



Roswell Soccer Club Handbook

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Purpose

The purpose of this handbook is to guide individuals and the organization's players, parents, coaches and trainers in becoming familiar with the Roswell soccer program for youth, ages four through nineteen. It was written to assist both those familiar with soccer and those with little or no experience in the game.

History

The Roswell Recreation and Parks Department youth recreational soccer program started in the spring of 1976 with 6 teams. In 1978, the recreational program had more than doubled in size and added its first adult soccer team. By 1981, Roswell added its first Select soccer team and the recreational program again doubled to 31 teams.

The Roswell Soccer Club was formed later in the 1980's and was developed to assist the City with the soccer programs and fundraising. Today, the Roswell Soccer Club has around 1,200 youth participants in World Cup, Recreational and Select soccer as well as 19 teams in the various adult leagues.

Roswell Recreation and Parks Department and the Roswell Soccer Club are partners in the soccer programs in the City of Roswell. Together, they work collaboratively to better the soccer in Roswell for all the participants and their families.

Philosophy

Our Vision

Our vision within the RSC is to develop, assist and support every Roswell Soccer Club player in achieving his or her full potential as a young athlete, both on and off the field.

Our Mission

Our mission within the RSC is to educate our players, coaches, trainers and parents in the sport of soccer, using the Roswell Soccer Club program curriculum that is completely focused on player development.

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Programs

World Cup Soccer (4 & 5 year olds)

World Cup is a micro soccer program where fundamental skills of soccer will be taught in a friendly, noncompetitive atmosphere. In the practice sessions during the week the players will learn the basics of soccer, such as the rules and the skills of shooting, dribbling and passing. The Saturday sessions will be games with volunteer coaches who will instruct the players as well as referee the games.

• Practices:	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday afternoon
• Games:	Saturday mornings & afternoons
• Travel:	All practices and games played in Roswell
• Season:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fall: September – October• Spring: March – April
• Fees:	City Registration – Residents: \$58 and Non-Residents: \$117 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Covers all costs (tee shirt, ball & participation medal)
• Uniforms	Tee shirt

Recreation Soccer (U8- U19 years old)

Recreational soccer is for participants who are just getting started in soccer or for those players who are not interested in playing soccer at a competitive select level. Teams will meet 2 or 3 times a week, depending on their ages. Teams are created based on pre-season evaluations and, based on the number of players registered, all players who are evaluated will be placed on teams.

Based on player ages, the number of players on the field varies; U8s play 4v4, U10s play 6v6, U12s play 8v8 and U14s & above play 11v11.

• Practices:	Monday through Friday nights, 1 to 2 sessions per week based on age group
• Clinics:	Weekly Skills session (free to players)
• Games:	1 – 2 per weekend, usually Saturday and some Sunday afternoons
• Travel:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U8 – U10: All practices and games played in Roswell• U12 & above: Home games in Roswell, Away games in Metro Atlanta area
• Season:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fall: August – November• Spring: February – May
• Fees:	City Registration – Residents: \$78 and Non-Residents: \$117
• Uniforms	Jerseys (2), shorts and socks (2), included in City Registration fee

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The expectation is that the player will attend the majority of practices and games with exceptions for illness, family events or school activities. Coaches need to be notified in advance, particularly if a game is to be missed.

Jr. Academy (6-9 years old)

The Jr. Academy is a developmental training program for Recreational level soccer players aged 6-9. This program is designed to provide the participants with an introduction to professional training and reinforce the basic soccer concepts that promote player development for this age group. This program is offered in addition to their recreation teams and does not interfere with participation on their current team. Since these aged players only practice once a week it provides them with another opportunity to train. Any player within the age range that participates in our recreational program is invited to participate.

• Practices:	1 weekday afternoon (exact day to be determined)
• Season:	• Fall: September – November • Spring: March – May
• Fees:	• \$100 per season, held during Fall and Spring seasons

Academy Soccer (U9-U12 year olds)

Roswell Santos participates in Georgia Youth Soccer Association's U9 & U10 (6 v 6) & U11 and U12 (8 v 8 with some 11v11 games for U12) Developmental Program (The Academy). The goal of this program is to implement the Georgia State Soccer Association's and the United States Soccer Federation's guidelines and recommendations for youth player development. Player pools will be formed at each of these age groups, separating the boys and the girls.

