



ATLANTA FIRE UNITED SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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By the Numbers - Who we are:

Atlanta Fire United Soccer Association is the largest youth soccer club in Georgia. We had approximately 2,000 youth players registered in the Fall 2011. We have about 400 adult men playing in our Over 30 league. Girls represent the largest portion of our growth and now makeup about 45% of our membership. Children under 8 years old comprise 52% of our players. We have 63 select teams that include 860 players. We have about 32 players participating in our TOPSoccer program for physically or mentally challenged children. Most of our members attend schools in the Collins Hill, North Gwinnett, Duluth, Mill Creek, & Peachtree Ridge High School clusters. Lawrenceville - 33% / Suwanee - 26% / Duluth - 22% / Buford - 8% / Sugar Hill - 7% / Dacula - 2% / Other - 2%.

Fields & Facilities - Where do we play?

Atlanta Fire United plays most of their matches at George Pierce Park, a Gwinnett County Park in Suwanee and Scott Hudgen's Park in Duluth. George Pierce Park was constructed and is maintained by the County. Atlanta Fire United buys goals, nets, fertilizer, grass seed and sod as well as funding other improvements. We use two large soccer fields at Bunten Road Park, and City of Duluth Park. The City constructed these fields with participation from Atlanta Fire United (AFUSA) and shares maintenance costs for the fields with the City. The Scott Hudgens Park in Duluth was donated by Mr. Hudgens to the State with a shared use with the City of Duluth. The construction and maintenance of these fields has been funded primarily by Atlanta Fire United. Atlanta Fire United began playing matches on these fields beginning with the Spring 2001 season. In addition, AFUSA uses fields at Gary Pirkle Park in Sugar Hill that is owned and maintained by the City of Sugar Hill. We participate with the City for maintenance costs.

AGE GROUP CUT OFF FOR BIRTH DATES:

<i>Team Age Group</i>	<i>Birth Date</i>	<i>Registration Fee</i>	<i>Practices/Week</i>	<i>Ball Size</i>
U4	August 1, 2009 Thru July 31, 2010	\$49.00	1	Size 3
U5	August 1, 2008 Thru July 31, 2009	\$89.00	1	
U6	August 1, 2007 Thru July 31, 2008	\$89.00	1	
U7	August 1, 2006 Thru July 31, 2007	\$109.00	1	
U8	August 1, 2005 Thru July 31, 2006	\$109.00	1	
U9/U10	August 1, 2003 Thru July 31, 2005	\$125.00	2	Size 4
U12	August 1, 2001 Thru July 31, 2003	\$125.00	2	
U14	August 1, 2000 Thru July 31, 2001	\$125.00	2	
U16	August 1, 1997 Thru July 31, 1999	\$125.00	2	Size 5
U19	August 1, 1994 Thru July 31, 1997	\$125.00	2	

Important Dates - When will the season start and how will I find out about my team?

June 2013	Online Fall 2013 Rec Registration Open - https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=236366
July 13	Fall 2013 Rec Registration at George Pierce Park (55 Buford Highway NE, Suwanee, GA 30024) 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
July 20	Fall 2013 Rec Registration at Bunten Road Community Center (3180 Bunten Road NW, Duluth, GA 30096) 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
August 19	Rec Coaches Meeting - Location TBA
August 21	Rec Coaches Begin to Make Player Contact
August 25	Deadline for Rec Coaches to Call Players
August 26	Recreational Team Practice BEGINS at ALL fields
September 7	Fall 2013 Season BEGINS at ALL fields
November 23	Fall 2013 Season ENDS at ALL fields

\$\$\$\$ - Where does my money go?

