



Class BC All Ages Boys/Coed Soccer State Tournament  
Date: December 1-2, 2023

**Hosted by:**

Madison County Recreation Department

**Field Locations:**

Brewer Phillips Sports Complex  
605 Brewer Phillips Road, Danielsville GA 30633

Sammy Haggard Park  
1345 Highway 98 W, Danielsville GA 30633  
*\*Both locations are connected by a short walking trail.*

Entry Fee: \$205.00 Per Team  
Single Elimination Pool Play Tournaments

Admission (cash & debit/credit):

Adults - \$5.00

Students & Seniors (55+) - \$2.00

6 & Under - FREE

For Further Information Call  
Madison County Recreation Department  
706-795-6270



## Welcome 2023 Soccer State Participants!

Madison County Recreation Department is excited to host this tournament for you. We hope you enjoy the facilities and your stay.

Soccer player check-in will take place 1 hour before your **first** game at the following locations.

- 8U, 10U, & 12U Soccer – Brewer Phillips Upper Pavilion
- 14U Soccer – Sammy Haggard Park Football Building

Concessions will be available at both facilities. **Concessions will accept both cash and cards.**

We do know that this is state and will be highly competitive, but we ask that all coaches, fans and participants promote the highest level of sportsmanship and respect. If you have any questions or concerns, staff is always available to answer those. Ultimately, we want the teams to have the best experience possible while playing at our facilities and remember that this is about them.

We realize that Saturday, December 2 is the SEC Championship game of Georgia v. Alabama. It is our plan to have the game on our “big screen” at our Brewer Phillips Sports Complex as long as there is NO rain forecasted.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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Tournament Director: Nathan Ledford, [nledford@madisonco.us](mailto:nledford@madisonco.us) or 706-795-6270

***For immediate assistance during the tournament please call or text: 706-363-0060***

**Lodging in Commerce:**

Hampton Inn	706-335-6161	153 Hampton Ct	Commerce	30529
Red Roof Inn & Suites	706-335-5183	30747 US-441	Commerce	30529
Super 8 by Wyndham	706-756-6070	152 Eisenhower Dr	Commerce	30529
Howard Johnson by Wyndham	706-438-4461	148 Eisenhower Dr	Commerce	30529
Best Western Commerce Inn	706-335-3640	157 Eisenhower Dr	Commerce	30529
Quality Inn	762-244-5219	165 Eisenhower Dr	Commerce	30529
Country Inn & Suites by Radisson	706-336-8666	30539 US -441	Commerce	30529
Comfort Suites	706-336-0000	30490 US-441	Commerce	30529
Holiday Inn Express & Suites	706-336-0070	133 Frontage Rd	Commerce	30529
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Homewood Suites by Hilton Athens	706-548-3500	750 E Broad St	Athens	30601
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Howard Johnson by Wyndham	706-510-1108	2465 W Broad St	Athens	30606
Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott	706-549-5900	175 Old Epps Bridge Rd	Athens	30606
Country Inn & Suites by Radisson	706-612-9100	236 Old Epps Bridge Rd	Athens	30606
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SpringHill Suites by Marriott Athens Downtown	706-850-2072	220 S Hull St	Athens	30605
Best Western	706-546-7311	170 N Milledge Ave	Athens	30601
Courtyard by Marriott Athens Downtown	706-369-7000	166 N Finley St	Athens	30601
Hilton Garden inn Athens Downtown	706-353-6800	390 E Washington St	Athens	30601
Hotel Indigo Athens Downtown	706-546-0430	500 College Ave	Athens	30601
Hyatt Place Athens	706-425-1800	412 N Thomas St	Athens	30601
Graduate Athens	706-549-7020	295 E Dougherty St	Athens	30601
University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education	706-548-1311	1197 S Lumpkin St	Athens	30602



