

# SUWANNEE

## Parks & Recreation

Live Oak, FL



## 2021-2022 Youth Soccer Information

Dear Soccer Participants,

We thank you for registering your child to participate in our Youth Soccer Program this year. We strive to make your family's experience an enjoyable one. We hope that your participation in youth soccer will instill a passion for the game of soccer in you and your child. We aim to teach participants the value of teamwork, sportsmanship, fair play and physical fitness while teaching and improving the fundamental skills of the game. Please review the information in this packet and feel free to contact us with any questions you may have. We can be reached by telephone between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, at (386) 362-3004.

The first day of soccer practices will be Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate starting games on Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup> with the season concluding on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

We offer four age divisions of play in our youth soccer program:

**6U** – for players 5 and 6 years of age; games are played 4 v 4 (with no goalie)

**8U** – for player 7 and 8 years of age; games are played 8 v 8 (includes the goalie)

**10U** – for players 9 and 10 years of age; games are played 9 v 9 (includes the goalie)

**13U** – for players 11 through 13 years of age; games are played 11 v 11 (includes the goalie)

*Please note that a player's age will be determined as of January 1<sup>st</sup>*

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### **Coaches Meeting:**

All coaches participating in the youth soccer program must attend the **Coaches Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Rotary Pavilion** located at First Federal Sportsplex.

### **Player Drafts:**

8U, 10U and 13U teams will be formed through a player draft. Coaches' children will be drafted to the team their parent is coaching. Siblings in the same age division will be teamed together unless otherwise specified. Please arrive early to your scheduled player draft and have your child dressed ready to participate, including cleats, shin guards and weather appropriate athletic clothing. Player drafts are scheduled for the following dates and times:

**8U – Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm on Field 2**

**10U – Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm on Field 3**

**13U – Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm on Field 1**

Your coach will contact you within 48 hours after your draft to inform you of your practice schedule.

Please note that there is no player draft for the 6U division. Teams in this age division will be formed by Suwannee Parks & Recreation staff. We will attempt to balance 6U teams equally by age and gender.

For those players in the 6U division, your coach will contact you no later than December 12<sup>th</sup> to inform you of your scheduled practice times.

## **Volunteers Needed!**

Do you have a passion for soccer?

Do you enjoy coaching and working with children?

Do you want to make a difference in your community?

We depend on the support of our volunteers to make our programs successful.

Ask us about becoming a volunteer youth soccer coach.

## **Sponsors Needed!**

We rely upon the support of our community in order to continue providing high quality recreational opportunities for local children.

If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring our Youth Soccer Program, please contact us.

## **Contact Us**

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### **Shin Guards and Cleats:**

All players must furnish their own shin guards and cleats for every practice and game. Players will not be permitted to participate without shin guards. Cleats must be made of rubber or plastic and cannot have a cleat under the front toe area of the shoe. No metal cleats or baseball/football style cleats are allowed.

### **Soccer Balls:**

We encourage each player to bring their own ball with them to each practice. Coaches have been provided with a limited number of soccer balls and players will develop their skills faster if everyone has a ball to practice with. Make sure you know what size soccer ball your player needs and make sure to write their name on the ball for easy identification.

**6U** – Uses a Size 3 soccer ball

**8U** – Uses a Size 4 soccer ball

**10U** – Uses a Size 4 soccer ball

**13U** – Uses a Size 5 soccer ball

### **Practices:**

Practices are scheduled to begin on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. All teams will practice the last week of school before the Suwannee School District Christmas Break. During Christmas Break, coaches may hold optional practices with players that are available to practice. Do not worry if you will be out of town over the holidays and miss a practice! Normal practices will resume after Christmas Break.

### **Games:**

Games are tentatively scheduled to begin on Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Game schedules will not be available until January and will be posted on our web site, [www.suwanneeparks.com](http://www.suwanneeparks.com). Hard copies of game schedules will also be distributed to participants once they are available. Teams will typically play one to two games per week. Please note that there is a \$1.00 admission fee to all games.

## Important Dates

Thur. 12/9: 8U Draft

8U - 6:00 pm on Field 2

Thur. 12/9: 10U Draft

10U– 6:00 pm on Field 3

Fri. 12/10: 13U Draft

13U – 6:00 pm on Field 1

Mon. 12/13 – Practices Begin

Sat. 1/8 – Games Begin

Fri. 2/18 – Games End

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### **Uniforms:**

All participants will receive a team uniform as part of their registration fee. Team uniforms consist of a jersey, pair of shorts, and socks. Please do not practice in your team uniform! Uniforms will be available the week before your first scheduled game.

### **Team and Individual Pictures:**

Team and individual pictures are tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Pictures will be taken in the Rotary Centennial Pavilion, which is the concrete block, screened pavilion located on the southeast corner of the First Federal Sportsplex. Picture packets and schedules will be distributed the week before picture day. Check with your coach or at the Concession Stand for picture schedules.

### **Trophies:**

All players in the 6U and 8U divisions will receive a personalized trophy at the conclusion of the season. Trophies for the 10U and 13U divisions will be awarded to the teams that finish in first and second place in the playoff tournament.

### **Facility Info:**

All practices and games will be held at the First Federal Sportsplex in Live Oak. The park address is 1201 Silas Drive. Concessions will be available during all practices and games.

**6U** – Practices and Games will be held on Field 4

**8U** – Practices and Games will be held on Field 2

**10U** – Practices and Games will be held on Fields 3 and 5

**13U** – Practices and Games will be held on Field 1

### **Inclement Weather Information:**

Stay connected during inclement weather by joining RainedOut™ to receive updates on weather related cancellations and delays. Simply text SPRSOCCER to 84483 to begin receiving text message updates (standard text messaging rates may apply) or visit [www.rainedout.com](http://www.rainedout.com) to sign up for email alerts.

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