:15 p.m.</i>
Saturday, March 4	U10 – U15 Leagues Practices Begin
Wednesday, March 8	NYSCA Clinic at 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center
Saturday, March 11	U8 League Practices Begin
Saturday, March 18	Pictures @ OVP Community Center
Week of March 20	U10 – U15 Leagues Games Begin
Friday, March 24	Pictures @ OVP Community Center
Saturday, March 25	U8 League Games Begin
Friday, March 31	Pictures @ OVP Community Center
Week of April 3	NO ACTIVITY (OCS Spring Break);

Saturday, April 15	Optional practices on 4/1 & 4/8
Saturday, April 29	Saturday Games**
Week of May 1	Saturday Games**
Week of May 8	Final Regular Season Games*
	<i>Begin</i> U10 Jamboree & U12-U15 Tournament*

***All dates subject to change pending cancellations and make-ups due to inclement weather.**

****All designated Saturdays without games scheduled will be practice days.**

Parent Information

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. **NO** guaranteed placement for players except for the head coach's child and siblings.

Parents:

- At least one (1) parent **must** complete the NAYS Parent Orientation & Membership Program course.
- Parents may take the course online at <https://www.nays.org/parents/> (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.

U6 Specific

Practices:

- First scheduled team practices are Saturday, March 11, 2023.
- U6 activity will be Monday, Tuesday OR Thursday AND Saturday.
- Weeknight activity will be from 6 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.
- Practices held at Oconee County 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:

- Games will primarily be on Saturdays. There will be a few weeknight games throughout the season.
- Games begin Saturday, March 25, 2023.
- Games held at Oconee County Middle School Micro Fields.
- **Exceptions** – Possibility of Friday night games for make-ups/rainouts/cancellations.

U8 Specific**Practices:**

- First scheduled team practices are Saturday, March 11, 2023.
- U8 activity will be Monday, Tuesday OR Thursday AND Saturday.
- Weeknight activity will start no later than 6:15 p.m.
- Practices held at Oconee Veterans Park and Herman C. Michael Park.
- 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:

- Games will primarily be on weeknights. There will be a few Saturday games throughout the season.
- Games begin Saturday, March 25, 2023.
- Games held at Oconee Veterans Park and Herman C. Michael Park.
- **Exceptions** – Possibility of Friday night games for make-ups/rainouts/cancellations

U10 Specific

U10 Evaluations: Saturday, February 25

Practices:

- First scheduled team practices are Saturday, March 4, 2023.
- U10 boy's activity will be Monday OR Tuesday AND Saturday, and the U10 girl's will be Tuesday OR Thursday and Saturday.
- Weeknight activity will start no later than 7:15 p.m.
- 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 20, 2023.
- 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.

U12 Specific

U12 Evaluations/Drafts: Monday, February 27

Practices:

- First scheduled team practices are Saturday, March 4, 2023.
- U12 boy's activity will be on Mondays and Saturdays while girls will be Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Weeknight activity will start no later than 7:30 p.m.
- 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 will run for 1 hour.
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- 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 20, 2023.
- 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.

U15 Specific

U15 Evaluations/Drafts: Tuesday, February 28

Practices:

- First scheduled team practices are Saturday, March 4, 2023.
- U15 activity will be on Monday, Tuesday, OR Thursday AND Saturday.
- Weeknight activity will start no later than 7:30 p.m.
- 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:

- There will be a few Saturday games throughout the season. Games begin the week of March 20, 2023.
- 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.
- **Exceptions** – Possibility of Friday night games for make-ups/rainouts/cancellations.

Additional Information

What age group will my child play in?

U6 Boys	4 - 5 years	U6 Girls	4 - 5 years
U8 Boys	6 - 7 years	U8 Girls	6 - 7 years
U10 Boys	8 - 9 years	U10 Girls	8 - 9 years
U12 Boys	10 - 11 years	U12 Girls	10 - 11 years
U15 Boys	12 - 14 years	U15 Girls	12 - 14 years

The age control date for Youth Spring League Soccer is April 1, 2023. Age on that date determines league.

What do I need to wear/buy?

A quality soccer jersey is provided. Cleats are recommended. Shin guards are REQUIRED and socks that can cover the shin guards are REQUIRED to be worn. Black socks & shorts are recommended.

What size goal and ball will my child use?

<u>Leagues</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Balls</u>
U6	4' x 6'	Size 3
U8	4.5' x 9'	Size 3
U10	6.5' x 18.5'	Size 4
U12	7' x 21'	Size 4
U15	7' x 21'	Size 5

How often will my child's team meet?

Pre-season: All teams will have one weeknight and one Saturday practice.

Once games begin: Most teams will have one practice and one game per week; exceptions if they have a bye week.

Practice Length:

- U6: 50 minutes
- U8-U10: 1 hour
- U12-U15: 1 hour – 1.5 hours (depending on field availability)

Where will practices and games be held?

The following is intended as a *guide* as changes may occur based on the number of teams per league, etc.:

HCM = Herman C. Michael Park **OVP** = Oconee Veterans Park
OCMS = Oconee County Middle School Micro Fields

- U6 OCMS
- U8 OVP, HCM
- U10 OVP, HCM
- U12 OVP, HCM
- U15 OVP

What time will activities be scheduled for my child on school nights?

U6 & U8 League practices will begin no later than 6:15 p.m.
 U10 League practices will begin no later than 7:15 p.m.
 U12 & U15 League practices will begin no later than 7:30 p.m.

What are the Saturday times?

Saturdays vary in start times ranging from 8:30 a.m. through the late afternoon to accommodate all teams.

What are the “micro fields”?

Our U6 League sees activity at the OCMS Micro Fields which are located beside Oconee County Middle School on Mars Hill Rd. This location is listed as “OCMS Micro Fields” on Apple Maps and “OMS Micro Fields” on Google Maps.

Will my child make a team? My player is nervous about “Try Outs”.

OCPRD holds evaluations for U10-U15 leagues where coaches rate all participants’ skills. We encourage all players and coaches to attend evaluations in order to accurately assess the skills of players. The greater number of players that attend evaluations, the more competitive and fun the season will be for everyone. These ratings are used by OCPRD staff to put together U10 teams and by U12-U15 coaches to draft their teams. All U6 & U8 teams are randomly formed to balance out the players’ ages, size and number of seasons played. This process is to ensure a better balance amongst teams.

Does OCPRD coordinate end of season trophies?

OCPRD does not coordinate or arrange for trophies or end of season awards.