## Enjoy Local Restaurants and Shopping

### **GINA BELLE'S RESTAURANT**

530 General Daniel Ave N, Danielsville 30633  
706-795-0288  
Mon-Friday 5:30am-2:00pm  
Saturday 5:30am-11:00am

### **LOS PRIMOS MEXICAN GRILL**

715 US 29, Danielsville 30633  
706-795-9893  
Monday-Thursday 11:00am-10:00pm  
Friday-Saturday 11:00am-10:30pm  
Sunday 11:00am-9:00pm  
[Los Primos Mexican Grill | Danielsville GA | Facebook](#)

### **PAPARONNI'S PIZZA (Take Out Only)**

200 General Daniel Ave N, Danielsville 30633  
706-795-0237  
Tuesday-Saturday 3:30pm-8:00pm  
[Paparanni's Pizza \(paparonnis.com\)](#)

### **EL TIMON MEXICAN RESTAURANT**

200 General Daniels Ave, Danielsville 30633  
702-807-2076  
Monday-Thursday 11:00am-9:30pm  
Friday-Saturday 11:00am-10:00pm  
<https://www.facebook.com/El.Timon1>

### **TUMBLEWEED COFFEE LOUNGE**

200 General Daniel Ave #225, Danielsville 30633  
706-795-3779  
Monday-Friday 6:30am-2:00pm  
Saturday 8:00am-4:00pm  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090837547370>

### **THE BLACK SHEEP DINER**

200 General Daniels Ave, Danielsville 30633  
706-795-0356  
Tuesday-Thursday 11:00am-8:30pm  
Friday-Saturday 11:00am-9:00pm  
[Black Sheep Diner](#)

### **ZEB'S BAR-B-Q**

5742 Hwy 29 N, Danielsville 30633  
706-795-2701  
Wednesday-Saturday 9:00am-9:00pm  
Thursday 9:00am-8:30pm  
Sunday 11:00am-3:00pm  
[Zeb's Bar-B-Q | Danielsville GA | Facebook](#)

### **LA CABANA MEXICAN RESTAURANT**

158 Gholston Street, Comer 30629  
706-783-0012  
[La Cabana of Comer | Facebook](#)

### **MAGGIE'S CAFÉ**

1976 Main Street, Comer 30629  
706-783-3000  
Monday-Saturday 11:00am-8:00pm  
[Maggies Cafe \(maggiescafe.com\)](#)

### **ILA RESTAURANT**

81 Main Street, Ila 30647  
706-789-2356  
[Ila Restaurant | Ila GA | Facebook](#)

### **J&J BBQ AND SUCH, LLC**

20 Mamie Lane, Ila 30647  
706-789-3846  
Monday-Friday 6:00am-2:00pm  
Sunday 6:00am-3:00pm  
[J&J BBQ and Such | Ila GA | Facebook](#)

### **WINGHOUSE GRILL**

8727 US 29, Hull 30646  
706-850-9700  
Monday-Saturday 11:00am-9:00pm  
[Wing House Grill | Hull GA | Facebook](#)

For more restaurants and local businesses visit: <https://business.madisoncountyga.org/directory>



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## Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> ONLY

Event souvenir shirts, koozies, etc. will be available for purchase from The Whimsy Owl. Any shirts purchased **AT** the event will be made to order; team/agency logos will be available to be added to designs to make purchases personal.

Designs specific to the tournament can be found here: [SOCCER DESIGNS.pdf - Google Drive](#)

## **RULE XII – YOUTH SOCCER**

### ***ARTICLE I – ELIGIBILITY***

#### **SECTION A – AGE DIVISIONS**

1. Participants must be age 6 by the age control date: on September 1, current year.
2. There are ten age divisions of play:

<b><u>GIRLS</u></b>	<b><u>MALE/COED</u></b>
8 & Under	8 & Under
10 & Under	10 & Under
12 & Under	12 & Under
14 & Under	14 & Under
17 & Under	17 & Under

3. For all team sports allow within district lines for individuals to compete in the nearest or adjoin departments with the following restrictions:
  - a. Home County or Agency has no program.
  - b. Cannot cross district lines.
  - c. Cannot pass over a program to participate in another agency.
  - d. Must participate in the sport program in the host agency.
  - e. Host agency must endorse participant.
  - f. Participant must be approved by District Athletic Chair. Once approved, they are legal throughout District and State.
  - g. Host agency must notify the District Athletic Chair with list and Home County of each crossover participant. The district must forward info to the State Host and Athletic Chair.
4. Youth coaches must be certified by one of the following programs: NYSCA, ACEP, GHSA, or GYSA.
5. Any player or coach ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended for one game, in addition to the game from which ejected; or, in the case of an individual event within a meet or match, for the duration of that event.

