



Recreational Coaches/Team Managers Meeting Gwinnett Soccer Association

February 17, 2010



GSA Vision

Vision Statement

Gwinnett Soccer Association will be the model of excellence for the promotion and the development of soccer throughout the State of Georgia.

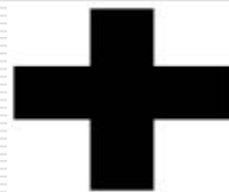
Mission Statement

To provide a broad-based, low-cost recreational and select soccer program where children have fun and learn the game of soccer through controlled competition.

Adidas



- Partnership with Adidas





Welcome

- ❑ Boy's Director – Nuno Piteira
- ❑ Girl's Director – Campbell Chapman
- ❑ Dir of Player Dev – Mike Farnham
- ❑ Boy's Goalkeeper Coach – Sean Cartmill
- ❑ Girl's Goalkeeper Coach – Joy McKenzie
- ❑ Dir of Commissioners – Stan Allen
- ❑ Recreational Registrar – John Marquis
- ❑ Other Officers & Board Members



Commissioners

Recreational Commissioners are your main contacts!

- **Director of Commissioners: Stan Allen**
- **U5: Cheri Gatland-Lightner**
- **U6: Fred Hill**
- **U8 Boys: Shoukat Qari**
- **U8 Girls: Bryan Nixon**
- **U10 Boys: Tom Trent**
- **U10 Girls: Kathleen Simpson**
- **U12 Boys: Donna Adams**
- **U12 Girls: Kathleen Simpson**
- **U14 – U19 Girls: Taras Howell**
- **U14 – U19 Boys: Brian Bandy**

Their contact info can be found under Officers on www.gsasoccer.com



First Steps

- Please call your players
- Team Managers
- Rosters & Player Passes
 - Required for all U10 and older teams – Spring 2010
 - Must have present at ALL games
- Practice Assignments
 - Send practice days to : practice@gsasoccer.com



Fields

- ❑ Field Maintenance
 - Grass will not start growing significantly until late March
- ❑ Field Closing
 - Updated by 4:00pm
 - Front page of the website
 - Field Hotline 770-925-4106 and press "1"
 - StatusMe.com for emails and text messages
- ❑ Goals
 - Must be anchored during practice
 - Only moved by adults
 - Sidelines only during practice
 - Alternate location to minimize field wear
 - No hanging on goals
 - Never practice with goals in their game locations



Updates

- Police Practice/Game area
- Conduct
 - Players – shin guards required at all games/practices
 - Parents
 - Coaches
- Uniforms
 - U5-U8
 - Monday Mar 1, Tuesday Mar 2, Friday Mar 5
 - Team parent or coach should pick up
 - Will send emails to confirm dates with times
 - U10 & Older REC
 - Monday Mar 1, Tuesday Mar 2, Friday Mar 5
 - Parents should pick up
 - Will send emails to confirm dates with times
 - Commissioners will email specific instructions
 - Need help distributing, email tim.tallent@gsasoccer.com
 - Select teams through Eurosport
 - If uniforms are not in, coaches need to bring pennies, t-shirts, etc.



Schedules

- ❑ Game Schedules
 - State trying to have U12-U19 schedules online by early next week
 - May release home/away pairings first, followed with game times
 - GSA is trying to have U5-U10 schedules online by early next week

- ❑ Rescheduling Games
 - 7 Day Window
 - Approved through Age Group Commissioner
 - Procedure on the website

- ❑ Practice spaces
 - Send them to practice@gsasoccer.com
 - If you played in the fall, they usually give you the same field/day

- ❑ Daylight Savings Time Begins on Sunday, March 14



Dates to Remember

- Important Dates
 - 2/22 Practice Begins
 - Teams allowed 5 events before 1st game
 - 2/17 Coaches/Team Managers Meeting
 - 3/1 G course at GSA
 - 3/06 Season Begins
 - Try for no games on Apr 10-11 (Spring Break)
 - 5/15 & 5/16 State Rec District Round
 - 5/22 & 5/23th State Rec State Round

