

GAINESVILLE SOCCER ALLIANCE
COMPETITIVE PROGRAM



GSA – COMPETITIVE PARENT PACKET

2023-2024 SEASON

GAINESVILLE SOCCER ALLIANCE
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Welcome to the Gainesville Soccer Alliance Competitive Program and thank you for your participation!

Below is important information about the upcoming season. Please read carefully and fill it out where necessary. Packets will be collected by team managers after your team's first practice.

- The GSA Competitive Program registration fee includes most expenses for the season, including all training sessions for the year, goalkeeper training, coaching salaries, administrative salaries, league fees, tournament fees, coach(s) travel, team equipment, facility fees, registration, and administrative fees, insurance fees, field and equipment maintenance, and all other Club expenses.
- The GSA Competitive Program registration fee does NOT include the required GSA PUMA Uniform Kit (package). Uniforms for this season will be purchased through WeGotSoccer. Details for ordering new uniforms will be provided early in the summer. Kits for this year will be identical to last season. Returning players with uniform pieces that still fit will not need to order anything new.
- The GSA Competitive Program registration fee does NOT include either FYSA or US Club state competition fees. Teams that choose to compete in these events will have to collect additional funds to cover the costs.
- Because all competitive program players register with the Club for an entire soccer year, team rosters are limited, and the competitive program budget is based on these rosters reaching their maximum, all withdrawals and refunds must be approved.
- GSA Competitive Team Managers will be contacting all players early in the summer to begin preparing for the season. Please make sure all contact is kept up to date on your player's GotSoccer player profile.
- New players will need to order the required GSA PUMA Uniform Kit (package). Players should NOT order their package before confirming their number for the season with their Team Manager.
- New players will need to email a copy of their birth certificate to their Team Manager.
- At some point at the beginning of the season, each team will have a meeting to discuss the coach(s) expectations, coaching philosophy, and team organization and review all necessary information.
- Parents will be required to read, sign and adhere to the Competitive Parent Agreement and GSA Code of Ethics.
- Players will be required to read, sign and adhere to the GSA Code of Ethics.
- Volunteers are the backbone of our club. As a non-profit organization, we rely on the help of all the volunteers to make the club successful both on the field and financially. Service from volunteers helps us to fund our programs, address safety issues, and improve our complex to provide an enjoyable environment for all our members. Families are required to serve 12 hours/season per player. Families that neglect to serve their hours will be charged \$12 per hour not completed. Parents may buy out their service hours for \$144.

GSA – COMPETITIVE PARENT AGREEMENT

ALL GSA Competitive Program parents need to read, sign and adhere to this agreement.

Parents will accept their child’s position in the GSA Competitive Program by registering online using GSA’s GotSoccer portal. Payment of program fees is to be paid by the deadlines set forth by the club.

Every season GSA Competitive Program parents (and their players) must complete and submit the following documents: Competitive Parent Agreement, Social Media Release, GSA Medical Release, and GSA Code of Ethics.

Parents, players, and spectators must abide by the GSA Code of Ethics at all times.

Parents are never to coach from the sidelines and must stay positive with all players including opposing team parents. Parents are not to talk, discuss, yell, harass, or physically confront referees at any time. If you need to discuss an issue with the coach, please do so away from other parents and players, preferably at a designated time and place appropriate for such discussion. Face-to-face conversations or phone calls are recommended as email can lead to misinterpretation and misunderstandings.

Parents need to understand that players must be willing to play all positions and must follow the positional assignments/responsibilities given by the coach(s). Attendance at training sessions, as well as performance in games, may influence playing time and positional play.

Parents should make every effort to make sure their child attends as many training sessions and games as possible. Coaches should be informed of any absences in advance.

Parents are responsible for having their child at the game field at least 45 minutes before game time with an appropriate uniform kit, shin guards, cleats, and water bottles. Players should bring ALL uniforms to EVERY game.

Parents are expected to volunteer 12 hours per Competitive Program player. Any hours not completed will be charged at \$12/hr. at the end of the season. Parents who know they do not want to volunteer upfront may opt out for \$144.

I have read and understood all the GSA Competitive Program parents’ responsibilities.

Parent(s) Name(s): _____ / _____

Parent(s) Signature(s): _____ / _____

Date: _____

GSA – WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA RELEASE

ALL GSA Competitive Program parents need to read and sign this release.

I, the undersigned, do hereby grant permission to Gainesville Soccer Alliance (GSA) to post my child's photo, or other items, hereinafter referred to as "materials," taken during GSA events for the GSA website, Instagram account, and Facebook page.