#### **SECTION B – CLASSIFICATION**

**Divided into two classifications: Class A and Class B/C** – This shall be for teams that are an integral part of competition in local league play for their local member recreation agency.

### ***ARTICLE II – REGULATIONS***

#### **SECTION A – GOVERNING RULES**

1. Youth soccer at all levels is governed by the current rules and regulations of GHSA, GYSA and U.S. Youth Soccer except as noted in this manual.
2. Per the “Return to Play Act of 2013”, effective January 1, 2014, all agencies are required to provide concussion education material to all youth participants and their parents. The verification of compliance to this law is affirmed by the signature of the agency director on the GRPA roster.

3. All head and assistant coaches that are coaching youth teams participating in all levels of GRPA Athletics must have undergone a criminal background check through their Department. By signing the teams GRPA roster, the Department Director or their designee attests that this has taken place.
4. Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, or locker rooms. The use of audio or visual recording devices is not allowed in resolution of protested matters.

**SECTION B – LENGTH OF GAMES**

Division	Regulation Time	Halftime
8U 10U 12U	two 30 minute halves	5 minutes
14U	two 35 minute halves	
17U	two 40 minute halves	

1. For GRPA District and State playoff games, if no team has won the match at the end of regulation play, one 10-minute overtime period will next be used to break the tie. The teams will exchange ends after 5-minutes of play and a 2-minute interval. The 10-minute overtime is played to conclusion, as there is NO golden goal.
2. If no goals are scored during the overtime play, a best of 5 FIFA kicks from the penalty mark will be taken to determine the winner. If still tied at the end of the 5 kicks, sudden death kicks (if the first team makes their kick in sudden death the second team will have the opportunity to match the goal) from the penalty mark will take place with each team naming a new five players to take the kicks. If the score is still tied after exhausting all players on the roster, the first five players may be named to kick again.
3. Inclement Weather Plan:
  - a. Play as many games as possible as scheduled.
  - b. Move game times back and start later.
  - c. If game times have to be moved back play reduced time periods not to be less than 20 minutes.
  - d. Consider playing on Sunday if teams and facility are available.
  - e. If Sunday is not an option and teams do not want to return another weekend then we would go to penalty kicks as a last resort.
  - f. Penalty kicks should only be utilized as a last resort and GRPA prefers that they be used after games have been able to start but cannot be completed. If no other choice remains then penalty kicks would be utilized to determine the winner.
4. Soccer Mercy Rule: In accordance with the National Federation allowance for a state adoption when there is a competitive imbalance between the teams, the match will be shortened as follows:
  - a. If a team is *seven* (7) or more goals down at the midpoint of the first half, that will be considered the end of the half, and the teams will play a twenty (20) minute second half.
  - b. If a team is *seven* (7) or more goals behind at halftime, the second half will be restricted to twenty (20) minutes.
  - c. When a team is *ten* (10) or more goals behind in the second half, the game will be terminated.

**SECTION C – SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

There is no mandatory participation requirement for any GRPA sport.