U9, U10 & U11

The emphasis of the Academy is on individual player development. At this age it is extremely important for players to master the skills and fundamentals needed to progress in select soccer at the older ages. Winning games is not the focus of the Academy and while games will be played, no scores or standings will be kept throughout the season.

Typically the Academy groups are comprised of 3-4 teams' worth of players (27 – 36 players). All the players will be practicing at the same fields and times each week. The players will then be split into separate teams for the games on the weekends by the Age Group Director prior to the games, based on a number of factors including the weekly opponent and individual player's skill development & progress. Practices will be run by an Age Group Director and 2 to 3 paid professional trainers. One of the professional trainers will coach the games each weekend to observe the players.

U12

The U12 Academy Soccer Program is a stepping stone program from U9 –U11 Academy to Select soccer. It is also for recreational players who are interested in playing at a more competitive level. Players at U12 will be divided into separate team pools within the first few weeks of practice, but will have the same practice days, times and location. While individual

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skills are still very important at this age, there will be some emphasis on the team performance. This age group is still considered Academy because teams will still be playing small sided soccer (8v8) with the opportunity to play some 11v11 games. The participation in 11v11 games will be based on team development. Standings will not be kept in the Fall season but will be looked at in the Spring season to evaluate teams for placement the following year. Players are grouped for teams based on their individual playing ability and may be asked to be on the A, B or C team. Teams will then compete against similarly skilled teams from other clubs in the Atlanta area. This program is a pre-cursor to the traditional select “team” that players will be eligible to tryout for at U13.

Our developmental program is structured to provide maximum instruction for each and every player, preparing him or her to compete at their highest level of play. Certified coaches and trainers will emphasize development of ability on the ball and ball control, including basic individual skills: footwork, passing, shielding, dribbling, and shooting. The training these players will receive is designed to keep every player active with the ball at all possible times. In addition to the two practices per week, there is a third skills clinic, goalkeeper training and a possible third practice for further player development.

Players are selected for during the annual tryouts held in May-June for the Fall and Spring seasons. Participants are making a 1 year commitment to the program.

• Practices:	Monday through Thursday nights, 2 90 minute sessions per week	
• Clinics:	Weekly Skill and Goalkeeper sessions (free to players)	
• Games:	1 – 2 per weekend, usually Saturday and some Sunday afternoons	
• Tournaments:	2 – 3 per season, played in Metro Atlanta area, with possibility of 1 played out of state	
• Travel:	Home games in Roswell, Away games in Metro Atlanta area	
• Season:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall: late July – late November • Spring: February – May 	
• Fees:	• City Registration	Residents: \$78 and Non-Residents: \$117
	• Academy Camp	Residents: \$126 and Non-Residents: \$189
	• Family Membership	\$75 per Family per season
	• Training	U9 – U12: \$330 per season
	• Tournaments	U9 – U12: \$50 – 100 per season
	• Practice T-shirts	\$15 for 2 t-shirts
	• Miscellaneous	\$25 per season
	• Uniforms	U9 – U12: \$60 - \$100, with warm-ups & bags optional <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSC typically uses the same uniform for 3 years with 2007 being the last year for the current uniform
Total Cost per Season		U9 – U12: \$635 – 745 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees excluding Uniforms

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Please note that the exact fees will be determined by the coach and may vary from the fee schedule due to additional expenses such as training sessions and tournaments attended.

Select/Travel Soccer (U13-U19 year olds)

The **Select Program** is designed to help players who are more developed in their skills and continue to develop through practices with professional coaches and trainers and competitions against other select club teams. The emphasis is more competitive in nature than the recreational program. This program operates as part of Georgia State Soccer Association (GSSA). Our youth players' ages U13-U19 will test their skills against opponents of similar ability and travel to games and tournaments in the Atlanta Metro area as well as in other states and regions. As such, the **Select Program** requires a larger investment of time and financial resources.

