



Georgia Soccer Affiliation Terms & Conditions

Affiliation Rules & Requirements

- Affiliation is an annual process.
- Returning affiliates must submit applications by the posted deadlines.
- Affiliation procedures, rules, and fees are set annually.
- Any soccer organization within the state of Georgia may apply for affiliation with Georgia Soccer.
- An application for affiliation must be submitted electronically by an authorized individual. Paper applications will not be accepted.
- An application is not considered completed until all required fields on the electronic application are completed and a successful payment of the affiliation fee has been made.
- Affiliation is contingent upon approval by the Georgia Soccer Board of Directors for returning affiliates, and the Georgia Soccer general membership for new affiliates.
- All New Affiliates must submit a valid and current field usage agreement showing your access to fields to host games.
- All New Affiliates must provide a statement outlining your administrative infrastructure showing you have the resources and tools to successfully manage a club.

To participate in Georgia Soccer or US Youth Soccer programs, players and coaches must be registered with Georgia Soccer.

All Affiliates must have one recreational player registered with Georgia Soccer for every Select player registered with Georgia Soccer.

[Georgia Soccer Bylaws](#) require that Affiliates must register all players. However, U.S. Soccer bylaws allow our Affiliates to register players with other members of U.S. Soccer. Georgia Soccer budget is based on player registration fees. This allows us to provide leagues with no league fees. This year, Georgia Soccer may charge league fees. If an Affiliated Member of Georgia Soccer registers all its players with Georgia Soccer, that Affiliate will have its League Fees waived.

All Georgia Soccer Youth affiliates must mandate the use of printed or electronic US Youth Soccer player passes per Georgia Soccer Youth Rules and Regulations.

Georgia Soccer recommends all adult affiliates use printed or electronic US Adult Soccer player passes.

Affiliation Fees

- Submission Deadline for the 2023-24 Seasonal Year: June 1, 2023

- Application Fee: \$100
- Late Application Fee for returning members on June15: +\$200 (\$100.00 fee, \$100.00 late fee)
- You will need the following information to apply:
- Basic information about your organization, i.e. name, address, website, etc.
- Names and addresses of any playing venues for which you need a Certificate of Liability.
- A copy of your organization's bylaws
- Contact information for your organization's officers
- A method of payment (Credit Card or E-Check)
- Incomplete applications can be saved. A new member can create an account and return to their application at any time before the deadline. Returning member's current administrative account access can be used to access the application. Applications are not considered complete until after successful payment.

Player Registration Annual Fees

- Rec 4U - 8U - \$8.00 per player.
- Rec 10U - 19U - \$12.25 per player.
- Academy 9U - 12U - \$25.00 per player.
- Select Athena, Classic, GPL - 13U - 19U - \$25.00 per player.
- National League - \$35.00.
- Girls Academy - \$ 0.00 per player (Girls Academy players register directly with League).
- MLS Next - \$ 0.00 (US Youth Soccer League partner. Players register directly with League).
- System Users - \$3.00 per player / per usage.
- Required Background Checks - \$15.00* (see Georgia Soccer Risk Management Policies).

*County level or additional County level checks are performed at \$7 each.

Invoices are produced and presented via the US Soccer Connect registration system and are required to be paid within 30 days of publication. For more information about [Online Invoice Management, read more here.](#)

Insurances Coverages – Youth

General Liability Coverage for Players and Coaches and Excess Medical coverage provided to supplement an individual's personal coverage.

- **Accident-Medical Coverage:** \$1,500 deductible, \$50,000 limit per occurrence
- **General Liability Coverage:** \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
- **Certificates of Liability** coverage are available for every field you use.
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Insurances Coverages – Adult

Excess coverage provided to supplement an individual's personal coverage.