1. A team may finish with the number listed below as long as the player did not leave the game by ejection.

<b>Division</b>	<b>Start Game</b>	<b>Finish Game</b>
8U	6 (6v6)	5
10U	7 (7v7)	6
12U	9 (9v9)	8
14U 17U	11 (11v11)	10

2. Substitutions

- a. A substitute who desires to enter the game shall be at the center line or report to the scorer, giving his/her jersey number and the number of the player being replaced. If the entry is made at a time other than between periods, the scorer shall cause the timer to signal immediately after the whistle has sounded. The substitute shall remain at the center line or the scorer's table until an official beckons the player onto the field of play.
  - b. When there is no official scorer and time, incoming substitutes shall report directly to the nearest official from the official area or be at the center line.
  - c. Either team may substitute:
    - i. Between Periods.
    - ii. On a goal kick.
    - iii. When play is stopped for an injury, the injured player shall be replaced.
    - iv. When a player is cautioned.
    - v. Disqualification of a player.
  - d. A team having gained possession of the ball for a throw-in or corner kick may substitute as many players as it desires provided each player is at the center line and has reported before the ball goes out of bounds. The team causing the ball to go out of bounds shall not substitute at this time.
  - e. When a team repeatedly substitutes to consume time, an official shall order the timer to stop the time clock during such substitutions and shall notify the coach of the offending team the repetition may be construed as unsportsmanlike conduct.
  - f. A player leaving the field of play during the progress of the game without the consent of an official (except through normal movement of play) shall be guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct unless stopping play to assess the penalty would be an advantage to the offending team.
  - g. Entry onto the field of play by a substitute, trainer, or coach is prohibited without the approval of an official.
  - h. When play has stopped, one of the players on the field may change places with the goalkeeper. Any time the goalkeeper is changed, an official shall be notified.
3. Heading the ball is not allowed in 8U or 10U age divisions. An indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team at the spot where a player deliberately touches the ball with his/her head. If the
  4. defending team deliberately heads the ball inside the goal area, the attacking team will be awarded an indirect free kick from the edge of the goal area.



5. No new game should be originally scheduled after 10:00 PM on weekdays. All games will be scheduled and start no later than 10:00 PM on Friday and Saturday nights but may be played in emergency situations (rain, game delays, etc.)

### ***ARTICLE III – EQUIPMENT***

#### **SECTION A – APPROVED EQUIPMENT**

1. Shoes are mandatory for play in all divisions of soccer as specified by GHSA Rule Book.
  - a. Ages 14U and above may wear screw-in cleats, but 8U-12U year must wear shoes with rubber-molded cleats or smooth, soft-soled shoes, such as tennis or basketball shoes.
2. The approved soccer balls for division are as follows:
  - a. The 8U divisions will use a #3 hand-sewn synthetic ball.
  - b. The 10U & 12U divisions will use a #4 hand-sewn synthetic ball.
  - c. The 14U and 17U divisions will use a #5 hand-sewn synthetic leather ball.

#### **SECTION B – UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS**

1. A uniform for youth soccer shall be a jersey, shoes, socks (must all match in color and style) and shin guards. No other youth sports organization patches will be allowed on uniforms in GRPA tournaments.  
Penalty – Illegal Equipment
2. A jersey or team shirt must be alike in style and color with players on the same team and must have factory type numbers on the front or back. The logos, numbers, trim, etc. does not have to match if the basic color is the same.
3. The jersey of the goalkeeper shall be distinctly different from that of any teammate, opponent, or referee and does not require a number.
4. It is recommended that each team have 2 sets of uniform shirts of different colors.
5. The Host Agency shall be responsible for supplying scrimmage vests in events where jerseys need to be opposite colors. A coin toss shall be conducted and the winner shall have the option of whether to wear the scrimmages vests or original jerseys.
6. Coaches and non-player personnel must be attired in a manner that puts GRPA and its member agencies in a positive light. Tournament Directors, Officials, and GRPA State Athletic Committee members reserve the right to remove those from the contest who do not adhere to the standards set forth by the GRPA State Athletic Committee.
  - a. Managers, coaches, or team scorers who coach the bases must be attired in staff shirts or jerseys that are identical in style and color with each other.

