

# Georgia Soccer Affiliation Terms & Conditions

## Affiliation Rules & Requirements

- All organizations must re-affiliate each year. All affiliations are due July 1.
- 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 approved affiliates must register all players, coaches, administrators, and teams registered with or sponsored by their organization. There are no exceptions to this requirement.
- All Georgia Soccer Youth affiliates must mandate the use of US Youth Soccer player passes per Georgia Soccer Youth Rules and Regulations, printed on card stock furnished by Georgia Soccer.
- Georgia Soccer recommends all adult affiliates use US Adult Soccer player passes, printed on card stock, or electronically, furnished by Georgia Soccer.

## Affiliation Fees

The below fees will apply to all affiliation applications. New affiliates will not be assessed the late application fee.

- \$100 – Applications received on or before July 1
- \$200 – Applications received after July 1

## Player Registration Fees

Type	TOTAL
<b>Rec U4 – U8</b>	\$7.00
<b>Rec U10 – U19</b>	\$11.00
<b>Select U10 – U19</b>	\$29.00
<b>Adult</b>	\$19.50

## **Insurances Coverages – Youth**

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

- **Cost:** Included in player registration fee (\$1.85 Medical, \$0.85 Liability)
- **Accident-Medical Coverage:** \$1,500 deductible, \$50,000 limit per occurrence
- **General Liability Coverage:** \$1,000,000 per occurrence. If your affiliate has its own liability insurance and wishes to waive the \$0.85 per player cost of the Georgia Soccer youth liability coverage, proof of a liability insurance policy of equal or greater coverage must be provided naming Georgia Soccer as the certificate holder. Certificates of liability coverage are available upon request.

## **Insurances Coverages – Adult**

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

- **Cost:** \$5.00 per player (optional – entire affiliate)
- **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.

## **Directors & Officers Insurance- Youth & Adult**

- **Cost:** Included in affiliation and player registration fees
- **Coverage:** \$5,000 deductible, \$1,000,000 maximum benefit per incident.

## **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](mailto:awright@georgiasoccer.org) or (678) 993-2015.

## **Additional Administrative Fees**

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

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>FEE</b>
<b>Online Notification of Travel</b>	\$5.00
<b>Changes to Notification of Travel</b>	\$5.00
<b>Inter-League Transfers</b>	\$10.00
<b>Third Party Player Import</b>	\$50.00 per submission
<b>Interstate Permission (if required)</b>	\$10.00
<b>Late Team Declaration</b>	\$500
<b>Team Withdrawal from Posted Schedule</b>	\$500
<b>Annual Meeting Non-Attendance (Adult)</b>	\$100
<b>Annual Meeting Non-Attendance (Youth)</b>	
<b>50-499 Players (1 Vote)</b>	\$100
<b>500-999 Players (2 Votes)</b>	\$200
<b>1,000-1,499 Players (3 Votes)</b>	\$300
<b>&gt;1,500 Players (4 Votes)</b>	\$400

## **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 for each registered select player in order for good standing to be maintained. Good standing enables an affiliate to maintain their voting privilege at the AGM and SAGM.

## **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 GSSA, 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 email addresses for all of their members (players, coaches, managers, administrators) and/or their guardians.

### **Background Screening**

All Georgia Soccer affiliates are required to abide by the guidelines outlined in the Georgia Soccer Policy for Background Screening.

This 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 background check to participate with players under 18.