• Practices:	Monday through Thursday nights, 2 90 minute sessions per week	
• Games:	1 – 2 per weekend, usually Saturday and some Sunday afternoons	
• Tournaments:	2 – 3 per season, played in Metro Atlanta area, with possibility of 1 -2 played out of state (age and play level dependent)	
• Travel:	Home games in Roswell, Away games in Metro Atlanta area (except for Tournaments)	
• Season:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall: late July – late November • Spring: February – May • Offseason: Training sessions may be held between seasons 	
• Fees:	• City Registration	Residents: \$78 and Non-Residents: \$117
	• Family Membership	\$75 per Family per season (must be paid by youngest sibling)
	• Training	\$300 – \$500 per season
	• Tournaments	\$80 – \$100 per season
	• Miscellaneous	\$30 per season
	• Uniforms	\$100 - \$120, with warm-ups & bags optional. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSC typically uses the same uniform for 3 years with 2007 being the last year for the current uniform
	Total Cost per Season	

Please note that the exact fees will be determined by the coach and may vary from the fee schedule due to additional expenses such as training sessions and tournaments attended.

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Select Team Player Selection and Team Formation

All Santos teams playing in ages U13-U19 will be considered select/travel soccer. All players must attend tryouts to be selected to any RSC team playing select/travel soccer.

- If there are enough players to form several teams, then tryouts will be held to form one Blue, Red and/or White teams as the number of players allows.
- Coach of the team designated as the Blue Coach will select players first. Red Coach selects second. White Coach selects third.
- All decisions are final when all coaches are in agreement on final player selections.
- Each coach must make team selections based on the RRPD 50% Roswell residency rule. Clearly stated this rule says that every team must have at least 50% of their roster comprised of players that live within the City limits of Roswell. The 50/50 rule applies to **each** team and not the entire age group. For more information on this rule contact the RRPD staff.
- Head coaches of the blue team will, at his/her discretion choose, the number of players she/he desires at tryouts by the end of the third day of this tryout. The totals selected should be no less than 14 players and no more 18 players. Coaches must select enough players to field a complete team.
- Coaches may remove players from consideration at the end of each try-out day as well as extend verbal offers at the end of each try-out day to player he/she wants to add to the team.

Fee Structure:

The fee structure associated with the individual programs is:

Program Fees	World Cup	Recreation	Jr. Academy	Academy	Select
City Registration	√	√		√	√
Training			√	√	√
Family Membership				√	√
Tournaments				√	√
Uniforms				√	√

Notes:

- City Registration Fees must be paid to the City of Roswell prior to the beginning of each season.
- Team Fees paid by Academy and Select programs (Training, Family Membership and Tournament) are typically collected at the beginning of each season in a single payment or split into two payments. Checks are the preferred method of payment. The fee schedule is created by the Roswell Soccer Club and the team treasury is managed by a Team Treasurer. The fees depend on the cost of the team trainer/coach and the number of team practices held per week and tournaments played.
- Training Fee paid by Jr. Academy is paid to the Roswell Soccer Club at the beginning of each season.

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Scholarships

Roswell Soccer Club does offer Scholarships for families that need assistance in paying some of the costs associated with playing in the Academy, Select and Recreation programs. There is an application form available at our web site, www.roswellsoccerclub.com. Completed applications need to be mailed or delivered to the Roswell Recreation and Parks Department office on Dobbs Drive or mailed to 38 Hill Street, Roswell, GA 30075.

Player Responsibilities

Practice Routine

Without regular and proper practice, soccer skills and tactics cannot be mastered. The Roswell Soccer Club demands a tremendous commitment from the Coaches, and we expect the players to be willing to make the same commitment. We know that many of our players have other interests and demands on their time, but we believe it very important that every effort is made to attend each practice session. At an early stage in their development, these boys and girls are capable of moving beyond "kick ball" and learning some good soccer skills. They will need those skills if their team is to be competitive. So please make every effort to arrange their schedules to allow time for soccer practice.

