

Griffin Youth Soccer Association (“GYSA” or “the Club”)

Policy on registration and Recreational soccer coaching.

All players should register either online or in person at Wyomia Tyus Park during the open registration period for each season (typically during the months of January and July). Dates are announced on the club website (www.griffinsoccer.org) as well as by the use of local advertising media, yard signs, and flyers. All players will register individually at their proper playing age level determined by their birth date. GYSA does not register teams at the Recreational level. Any player movement to play in an older age bracket from their true age is discouraged by the Club and must be approved by the Club Director of Coaching (DOC) and the Player Division Committee. Under extreme circumstances, in order to form a team if low numbers are present after registration in an age group, players may be asked to play up one age bracket to maximize the number of players that can participate. This will be determined by the Club, and handled as dictated by the number of registrants at any effected age group.

All Rec soccer coaches are volunteer coaches. They will be required to pass a Spalding County Parks and Rec background check each season, have current NAYS certification, and carry the proper GA Soccer License to coach. (There is a 6 month (one season) grace period to get the proper license). GA soccer sets the License levels: U4-U8 must have a “G” certificate, U10-U12 must have an “F” certificate, U14-U19 must have a “Rec E” certificate. These are all one day courses offered around the state between soccer seasons by GA Soccer. Any registration fee for the course will be reimbursed by GYSA after successful completion of the course. Some courses will be offered in Griffin and surrounding areas. More info on registering can be found at www.georgiasoccer.org under the “Coaches” tab. It is the responsibility of the individual coach to sign up and attend the class to get the certification. All decisions related to Coaching of teams are made by the GYSA DOC and the Coaching Committee. This is to insure a fun safe environment for all children to learn the game and enjoy soccer.

Recreational teams will generally carry over from Fall to Spring seasons. Each Fall, GYSA uses a fair and balanced method in order to make sure that all teams are as equal as possible skillwise. There are occasional exceptions made for siblings, carpools, and certain other circumstances to accommodate players on teams, but as a general rule, teams are mixed up after 2 playing seasons each year. This means a player will be exposed to other young athletes and coaches as they develop in soccer.