



YOUTH SOCCER INFORMATION

SPRING 2026

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, January 26 – Wednesday, February 18 (or until full)

U6 – U8 In County Fee: \$110

U10 – U15 In County Fee: \$121

Registration for Out of County Residents:

Monday, February 9 – Wednesday, February 18 (or until full)

U6 – U8 Out of County Fee: \$220

U10 – U15 Out of County Fee: \$242

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GENERAL INFORMATION**Coaches:**

Our Coaches are volunteers. Each coach will have the opportunity to attend a soccer rule clinic, 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
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

Spring 2026: September 1, 2025

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

U6 SEASON TIMELINE

Monday, January 26

Wednesday, February 18

Wednesday, February 25

Thursday, February 26

Week of March 2

Wednesday, March 4

Saturday, March 21

Friday, March 27

Saturday, April 4

April 6-April 10

Saturday, April 11

Week of May 4

Online Registration Begins – 8 a.m.

NYSCA Clinic – 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center

Youth Soccer Registration Deadline (Or until full)

NYSCA Clinic – 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center

Volunteer Coach Clinic – 6 p.m. on OVP Soccer Fields

Coaches Contact Parents Deadline

U6 Practices Begin

Soccer Rules Clinic – 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center

U6 Games Begin**

Youth Soccer Picture Day – OVP Community Center

Optional Practices

No ACTIVITY (Oconee County Spring Break)

Optional Practices

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 the week of March 2, 2026.
- U6 activity will be Monday OR Tuesday, AND Saturday.
- Weeknight activity will start no later than 6:15 p.m. and will last 50 minutes.
- Practices held at Oconee County Middle School Micro Fields.
- 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:

- Once games start, teams will have games scheduled on weekdays and Saturdays throughout the season. On days when your team does not have a game, practice will take place at your regularly scheduled time and location.
 - Exceptions – Possibility of Friday night games for make-ups/rainouts/cancellations.
- Games begin Saturday, March 21
- Games held at Oconee County Middle School Micro Fields.

U8 – U15 SEASON TIMELINE

Monday, January 26	Online Registration Begins – 8 a.m.
Wednesday, February 18	NYSCA Clinic – 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center Youth Soccer Registration Deadline (Or until full)
Saturday, February 21	U10 Soccer League Evaluations/Drafts – All at OVP Soccer
Monday, February 23	U12 Soccer League Evaluations/Draft – All at OVP Soccer
Tuesday, February 24	U15 Soccer League Evaluations/Drafts – All at OVP Soccer
Wednesday, February 25	NYSCA Clinic – 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center
Thursday, February 26	Volunteer Coach Clinic on OVP Soccer Fields <i>U10 Coaches: 6 p.m.</i> <i>U8, U12, & U15 Coaches: 7:15 p.m.</i> Coaches Contact Parents Deadline
Saturday, February 28	U8 – U15 Leagues Practices Begin
Wednesday, March 4	Soccer Rules Clinic - 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center
Week of March 16	U8 – U15 Leagues Games Begin
Saturday, March 28	Saturday Gameday**
Saturday, April 4	Optional Practices
Week of April 6-10	NO ACTIVITY (Oconee County Spring Break)
Saturday, April 11	Optional Practices
Week of April 27	Final Regular Season Games for U10-U15 leagues*
Week of May 4	Final Regular Season Games for U8 leagues* Begin U12-U15 Tournament & U10 Jamboree*

***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 February 28, 2026.
- U8 activity will be Monday, Tuesday, OR Thursday AND Saturday.
- Weeknight activity will start no later than 6:15 p.m. and will last one hour.
- Practices held at Oconee Veterans Park & Herman C. Michael 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 March 16, 2026.
- Games held at Oconee Veterans Park and Herman C. Michael Park.

U10 LEAGUE INFORMATION

U10 Player Evaluations: Saturday, February 21

- U10 Boys – Monday League
 - *Last Names A-I at 9 a.m.; J-R at 9:15 a.m.; S-Z at 9:30 a.m.*
- U10 Boys – Tuesday League
 - *Last Names A-I at 10:45 a.m.; J-R at 11 a.m.; S-Z at 11:15 a.m.*
- U10 Girls – Tuesday League
 - *Last Names A-I at 11 a.m.; J-R at 11:15 a.m.; S-Z at 11:30 a.m.*
- U10 Girls – Thursday League
 - *Last Names A-I at 9:15 a.m.; 9:15 a.m.; J-R at 9:30 a.m.; S-Z at 9:45 a.m.*

Practices:

- First scheduled team practices are Saturday, February 28, 2026.
- 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 & Herman C. Michael 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 March 16, 2026.
- Games held at Oconee Veterans Park & Herman C. Michael Park.
- U10 League will have a postseason Jamboree. One (1) playoff style game with teams paired based on record. Jamboree games may fall on weeknights outside of typical schedule.

U12 LEAGUE INFORMATION

U12 Player Evaluations & Drafts: Monday, February 23

- U12 Boys
 - *Last Names A-I at 6:15 p.m.; J-R at 6:30 p.m.; S-Z at 6:45 p.m.*
- U12 Girls
 - *Last Names A-I at 6 p.m.; J-R at 6:15 p.m.; S-Z at 6:30 p.m.*

Practices:

- First scheduled team practices are Saturday, February 28, 2026.
- 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 March 16, 2026.
- Games held at Oconee Veterans Park.
- U12 leagues 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 point system in regards to standings.

U15 LEAGUE INFORMATION**U15 Player Evaluations & Drafts:** Tuesday, February 24

- 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, February 28, 2026.
- U15 activity will be on 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 March 16, 2026.
- 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, HCM
- 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”.

Yes, all registered participants will be placed on a team.

- All U6 & U8 teams are formed to balance out the players' ages, size and number of seasons played. This process is to ensure a better balance amongst teams.
- OCPRD holds evaluations/drafts 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 and coaches to draft their teams.

Does OCPRD coordinate end of season trophies?

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