



# YOUTH SOCCER INFORMATION

## FALL 2023

OCONEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## REGISTRATION

OCPRD offers the following leagues for both boys and girls: U6, U8, U10, U12, & U15. Each team will average one (1) weeknight and one (1) Saturday activity (practice or game) per week.

### Registration for Oconee County Residents:

Monday, July 10 – Wednesday, August 2 (*or until full*)

U6 – U8 In County Fee: \$95

U10 – U15 In County Fee: \$105

### Registration for Out of County Participants:

Monday, July 17 – Wednesday, August 2 (*or until full*)

U6 – U8 Out of County Fee: \$190

U10 – U15 Out of County Fee: \$210

## CONTACT

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## GENERAL 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. There is **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 free course online at <https://www.nays.org/parents/> (Step-by-step instructions are available on our [website](#)).
- A child may **not** participate in the program until one (1) parent meets this requirement.
- We encourage you to volunteer as a coach or team parent.

### Uniforms:

- Only team jerseys are provided; cleats, shorts, soccer socks and shin guards 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.
- There is no requirement on socks or shorts color.

## LEAGUES

### Age Divisions

Age Divisions	Age
Under 6	4 – 5 years (Micro)*
Under 8	6 – 7 years (Micro)
Under 10	8 – 9 years
Under 12	10 – 11 years
Under 15	12 – 14 years

### Age Control Date

**Fall 2023: September 1, 2023**

***\*Must be 4 years old on or before age control date***

## U6 SEASON TIMELINE

<b>Monday, July 10</b>	Online Registration Begins – 8 a.m.
<b>Thursday, July 27</b>	Soccer Rules Clinic – 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center
<b>Wednesday, August 2</b>	<u>Youth Soccer Registration Deadline (Or until full)</u>
	Soccer Rules Clinic – 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center
<b>Wednesday, August 9</b>	NYSCLA Clinic at 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center
	Coaches contact parents deadline
<b>Thursday, August 10</b>	Volunteer Coach Clinic on OVP Soccer Fields
	<i>U6 Coaches: 6 p.m.</i>
	<i>U8 Coaches: 7:15 p.m.</i>
<b>Monday, August 14</b>	U6 Practices Begin
<b>Wednesday, August 16</b>	NYSCLA Clinic at 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center
<b>Monday, August 28</b>	All Youth Soccer Leagues' Games Begin**
<b>September 2 – 4</b>	<b>NO ACTIVITY</b> (Labor Day Weekend)
<b>Week of September 3</b>	Weeknight Games**
<b>Friday, September 8</b>	Makeup Games from Labor Day
	Pictures @ OVP Community Center
<b>Saturday, September 9</b>	Pictures @ OVP Community Center
<b>Friday, September 15</b>	Pictures @ OVP Community Center
<b>Week of September 18</b>	Weeknight Games**
<b>Saturday, October 7</b>	Optional Practices (Fall Break)
<b>Saturday, October 14</b>	Last Day of Games/End of Season*

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

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

## U6 LEAGUE INFORMATION

### Practices:

- First scheduled team practices are Monday, August 14, 2023.
- U6 activity will be Monday, Tuesday, OR Thursday AND Saturday.
- Weeknight activity will be 6 – 6:50 p.m.
- Practices held at Oconee County Middle School Micro Fields.
- Two (2) practices during preseason include one (1) weeknight and one (1) Saturday.
- There will be optional practices during the Oconee County School breaks.

### Games:

- Games will primarily be on Saturdays. There will be a few weeknight games throughout the season.
  - Exceptions – Possibility of Friday night games for make-ups/rainouts/cancellations.
- Games begin Monday, August 28, 2023.
- Games held at Oconee County Middle School Micro Fields.

## U8 – U15 SEASON TIMELINE

<b>Monday, July 10</b>	Online Registration Begins – 8 a.m.
<b>Thursday, July 27</b>	Soccer Rules Clinic – 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center
<b>Wednesday, August 2</b>	<u>Youth Soccer Registration Deadline (Or until full)</u> Soccer Rules Clinic – 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center
<b>Friday, August 4</b>	<b>U10 Soccer League Evaluations/Drafts – All at OVP Soccer</b>
<b>Monday, August 7</b>	<b>U12 Soccer League Evaluations/Drafts – All at OVP Soccer</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 8</b>	<b>U15 Soccer League Evaluations/Drafts – All at OVP Soccer</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 9</b>	NYSCA Clinic at 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center Coaches contact parents deadline
<b>Thursday, August 10</b>	Volunteer Coach Clinic on OVP Soccer Fields <i>U6 &amp; U10 Coaches: 6 p.m.</i> <i>U8 &amp; U12-U15 Coaches: 7:15 p.m.</i>
<b>Saturday, August 12</b>	U8 – U15 Leagues Practices Begin
<b>Wednesday, August 16</b>	NYSCA Clinic at 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center
<b>Monday, August 28</b>	All Youth Soccer Leagues’ Games Begin
<b>September 2 – 4</b>	<b>NO ACTIVITY</b> (Labor Day Weekend)
<b>Friday, September 8</b>	Makeup Games from Labor Day Pictures @ OVP Community Center
<b>Saturday, September 9</b>	Pictures @ OVP Community Center
<b>Friday, September 15</b>	Pictures @ OVP Community Center
<b>Saturday, September 30</b>	Saturday Games**
<b>Saturday, October 7</b>	Optional Practices (Fall Break)
<b>Week of October 9</b>	Final Regular Season Games*
<b>Week of October 16</b>	<b>Begin</b> U10 Jamboree & U12-U15 Tournament*