I hereby release the Gainesville Soccer Alliance (GSA), all representatives, employees, managers, and directors from all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with any use of said "materials", including, without limitation, all claims for invasion of privacy, infringement of my right of publicity, defamation, and any other personal and/or property rights. I acknowledge and agree that no sums whatsoever will be due to me as a result of the use and/or exploitation of the "materials" or any rights therein.

Parent(s) Name(s): _____ / _____

Parent(s) Signature(s): _____ / _____

Date: _____

I acknowledge that my child is under 18 years old and lacks the legal capacity to enter into binding agreements. Accordingly, I have read this release and consent to my child's inclusion in the materials will not contest the rights granted in this release, and shall assist and support you in any legal proceedings for affirmation of this agreement, should you choose to have a court of law affirm this agreement.

Player's Name: _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____ / _____

Parent(s) Signature(s): _____ / _____

Date: _____

GSA – MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

PLAYER INFORMATION

Player's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

IN AN EMERGENCY, WHEN PARENTS CAN NOT BE REACHED, PLEASE CONTACT:

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Allergies: _____

Other Medical Conditions: _____

Player's Physician: _____ Office Phone: _____

Medical and/or Hospital Insurance Company: _____ Phone: _____

Policy Holder: _____ Policy #: _____ Group #: _____

Recognizing the possibility of injury or illness, and in consideration for Gainesville Soccer Alliance (GSA) and members of Gainesville Soccer Alliance (GSA) accepting my son/daughter as a player in the soccer programs and activities of Gainesville Soccer Alliance (GSA) and its members (the "Programs"), I consent to my son/daughter participating in the Programs. Further, I hereby release, discharge, and otherwise indemnify Gainesville Soccer Alliance (GSA), its member organizations and sponsors, their employees, associated personnel, and volunteers, including the owner of fields and facilities utilized for the Programs, against any claim by or on behalf of my player son/daughter as a result of my son's/daughter's participation in the Programs and/or being transported to or from the Programs.

My player son/daughter has received a physical examination by a licensed medical doctor and has been found physically capable of participating in the sport of soccer. I have provided written notice, submitted in conjunction with this release and attached hereto, setting forth any specific issue, condition, or ailment, in addition to what is specified above, that my child has or may impact my child's participation in the Programs. I give my consent to have an athletic trainer and/or licensed medical doctor or dentist provide my son/daughter with medical assistance and/or treatment and agree to be financially responsible for the reasonable cost of any such assistance and/or treatment.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

GSA – PLAYER/PARENT CODE OF ETHICS

ALL GSA Competitive Program parents and players need to read, sign and adhere to this agreement.

GSA Competitive Program Players Code:

- I will practice and encourage good sportsmanship at all times.
- I will remember that soccer is an opportunity to learn and have fun.
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol; and expect everyone to refrain from their use at all soccer games.
- I will do the best I can each day, remembering that all players have talents and weaknesses the same as I do.
- I will treat my coaches, other players and coaches, game officials, other administrators, and fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I will concentrate on playing soccer. Always giving my best effort.
- I will play by the rules at all times.
- I will at all times control my temper, resisting the temptation of retaliation.
- I will always exercise self-control.
- My conduct during competition towards the play of the game and all officials shall be by appropriate behavior and by FIFA's "Laws of the Game."
- While traveling, I shall conduct myself to bring credit to myself and my team.
- I shall not possess, consume or distribute before, during, or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, or unauthorized prescription drugs.
- I will never use abusive or insulting language. I will treat everyone with dignity.
- At all times I will treat others with respect.
- At no time will I belittle, bully, or purposefully cause harm.

GSA Competitive Program Parents Code:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, game officials, and administrators at all times.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of all players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will support the coaches, officials, and administrators working with my child, to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will remember that the game is for the players, not for the adults.

- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, game officials, administrators, and fans with respect.
- I will always be positive.
- I will always allow the coach to be the only coach.
- I will not get into arguments with the opposing team's parents, players, or coaches.
- I will not come onto the field for any reason during the game.
- I will not criticize game officials.
- I shall not possess, consume or distribute before, during, or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, or unauthorized prescription drugs.
- I will refrain from any activity or conduct that may be detrimental or reflect adversely upon GSA, its members, or its programs.

I understand that there are consequences for poor behavior and not adhering to the above rules can result in punishments.

Consequences can vary from case to case, and are completely up to the discretion of the Competitive Director, but common disciplinary actions typically look like the following:

1st Violation: Meeting with the Competitive Director, and a possible suspension.

2nd Violation: Expulsion from the team without a refund.

We have all read and understand the GSA Player/Parent Code of Ethics and agree to adhere to it to the best of our ability.

Player's Name: _____

Player's Signature: _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____ / _____

Parent(s) Signature(s): _____ / _____

Date: _____