- Team Picture Dates
 - Saturday, Mar 13 & Sunday, Mar 21
 - This is a fundraiser!!! Please support



Coaching Education

- G License Course
 - Monday, March 1
 - Register online www.gasoccer.org
 - Class will start at 6:00 in the clubhouse
 - Designed for new coaches
 - Free
 - Focuses on small-sided soccer (U5 -U8)
 - Taught by the Director of Player Development Mike Farnham

- Coaching Courses
 - All coaches should be continuing with their education
 - F course offered next August?
 - Let us know what course you would like to see offered at GSA



Additional Training

- U8's, U10's & U12's recreational teams will have additional training opportunities
 - Each team will be invited to attend at least one practice during March & April
 - This practice will take the place of one of the team's practices that particular week
 - Parents are encouraged to attend and observe

- Mike Farnham, Campbell, Nuno or a professional trainer will conduct the practices
 - Girls/Boys practices will be Monday & Wednesday, and will start at either 5:00 or 5:30
 - Emails will be sent out with each teams practice dates
 - Good opportunity for the players to get additional training
 - We will need the coaches to coordinate with their teams



Website

- Use the website – www.gsasoccer.com
 - Calendar
 - Forms Library
 - Camps/Clinics
 - Contact Us – Officers
 - Schedules - Games/Practices
 - Team Picture Schedule (flexible)
 - Rescheduling Games
 - Tournaments
 - Team Websites
 - CallingPost



Field Marshal

- Field Marshals
 - Each Home Team provides 1 parent
 - Working job, not just a spectator
 - Actively monitor and direct sidelines
 - Choose wisely - Must be able to control themselves & their comments
 - Get ORANGE vest
 - Work with Officer of the Day
 - Empty garbage cans when ½ full, make sure teams clean up their sidelines
 - Enforce GSA complex rules
 - No Smoking anywhere inside the fence
 - No abusive language
 - No pets on the complex
 - No parking in no parking areas



Updates

- ❑ Concession Stand
 - Contact Jill Green if your team is interested
- ❑ Incident Reporting
 - Paper forms have been replaced by an online service to report any injuries to your players. This is a responsibility of each coach.
- ❑ Lilburn Youth Soccer Association
- ❑ Player Participation Medals/Trophies
 - For spring season, U5-U8 players will receive medals at the end of the season
 - Trophies or cash equivalent for U10 – U19



Referees

- Small-Sided Referees
 - Need small-sided referees
 - Must be 10 years old to referee U5/U6
 - Classes will be held the week of Mar 2
 - Contact larry.green@gsasoccer.com or your commissioner

- USSF Certified Referees – Anne Wright
- Referee Coordinator – Mike Wright
- Zero Tolerance Policy on Abuse



Coaching Development

- Please know the rules
- Always demonstrate the highest ethical standards and sportsmanship
- Promote the club
- Continue your soccer education



Medical Issues

- ❑ As part of GSA's affiliation with GSSA, players & coaches are covered by both medical & liability insurance
- ❑ Medical insurance provides secondary coverage
- ❑ GSA recommends the coach become certified in basic first aid and be prepared to handle medical emergencies
- ❑ Know the location of the nearest emergency medical facilities
- ❑ Always carry Medical Release forms to all practices and games



KidSafe Background Checks

- ❑ You cannot be added to the roster until we have information for the background check. All we need is name, address and birth date.
- ❑ Need forms on any Assistant Coaches, Trainers or Team Manager
- ❑ Done automatically using the online registration system in lieu of using the form
- ❑ The web page is encrypted which addresses concerns of security



The Game for all Kids

- US Soccer (USSF)
 - US Youth Soccer
 - Georgia Soccer
 - Gwinnett Soccer Association
 - Top Soccer Program (Special Needs)
 - Recreational Soccer Program (U4-U19)
 - Academy Program (U10-U12)
 - Select Program (U13-U19 Athena/Classic)
 - Region III Premier League (R3PL)
 - National League



Closing

- Help your coach
- Help the team have a fun season!
- GSA is a volunteer organization
- Atlanta Beat
- US & Atlanta World Cup Bid
- Thank You