Atlanta Fire United (AFUSA) has always strived to balance the goal of keeping costs to a minimum with the desire to provide nice fields, uniforms and a quality soccer program. We also attempt to set the registration fee that truly reflects the costs of the program. Select players pay approximately \$60 more each year because they require better practice areas and more services to be competitive. TU6 players pay less because they require fewer services. Atlanta Fire United actively pursues other sources of funding including sponsorships, concession sales, adult leagues, tournaments, camps and spirit wear sales in order to hold down the cost of registration. Programs such as the advanced recreational training are required to be self-funded. All non-Gwinnett county residents are required to pay a \$90.00 "Out of County" fee. AFUSA pays this entire fee to the Gwinnett County Parks & Rec department. Based on a \$175.00 registration fee, the breakdown of our spending is shown as follows:

Field Maintenance	\$25.00	Mowing, fertilizer, temporary sanitation, lining fields
Referees	\$25.00	Referee and booking fees
Field Development	\$20.00	New field construction, grading, grass, utilities, fences, gravel drives and parking
State Registration	\$10.00	Player registration with Georgia Soccer & US Youth Soccer, state membership fees
Insurance	\$5.00	Supplemental Player Medical Insurance, Liability & Property Insurance, bonds
Equipment	\$5.00	Goals, nets, corner flags, lining paint, sand bags
Uniform Kit	\$50.00	2 Jerseys (Home & Away), shorts & socks Purchased Separately: Home and Away Jersey - \$34.00 (\$17.00 each) Shorts - \$10.00 Socks - \$6.00
Coaching	\$10.00	Director of Coaches salary, coaching courses, training
Municipal Parks & Rec	\$10.00	Fees payable to municipal Parks & Rec departments
Administration	\$15.00	Administrative salaries, postage, office products, software, professional services, web page, audits
Total	\$175.00	

Administration - Who decides?

Atlanta Fire United (AFUSA) is non-profit corporation governed by bylaws adopted by its Board of Directors. The Executive Board consists of the President and eight elected volunteer members that have served the club for an established period of time. This Board sets policies and budgets to guide the Club. We have many other volunteer Directors that serve the Club in specific capacities. We have an Executive Administrator, Treasurer, Field Administrator, Registrar, Director of Concessions, Referee Booker, Executive Director of Select Coaches, and Boys & Girls Select Team Director of Coaches who serve the Club and receive compensation for

their time. Most of the work to operate the club is performed by volunteers including Board members, coaches and team managers.

Programs & Progress - What else is there?

We are very pleased to report that we are continuing to promote the world's game with a variety of programs for our membership. We now offer summer camps to everyone to improve the skills of our players. We offer a post-season tournament for our older teams to determine our representatives to the State Recreational Tournament in the Spring. We offer self-funded advanced training for six through nine year old players interested in getting a head start on soccer that is more competitive. We offer training for goalkeepers. We offer training and licenses for our coaches. We offer the opportunity to play select level soccer at the U12 and older age groups with a multi-level group of teams. We assess players for those teams with professional assistance to attempt to place players at the appropriate level of competition. We have a Top Soccer Program for physically and mentally challenged children. We have 180 certified referees and we are developing the best pool of referees in the state with an in-house training program and state assessments. We have a web site (www.atlantaunitedsoccer.com) that we will continue to use to improve communications in the club.

The Future - What's next?

We will continue to develop the soccer complex at Scott Hudgens Park. We will work with Gwinnett County to upgrade the playing and parking facilities at George Pierce Park. We will continue to improve the playing and practice fields until we have the best facilities in the State. We will utilize our professional coaching staff at the select level to develop players' skills to the best of their abilities. We plan to host state and regional tournaments as a means to raise funds. We will work to find corporate sponsors and volunteers to provide the best overall soccer program in Georgia.

Volunteers - How can I help?

Atlanta Fire United (AFUSA) needs volunteers. Our league is run by volunteer coaches, assistant coaches and team managers. How can you help? You can be your team's volunteer as a field marshal. Assist on field day or help your coach by staying late with the child whose parent is a little late arriving after practice. Remove the trash that your team leaves behind after a practice or a match. As always, you can offer positive ways to improve our Club or the facilities. Finally, AFUSA is always looking for corporate sponsors. If you have an interest in helping, contact us by email at info@atlantaunitedsoccer.com or call us at 770.271.4525.

Please visit our website at www.atlantaunitedsoccer.com **EVENT CALENDAR** for important dates and **MEMBER INFO/DOWNLOADS** including our Parent Handbook. If you cannot find an answer to your question, email our league at info@atlantaunitedsoccer.com. Most emails will be replied to within 24 hours. You may also leave a message with the league answering service at 770.271.4525. All efforts are made to respond to your message within 24 hours.