Roswell Santos teams generally will practice twice each week during the soccer season. Practices will begin usually in late-July and continue through the last game in mid-November or any tournament at the end of the Fall season. For the Spring season, practice will begin in mid-February. League games will begin approximately the second weekend in March and the Spring season will not end later than the Memorial Day weekend. The times and days of each team's practice will be set by the Club and the Coach. Since each team generally practices two times a week it's important for those seeking further development work on their skills on their own at home. An individual training manual; "At Home Training Program" is available to download from the Roswell Soccer Club website (www.roswellsoccerclub.com) for players to use in developing their skills.

Lastly, each player is expected to bring a soccer ball and water to each practice.

Team Practice Rules

Roswell Soccer Club has very few rules, but there are one or two important Santos team rules which relate to practice. New and old players should be aware of these rules:

- **No Practice . . . No Play** - It is important to come to practice regularly. Players cannot miss practice or practice poorly and expect to improve. If players have a problem attending a practice, players must give their coach a call, in advance, if possible.
- **No Proper Practice . . . No Play** - Proper practice means that you:
 - Pay attention to the coaches in practice
 - Make an effort to improve the skills learned in practice at home

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- Do not distract others at practice (e.g., talking while attempting a drill is distracting to others)
- Coaches Determine Playing Time Based on How Players Participate and Conduct Themselves at Practice
- All Players Who Come to Practice and Practice Properly are Required to Play at Least One-Half Of All Regular Season League Games.

Game Day Preparation

Prior Preparation Prevents Poor Performance! All players must arrive at the game well rested, and mentally and physically prepared to play at their best. Proper rest and nutrition are essential to playing at peak performance. Soccer is a very demanding sport and player's approach to game day preparation should be professional and taken seriously to prevent injury, and have success. Here are a few basic guidelines:

- Avoid spend-the-night parties or staying up late the night before a game. Fatigue as a result of too little sleep also raises the risk of injury as well as can be the deciding factor in the outcome of a game.
- Build up body fluid before the game. Start drinking water as much as 24 hours before the game, and try to take in as much proper fluid as possible right up to game time. If a player is thirsty it is too late. Drink until no more fluids can be consumed and then try to have another.
- Eat sensibly, especially on the day of a game. For instance, milk, peanuts or carbonated drinks before a game will shorten a player's wind. Stay away from meats and dairy products 1-3 hours before a game. They take longer to digest in the body and can cause cramps and nausea.
- Half-time refreshments such as water, or perhaps a very diluted Gatorade-type drink are recommended. If a player is properly hydrated, consuming lots of water will not be necessary. Too much fluid intake may cause a player to be sluggish in the second half.
- Players need to make sure that they have proper equipment, and bring them to each practice and game. Proper fitting shoes and shin guards are essential. Watches, jewelry, and accessories should be left at home. Each player is expected to bring their complete uniform to all games.
- Arrive at each game in plenty of time to warm-up properly. The Coach will provide the team with a game schedule which will list the "Report Time" for each game. Parents need to leave home in time to have their child at the game, fully dressed, and ready to warm-up substantially prior to game time. A pre-game warm-up to get an abundant flow of blood to the muscles, followed by sensible, slow stretching activities designed to increase flexibility and minimize the possibility of muscle pulls or injury, are of vital importance.
- Be active in other areas, such as swimming, biking, tennis, racquetball or basketball. Movements in these sports are similar to soccer and can also refresh tired muscles as well as build stamina and strength. It can help to ward off injuries and rejuvenate aches and pains.
- Treat minor injuries promptly and properly. For muscle strains and bruises, remember the principle of "R-I-C-E" - Rest, Ice, Compression and Elevation. Your coaches are asked to carry first aid kits. Let the coach know before or during practice or a game of any condition that might affect a player's ability to play. Seek early medical help for physical problems

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that persist. Players should not practice or play if they have reason to believe that it may aggravate an injury.

