



LIL' KICKERS INFORMATION

SPRING 2026

OCONEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

REGISTRATION

Lil' Kickers is an instructional 3 v 3 soccer league that has practice and game play on the same day. Allowing kids to incorporate drills and skills learned in practice into a game setting. Score is not kept, and coaches are the referees to create a non-competitive environment to maximize touches and emphasize fun. Each team will have six Saturdays of activity.

Registration for Oconee County Residents:

Monday, January 26 – Wednesday, February 18 (or until full)

Lil' Kickers In County Fee: \$93.50

Registration for Out of County Participants:

Monday, February 9– Wednesday, February 18 (or until full)

Lil' Kickers Out of County Fee: \$187

CONTACT

Lil' Kickers Program Coordinator: **Andrew Bishop** | abishop@oconee.ga.us | 706-769-3965

GENERAL INFORMATION

Coaches:

Our Coaches are volunteers. Each coach will have the opportunity to attend a soccer rules clinic, soccer coach clinic and must complete the NYSCA coach course through the National Alliance for Youth Sports. Your volunteer coach should contact you within a few days after receiving their roster. There is **NO** guaranteed placement for players except for the head coach's child and siblings.

Parents:

- At least one (1) parent **must** complete the NAYS Parent Orientation & Membership Program course.
- Parents may take the free course online at <https://www.nays.org/parents/> (Step-by-step instructions are available on our [website](#)).
- A child may **not** participate in the program until one (1) parent meets this requirement.
- We encourage you to volunteer as a coach or team parent.

Uniforms:

- Only team jerseys are provided; cleats, shorts, soccer socks and shin guards are the parents' responsibility.
- Team Jerseys are given to coaches for team distribution at a practice prior to games beginning.
- Shin-guards are required for all soccer league activity.
- Soccer socks are required, should be worn on the outside of the shin-guards, and long enough to pull over the shin-guard.
- There is no requirement on socks or shorts color.

AGE CONTROL INFORMATION

Age Divisions

Age

Lil' Kickers

4 years*

Age Control Date

Spring 2026: September 1, 2025

**Must be 4 years old on or before age control date*

LIL' KICKERS SEASON TIMELINE

Monday, January 26	Online Registration Begins – 8 a.m.
Wednesday, February 18	NYSCA Clinic at 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center <u>Youth Soccer Registration Deadline (Or until full)</u>
Wednesday, February 25	NYSCA Clinic at 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center
Thursday, February 26	<u>Coaches contact parents deadline</u>
Wednesday, March 4	Volunteer Coach Clinic – 6 p.m. on OVP Soccer Fields
Saturday, March 14	Soccer Rules Clinic – 6 p.m. in OVP Community Center
Saturday, March 21	Practice #1
Friday, March 27	Game Day #1
Saturday, March 28	Youth Soccer Picture Day – OVP Community Center
Saturday, April 4	Game Day #2
Saturday, April 11	NO ACTIVITY (Spring Break)
Saturday, April 18	NO ACTIVITY (Spring Break)
Saturday, April 25	Game Day #3
Saturday, May 2	Game Day #4
	Game Day #5
	Last Day of Activity/End of Season

***All dates are subject to change pending cancellations and make-ups due to inclement weather.**

LIL' KICKERS LEAGUE INFORMATION

Practices:

- The first date of activity (March 14) will consist of a 50-minute practice.
- Practice held at Herman C. Michael Park Field #3.

Games:

- There will be 5 game days throughout the season: March 21, March 28, April 18, April 25, and May 2.
 - Exceptions – Possibility of Friday night games for make-ups/rainouts/cancellations.
- Game days reflect the following time frame:
 - First 20 minutes of activity will be practice.
 - Last 30 minutes of activity will be the game.
- Games held at Herman C. Michael Park Field #3.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

What size goal and ball will my child use?

<u>League</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Ball</u>
Lil' Kickers	4' x 6'	Size 3

Will my child have to attend evaluations?

Evaluations are not held for this league. OCPRD staff will put together teams in order to ensure parity.

How often will my child's team meet?

All activity will take place on Saturday mornings.

What are the Saturday times?

Saturdays vary in start times ranging from 8:30 a.m. through the late afternoon to accommodate all teams.

What is the difference between Lil' Kickers and the U6 Youth Soccer League?

Lil' Kickers has shorter games right after a short practice, allowing players to quickly use the skills and knowledge they just learned in a game environment. The style of play is the New Ball Method, where coaches roll the ball back into play when a ball goes out of bounds. This will allow the players to get more touches during each game.

Does OCPRD coordinate end of season trophies?

OCPRD does not coordinate or arrange for trophies or end of season awards.