Welcome

Where we are now...
Where we are going...
How are we going to get there...

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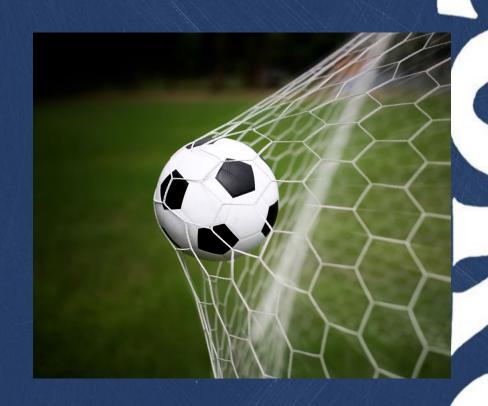
Georgia Soccer Youth

Key Accomplishments

Introduction

Focus on continuous improvement in Georgia Soccer.

Goals: Growth, accessibility, and competitive excellence.





Launched of the Georgia Premier League (GPL)

Established a toplevel division for elite competition.



Provided structured pathways for high-performing teams to advance.



Unified standards and increased visibility.

Created a 12U Pre-GPL Division



Clear path into our 13U Select program.

Competitive but still had an Academy flare with roster flexibility.



Modernizing Division Labels

Rebranded our Classic & Athena divisions as Championship and Conference Divisions.

Clearer
hierarchy and
more
professional
presentation.

Improvements in Game Scheduling



Setup RIAS schedule regionally

Created scheduling for 9U-12U Academy

Reduced Registration Fees



Went from \$35 per select player to \$25.

Went from \$17.25 per 10U-19U player to \$12.25

Went from \$13.00 per 4U-8U rec player to \$8.00

Revamped the State Cup

Moved older age groups to Fall season.



Removed high school schedule conflicts.



Increased participation and improved logistics.

New Criteria for Piedmont Conference



Implemented performance-based selection.



Prioritized team merit.



Teams had a clear reference on the path to Regional / National play.



Improved overall conference quality.

Establishing a Piedmont Conference Liaison



Created communication channel between GA Soccer and the Conference.



Ensured fair representation.



Enabled proactive issue resolution.

Combining GPL & PC Opening Weekend

Boosted exposure.

Fostered community among elite teams.

Reduced game conflicts.

Matched out-of-market teams to reduce travel.



Neutral Soccer Match Locations



WHEN POSSIBLE, CREATED NEUTRAL VENUES FOR DISTANCES >3-HOURS.



REDUCED TRAVEL BURDEN.



STRENGTHENED INTER-REGIONAL PLAY.

Empowered Clubs to Create Their Own Leagues

Introduced club autonomy in league creation.

Fostered local engagement.

Provided flexible competition options.

Conclusion & Next Steps

We're passionate about growing the game of soccer in Georgia by building competitive teams, nurturing talent through skilled coaching, supporting highly trained referees, and creating a strong community of educated and involved parents.

Ideas for the future:

- Revamping State Cup
- Pod Cast
- "Get on the Bus" Program
- More Regional Play
- Soccer in the schools

Welcoming future feedback.