- **Accident-Medical Coverage:** \$400 deductible, \$5,000 maximum benefit. Covers medical/dental expenses incurred within 52 weeks of the date of the original accident. Legally licensed treatment should begin 60 days from the date of the original accident.
- **General Liability Coverage:** cost included in player registration fees, \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Affiliates, teams, coaches, sponsors, and officials/volunteers while acting on behalf of the named insured are covered. Certificates of liability coverage are available upon request.
- **Certificates of Liability are available for every field you use.**

Certified Referees and Referee Assignor

All Georgia Soccer affiliates are required to utilize a USSF certified referee assignor (USSF Policy 531-8, section 7). If at the time of applying for affiliation, an organization does not have a certified referee assignor, that organization must seek Georgia Soccer Board of Directors approval to operate. Assignor certification courses are held twice a year in advance of the Spring and Fall seasons.

Georgia Soccer affiliates must also use only USSF certified referees as required by Georgia Soccer policies. If you need a certified referee assignor, please contact Anne Wright at awright@georgiasoccer.org or (678) 993-2015.

Additional Administrative Fees

Here are examples of some of our additional fees. These fees are subject to change.

ITEM	FEE
Online Notification of Travel	\$5.00
Changes to Notification of Travel	\$5.00
Inter-League Transfers	\$10.00
Interstate Permission (if required)	\$10.00
Late Team Declaration	\$500
Team Withdrawal from Posted Schedule	\$500
Annual Meeting Non-Attendance (Adult)	\$100
Annual Meeting Non-Attendance (Youth)	\$100
50-499 Players (1 Vote)	\$100
500-999 Players (2 Votes)	\$200
1,000-1,499 Players (3 Votes)	\$300
• 1,500 Players (4 Votes)	\$400

League Fees per team

\$100-\$1000

Youth Program Registrations

All youth affiliates must maintain a minimum of 50 registered players to remain in good standing. There must also be a minimum of 1 registered recreational player with Georgia Soccer for each registered select player in Georgia Soccer for good standing to be maintained. Good standing enables an affiliate to maintain their voting privilege at the AGM and SAGM and play in Georgia Soccer Leagues and programs and US Youth Soccer leagues and programs. League fees may apply for Affiliates not in Good Standing.

Adult Program Registrations

All adult affiliates must maintain a minimum of 25 registered players to remain in good standing. Good standing enables an affiliate to maintain their voting privilege at the AGM and SAGM.

Affiliate Bylaws

All Georgia Soccer affiliates are required to include the following in their bylaws:

- An acknowledgement of the authority of Georgia Soccer's, US Youth Soccer's, US Adult Soccer's, and USSF's overriding governance.

Example: "This organization shall be governed by its bylaws, rules, procedures, and policies, except where superseded by the authority of Georgia Soccer, US Youth Soccer, US Adult Soccer, and USSF."

- An appropriate adjudication process (please reference USSF Bylaw 701, Hearing Procedures), including an appeals process.

Email Requirement

All Georgia Soccer affiliates are required to submit valid player name, parent name, and one email addresses for every member (players, coaches, managers, administrators) and/or their guardians.

Risk Management

All Georgia Soccer affiliates are required to abide by all guidelines, policies, State and Federal laws outlined in the Georgia Soccer Risk Management Policies.

All Georgia Soccer members who work with youth must abide by the national SafeSport Policy. This SafeSport policy also extends to any registered adult team with players under 18 on their roster. All adult players, coaches, and administrators associated with such a team must complete a SafeSport training to participate with players under 18.

Georgia Soccer will provide free access to SafeSport training for our members through U.S. Soccer.

Please review all policies and requirements located on our website at

http://www.georgiasoccer.org/risk_management/

Failure to adhere to all Georgia Soccer and US Youth Soccer/Us Soccer Rules, Guidelines, Policies, and Procedures may result in the Affiliate member being declared "not in good standing" by the Georgia Soccer Executive Board

Should an Affiliate Member fail to adhere to all Georgia Soccer and US Youth Soccer/US Soccer Rules, Guidelines, Policies and Procedures, or fail to pay all monies owed to Georgia Soccer or any Georgia Soccer program or be declared not in good standing, the Georgia Soccer Executive Board is empowered to cancel Affiliate Member's affiliation, suspend the Affiliate Member, restrict the Affiliate Member's teams from participating on any Georgia Soccer Program.