

# Welcome

Where we are now...

Where we are going...

How are we going to get there...

Progress, Innovation, and Fair Play

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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 top-level 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.**