- Players must call the Coach in advance if they will miss a practice or game.

Uniform Policy

Whenever a Roswell Soccer Club player is in uniform, he/she is representing the Club and they should wear the uniform properly and with pride. Please read and abide by the following guidelines:

- Jerseys will always be tucked into shorts whenever the uniform is worn (not just during the game). If a player wears sliding pants, they must be the same color as the shorts and should not extend below the uniform shorts.
- Uniform socks will be pulled up whenever they are worn. Shin guards must always be covered by socks.
- Arrive at least 30 minutes before games prepared to play. That means players are fully dressed, with shoes on and tied and ready to go. The coach may ask players to arrive 45 minutes early.
- If players have equipment bags, put the bags carefully in a row on the sidelines at all games. Keep bags in a proper team location at practice.
- Every player must bring a soccer ball to every practice and game and it must be pumped up.
- All rings, watches, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, other jewelry and hairpins (except for rubber bands or other elastic bands) should be left at home.
- To protect soccer cleats, use saddle soap or Kiwi polish or leather protector before every game; in other words, shine and take care of the shoes.

Equipment

The following items should be kept in a player's equipment bag at all times:

- Soccer ball
- Soccer shoes
- Shin guards
- All alternate uniforms
- Extra pair of socks
- Leather protector for shoes (mink oil)
- Roswell Soccer Clubs requires every Coach to have a First Aid kit at all practices and games. If a player has a specific medical need, they should have the appropriate medicine(s) with them at all times. This would include items such as inhalers for Asthma, a brace &/or tape for an injury, Sun screen, etc. (as needed).

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Uniform Purchase Procedure – Academy & Select programs

The Roswell Soccer Club selects one standard uniform package for the Academy and Select programs. All players in the Academy and Select programs are required to purchase the Club-designated uniform prior to the start of the season. Typically, the uniform selected is used for three years. RSC utilizes Lloyd's Soccer Sports for all uniform ordering. Every Team Manager is provided with the uniform details and the ordering instructions prior to the season.

The standard uniform for players consists of 2 jerseys, 2 shorts and 2 socks (one each for home and away). The Academy teams typically only order a pair of home shorts and socks, however, it is suggested to purchase a second pair of socks. Optional items available include an equipment bag and a warm up suit.

Goalkeepers are expected to have their own pair of goalkeeper gloves which are their responsibility, not their teams.

Procedures for Handling Problems

Roswell Soccer Club has a process known as the Standards & Grievances ("S&G") to address any issues or problems related to a team, a coach, a player and/or a parent, process. Issues or problems may include, but not limited to, coach/player/parent actions, events and/or behavior that take place before, during and after practices and games.

In the event that an action occurs that warrants investigation, a S&G report must be filed with RSC, specifically with the Director of Coaching (DOC) and Roswell Recreation & Parks Department (RRPD). Any formal actions that are filed are addressed by the Standards & Grievances Committee, who is charged with the responsibility of investigating the specifics of the complaints and disciplinary problems.

Standards & Grievances Procedure:

- First, address any problems with the Team Coach
- Second, if after consulting with the Coach, additional attention to the problem is needed, refer the matter to the Director of Coaching or RRPD Staff who will report to the S&G Committee, if necessary
- Third, when a problem is referred to the Committee, a hearing may be held and appropriate remedial measures may be directed. The S&G form (see Appendix section of this Handbook) must be submitted prior to the Committee reviewing any problem. The Committee will render their decision within five business days of the filing of the written report.
- Note that the decisions rendered by the Standards & Grievances Committee shall not detract from the right of an Affiliated Association (GA Soccer) to impose sanctions in accordance with their Constitutions and By-laws.

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The Standards & Grievances Committee shall consist of the Coaches Committee Chairperson, Club President and RRPD Program Supervisor.

Transfers and Releases Policy

The Roswell Soccer Club's policy on transfers and releases acknowledges that a player is bound to our league from the date that registrations are due to GSSA to the end of the full year (from the beginning of the Fall season through the end of the Spring season). Once a select player has been rostered to a team, a transfer request is required to move to a team in another league during that seasonal year; however, a player may not transfer to a team in another league before the end of the current playing season, unless a transfer request is approved by all parties.