**SECTION C – PLAYING FIELD REQUIREMENTS**

1. The following field specifications are required for all games:

<b>Division</b>	<b>Field Width</b>	<b>Field Length</b>	<b>Goals</b>
8U	30 Yard Min. 40 Yard Max.	50 Yard Min. 60 Yard Max.	6' High Min. - 7' High Max. 12' Wide Min. – 21' Wide Max.
	*Penalty kicks will be taken from 8 yards from goal line when tie-breaker shootouts occur.		
10U	40 Yard Min. 50 Yard Max.	60 Yard Min. 70 Yard Max.	6' High Min. - 7' High Max. 18' Wide Min. – 21' Wide Max.
12U	40 Yard Min. 60 Yard Max.	60 Yard Min. 100 Yard Max.	6' High Min. - 7' High Max. 18' Wide Min. – 21' Wide Max.
14U 17U	50 Yard Min. 80 Yard Max.	100 Yard Min. 130 Yard Max.	8' High 24' Wide

**ARTICLE IV – GAMES AND AWARDS****SECTION A – DISTRICT & STATE**

- The Host Agency shall provide a minimum number of competent adults for scorers and timers, a Tournament Director, and two (2) Registered officials. The referee will be responsible for keeping the official time.
- The Host Agency shall be responsible for proper conduct by spectators.
- The Host Agency shall be responsible for providing the game ball in accordance with GRPA specifications in these rules.
- The Host Agency shall be responsible for seeing that the playing field requirements meet GRPA specifications.
- The Host Agency must supply mesh scrimmage vest in the case that teams have the same jersey color.
- No teams shall be required to play more than **three** games in a day. A mandatory rest time is required only before the championship game –it shall be 3 hours in a single elimination tournament - if teams vote to start early, the game cannot start in less than 2 hours without special circumstances. (i.e. weather, travel times, approaching storms)
- District level competition in soccer is to be completed as follows.
  - All youth divisions (8U, 10U, 12U, 14U and 17U) by the Saturday before the State tournament. Pool play is optional.
- State level competition will be pool play. Any forfeit done during pool play will result in a \$750.00 fine payable to state host. For other forfeit information please see page 24.

**ARTICLE V – OFFICIALS AND PARTICIPANTS****SECTION A – HOST**

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- The Host Agency shall be responsible for proper conduct by spectators.
- The Host Agency shall be responsible for providing the game ball in accordance with GRPA specifications in these rules.

4. The Host Agency shall be responsible for seeing that the playing field requirements meet GRPA specifications.
5. The Host Agency must supply mesh scrimmage vest in the case that teams have the same jersey color.

## **SECTION B – GAME OFFICIALS**

A minimum of two (2) registered officials must be employed for state level GRPA competition. It is recommended these officials be GHSA, Georgia State Soccer or USSF REGISTERED. If two officials are used, they both must be at least 18 years old. If three officials are used, the center official must be at least 18 years old but the other two may be younger (but older than the age group they are officiating).

## ***ARTICLE VI – PROTESTS AND APPEALS***

### **SECTION A – PROTESTS FOR SOCCER RULES INFRACTIONS**

1. The judgment decision by the referee on any play shall not be protested.
2. Protests on misinterpretation of the rules are allowed to the referee and if accepted as valid by the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director shall coordinate any such protest committee as determined prior to the game by the Agency Host in coordination with the District Commissioner for District level competition and with the State Athletic Committee Chair for state levels of competition. If a protest is accepted by the Tournament Director, it must be made by the team coach or responsible person in charge of the team at the time of the alleged infraction. A full explanation of the protest will be recorded by the official scorer and retained for reference. All such protests are to be immediately acted upon by the protest committee and before play is continued. If the decision of the protest committee is appealed to the State Athletic Committee, it must be done so in time for any action to be resolved prior to the next game of either team involved.

**For more information regarding protests and appeals, see: Rule I, Article IV, Section C-11. For more information on protest committee organization and responsibility, see Rule II, Article I, Section A.**

GRPA Rule Clarifications:

- In 8U and 10U, GRPA does not use the “build-out” lines.
- Offsides is called at every level of GRPA Tournament play from 8U through 17U.
- The Goalkeeper can release the ball in any manner in GRPA play. Punts and drop kicks are legal.
- The only modifications GRPA uses is field and goal specifics and number of players on the field.

**Unless otherwise specified, GRPA soccer follows GHSA soccer rules.**