



## **Oconee United Soccer Academy**

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Hello 2018-2019 OUSA Soccer Parents!

Oconee United Soccer Academy is a program that exist in the Oconee County community of Upstate of SC and we promote and sponsor competitive soccer in the South Carolina Youth Soccer Alliance (SCYSA) League, the Furman United Youth Soccer League (Greenville) and US Club Soccer as part of US Soccer Federation. Our teams play soccer at several levels, included Club Recreation, Academy, and Select. We are a very different concept versus the local city recreation leagues, we have professional and experienced coaches who have taken steps to earn licenses and training from US Soccer. While we strive for competitive play, we also encourage player development through both technical and tactical training.

The soccer year is basically broken down into three different seasons:

### **SUMMER SEASON**

Typically runs through JUNE and JULY. This season is primarily dedicated to summer camps to work mainly on building player skills for fall. While some friendly matches and training sessions could be arranged during the summer months, the main focus is on building the players skills through teaching tactical and technical aspects of the game through a soccer camp atmosphere. This is also another great opportunity to invite new players out to meet the coaches, teammates, and see how we teach the game at Oconee United. All summer camps will be held at the Walhalla Middle School stadium. Additional training opportunities may be available depending on coach availability.

COST: \$75

Dates: 11-13 JUNE 2018 // 16-18 JULY 2018 (times for both camp 5:30p-8:30p @ Walhalla Middle School Stadium)

\*Must be registered by May 14<sup>th</sup>, in order to receive OUSA Soccer Camp T-Shirt

### **FALL SEASON (2018-2019 Season)**

Typically runs from AUGUST through NOVEMBER. This is the beginning of the new soccer year for the US Soccer age matrix. The club recreation format is similar to that of the Spring Season, but more advanced skill players can be invited to the Academy program based on evaluations. These are players who wish to transition from a RECREATIONAL player to a SELECT player. The Academy program is designed for the more technically advanced recreational player who has a strong desire to increase those technical skills while also learning more about the tactical aspects of the game. If Oconee United has enough players in the pool, teams will be broken down into a BLUE team and a WHITE team. The BLUE team will be Academy Level players playing Academy Level competition in league play. The WHITE team will be players who are still recreational level players, but are improving their skills to be promoted to the Academy level team. Practice will be 2-3 times a week at Walhalla Middle School and games will be on Saturday in Greenville. We are currently working with the local recreation departments to coordinate some weekly games for the club recreation team to play regular season games locally. Academy level teams will only play in Furman United League play. There will be two tournaments in the fall for the Recreation and Academy teams.

Teams: U6-U8 (4v4-Rec Only) U10 (7v7) // U12 (9v9-Club Rec or Academy) U14-U19 (11v11-Select)

Oconee United Club Recreation Cost: \$150\* (late registration \$200)

UNITED FC Oconee-ACADEMY COST: \$400\* (\$275 will be due if player continues Academy Spring 2019)

\*Cost includes, registration fees, uniforms\*\*, coaching fees, and tournament fees

\*\*Academy/Select Uniforms run on a 2 year cycle. If your player played Academy/Select last fall they will not get new uniforms. Only new players to the Academy/Select team will receive new kits this fall.

**IMPORTANT FALL DATES:**

- Parent Info Meeting/Mini-Camp-April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 10:00-12:00 at Walhalla Middle School Stadium
- U8-U12 Player Evaluations (Birth year 2007-2014): 1-3 May, 2018 at Walhalla Middle School Field. 6p-7:30p
- U13-U19 Player Evaluations (Birth year 2006-2000): 8-10 May, 2018 at Walhalla Middle School Field. 6p-7:30p

**SPRING SEASON (2018-2019 Season)**

Typically runs from JANUARY through APRIL. This 2018 spring season is considered Club Recreation Soccer. It is less expensive than the Fall Academy Season and a great introduction to the Oconee United club. Practices will be two days a week at Walhalla Middle School and games will be each Saturday in Greenville. The competition in league play will be directly dictated by the skill level of our team. If we have rec skill level players we will play rec skill level teams in league play. If we have enough skilled players to create an academy level team, we will play academy level competition in league play. For spring 2019, plans are to expand and have an Academy level team in addition to our club recreation team. There will be one tournament in the spring 2018 season for the current Club Recreation teams.

Teams: U6-U8 (4v4) U10 (7v7) U12 (9v9)

Oconee United Club Recreation COST: \$150\* (late registration \$200)

\*Cost includes uniforms and all coaching fees

**SPONSORSHIPS**

Playing club soccer can be expensive when compared to your traditional recreational soccer program. However, OUSA is the most cost efficient soccer program in Upstate SC. Even with our cost efficient price structure some families still have a difficult time coming up with the fees to cover the cost of their player. We at Oconee United never want money to be the reason a kid can't play the game he or she loves at a high level. In order to help bridge this financial gap we need your help! We are constantly looking for sponsors to help cover costs for scholarship players, marketing, coaching fees, soccer balls, nets, and other miscellaneous training aids/materials. We are a 501 3 (c) so any donations made to the club are tax deductible. Please see the Sponsorship Form for all the different levels of sponsorship that are available and what benefits each level provides.

***Make sure to LIKE us on Facebook to stay up to date on what's going on with OUSA!***

**Thanks for being a part of Oconee United!**

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