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

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

## U8 LEAGUE INFORMATION

### Practices:

- First scheduled team practices are Saturday, August 12, 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.
- Two (2) preseason practices per week. One (1) weeknight and one (1) Saturday.
- There will be optional practices during the Oconee County School breaks.

### Games:

- Games will primarily be on weeknights. There will be a few Saturday games throughout the season.
  - Exceptions – Possibility of Friday night games for make-ups/rainouts/cancellations.
- Games begin the week of August 28, 2023.
- Games held at Oconee Veterans Park.

## U10 LEAGUE INFORMATION

### U10 Player Evaluations: Friday, August 4

- U10 Boys – Monday League
  - *Last Names A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.*
- U10 Boys – Tuesday League
  - *Last Names A-K at 7:15 p.m.; L-Z at 7:30 p.m.*
- U10 Girls – Tuesday League
  - *Last Names A-K at 7:15 p.m.; L-Z at 7:30 p.m.*
- U10 Girls – Thursday League
  - *Last Names A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.*

### Practices:

- First scheduled team practices are Saturday, August 12, 2023.
- U10 Boys activity will be Monday OR Tuesday AND Saturday. U10 Girls activity will be Tuesday OR Thursday and Saturday.
- Weeknight activity will start no later than 7:15 p.m.
- Practices held at Oconee Veterans Park.
- Two (2) preseason practices per week. One (1) weeknight and one (1) Saturday.
- There will be optional practices during the Oconee County School breaks.

### Games:

- Games will primarily be on weeknights. There will be a few Saturday games throughout the season.
  - Exceptions – Possibility of Friday night games for make-ups/rainouts/cancellations.
- Games begin the week of August 28, 2023.
- Games held at Oconee Veterans Park.
- U10 League will have a postseason Jamboree. One (1) playoff style game with teams paired based on record.

## U12 LEAGUE INFORMATION

### U12 Player Evaluations & Drafts: Monday, August 7

- U12 Boys
  - *Last Names A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.*
- U12 Girls
  - *Last Names A-K at 6:15 p.m.; L-Z at 6:30 p.m.*

### Practices:

- First scheduled team practices are Saturday, August 12, 2023.
- U12 Boys activity will be Mondays and Saturdays while U12 Girls activity will be Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Weeknight activity will start no later than 7:30 p.m.
- Practices held at Oconee Veterans Park.
- Two (2) preseason practices per week. One (1) weeknight and one (1) Saturday.
- U12 practices will run for 1 hour.
- There will be optional practices during the Oconee County School breaks.

### Games:

- Games will primarily be on weeknights. There will be a few Saturday games throughout the season.
  - Exceptions – Possibility of Friday night games for make-ups/rainouts/cancellations.
- Games begin the week of August 28, 2023.
- Games held at 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.

## U15 LEAGUE INFORMATION

### U15 Player Evaluations & Drafts: Tuesday, August 8

- U15 Boys
  - Last Names A-K at 6 p.m.; L-Z at 6:15 p.m.
- U15 Girls
  - ALL at 6:15 p.m.

### Practices:

- First scheduled team practices are Saturday, August 12, 2023
- U15 activity will be on Monday OR Tuesday OR Thursday and Saturday.
- Weeknight activity will start no later than 7:30 p.m.
- Practices held at Oconee Veterans Park.
- Two (2) preseason practices per week. One (1) weeknight and one (1) Saturday.
- Practices are permitted to run for 1.5 hours **IF** space is available.
- 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.
  - Exceptions – Possibility of Friday night games for make-ups/rainouts/cancellations.
- Games begin the week of August 28, 2023.
- Games held at Oconee Veterans Park.
- 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.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### 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.

### 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
- U12: OVP
- U15: OVP

**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.

**What are the Saturday times?**

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

**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.