



# 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

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## 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

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