



# Augusta Arsenal Soccer Club

## Welcome Newsletter

August 2018

### League Structure 2018-2019

Each year brings changes and new challenges as the youth soccer environment nationally is constantly in a state of flux. This year is no different. In order to clarify what our teams are doing and provide some guidance on possible future paths for our players and their families, we have outlined our current league affiliations below for 2018-19.

**Sandlapper** – We have had our academy (U9-U12) boys and girls playing in the Sandlapper League for the past several years. The league is based in South Carolina, run by South Carolina Youth Soccer Association (SCYSA). Overall our experience has been positive in the League and we look forward to many of our academy teams continuing to play in Sandlapper this year.

**Carolinas Premier League (CPL)** – We have been offered an opportunity to join a new league for some of our academy players this year. We will place one boys team and one girls team from each of the 2007 and 2008 age groups in the CPL this Fall season. The CPL is a league that is run through US Club Soccer and is made up of clubs from throughout the state of South Carolina. Many of the member clubs are larger than we are and we are looking forward to the added challenge of a higher-level competition and the opportunity to be a founding member of this exciting new league!

**Athena and Classic Leagues** – All of our select teams (U13-U19) are a part of the Georgia Youth Soccer Association (GYSA) and will play their games as members of the Athena (Girls) and Classic (boys) leagues. These leagues are made up of clubs from throughout Georgia, although there is a heavy concentration of clubs in the Atlanta area. All of these teams will play in a promotion/relegation system, meaning there are several divisions within each league and the top two teams in each division will typically move to a higher division the following season and the bottom two will move to a lower division the following season. Teams in the higher divisions will finish the season in Georgia State Cup.

### Got BBQ?

Avoid the hassle of trying to fit dinner in between school and practice! Join the club for a delicious BBQ dinner on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$8 per dinner plate and can be purchased through your team manager or clubhouse.

### Arsenal Gear

- Practice shirts will be available soon.

Academy: White

Select: Grey

- The online Arsenal store will be available 08/22 – 09/05.

- Dry fit shirts will be available for purchase from the concession stand starting August 9th. S-XL are \$10 and XXL will be \$15.



Are you on Facebook or Twitter? Be sure to follow Augusta Arsenal Soccer Club (@AugustaArsenal) for news or updates on our teams. You can also tag the club in your favorite Arsenal soccer photos.

## Field Updates

- New fencing was installed on many of our fields. The funding was provided by Richmond County as part of SPLOST funding.
- New field signs are being installed. We have several sponsorships still available. If you are interested in sponsoring a field, contact the club office. Small field signs are available for sponsorship as well.
- Currently the club is exploring options for adding lights to Field 1.



## Keep Columbia County Beautiful

The club adopted a portion of William Few Pkwy. We need volunteers quarterly for clean-up. Contact Eddie Smith if you (or your team) would like to volunteer (eddi smith3@comcast.net).



## Uniform Update

- A long time sponsor of our club is developing a new logo, which will be included on our uniforms.
- The new logo was not ready in time for uniform printing this summer. The club will arrange for them to be added when it is ready.
- Team managers will have more info at the end of August.

## Attention Kroger Shoppers

Through the Kroger Community Rewards Program, you can help the club just through your everyday shopping! By linking your Kroger Plus card to Arsenal's NPO # (39097) the club will earn a percentage of your purchase. Registering is quick and easy at: [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com).

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