All transfer requests within the RSC must be submitted in writing to the RRPD for formal review by the Coaches Committee. The Coaches Committee reserves the right to refuse a transfer request if there is not a valid reason for leaving the club.

A Roswell soccer player may be released from his/her team at anytime and will be placed on inactive status by the GYSA. In order to return to active status during the same seasonal year, the player must go back to the Roswell Soccer Club and re-register or initiate a transfer request.

If the Coaches Committee does approve a transfer or release request, that players' financial obligation to the club must be satisfied before a transfer or release is approved. The player needs to pay in full, the amount owed for the remainder of their year commitment to the Roswell Soccer Club. Specifically, the financial obligation includes their training, tournament, RSC Family Membership and team fees, as provided to all players at the beginning of the Fall season. Upon acknowledge of payment, the transfer or release request will be signed by the Roswell Soccer Club.

Code of Conduct

The Club promises:

- A safe environment, in which players can learn and grow.
- Structured training appropriate for players' age and degree of development.
- Participation in matches scheduled and approved by the GYSA league.
- Qualified coaches and facilities.
- Guidelines (for both players and Parents) that promote athletic and personal development.
- Evaluations of players' development and improvements

Players promise to:

- Attend practices regularly and punctually, listen to the coaches, work hard and provide excuses for absences.
- Practice the techniques they've learned and try to use them in match play.

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- Take part in games and other activities provided by the RSC, work hard and put the interests of the team ahead of personal goals.
- Attend school regularly and punctually, behaving there the same way they do at RSC.
- Maintain an athletic lifestyle, i.e. sensible leisure time activities, sufficient rest and a healthy diet.
- Obey this Code of Conduct.

Parents promise to:

- Help players reach the goals set for them and obey the rules of the RSC.
- Support players, praise good work and encourage them during critical periods.
- Set good examples for players.
- Acknowledge that players are members of the RSC and do not permit them to have any contact with other clubs in compliance to the rules provided by the GYSA.
- Encourage players during matches and practices.
- Leave all game instruction and comments to the teams coach.
- Will not make disruptive comments to players, opponents, fans, referees or coaches during match play.
- Obey this Code of Conduct.

Coaches Rules

- Attend all practices and games. If a conflict arises, insure that a suitable substitute has been arranged for and properly briefed.
- Conduct yourself in a professional manner at all times.
- Create a safe environment, in which players can learn and grow.
- No foul language or abusive conduct.
- No smoking in the presence of players.
- No alcoholic beverages in the presence of players.
- When traveling with the team:
 - Remain aware of your players' whereabouts and behavior.
 - Set schedules and inform players of all activities.
- Insure that players wear their uniforms in a proper and complete fashion. Socks should be pulled up and jerseys tucked in whenever in uniform.
- Insure that all tournament check-ins are properly conducted.
- Substitution policies:
 - During league play, each player must play half of the game (USYSA 50% rule) if they have satisfied the coach's practice requirements. In addition, RSC recommends that playing time be shared equally when game conditions permit, especially in the younger age groups. RSC also recommends that players not be utilized in a single position in the younger age groups as they must be taught the entire game of soccer.
 - During tournament and state cup play, the 50% playing time rule sometimes does not apply, and the coach has the discretion to substitute as necessary. However, the RSC recommends that coaches follow the same policies that apply to league play except in extraordinary circumstances such as state cup and high level competitions. An

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- attempt to play all players in each tournament game should be made, even if the 50% rule is not in effect.
- Roswell Soccer Club field usage policies:
 - All practices and games must be approved by the RRPD and DOC.
 - Practice spaces and times will be assigned by the RRPD. Parents are expected to cooperate in the use of field facilities.
 - All teams are responsible for cleaning up after practices or games, and for returning all equipment to its proper place.
 - All coaches are asked to help in monitoring the activities that take place at the Roswell Soccer field, and to assist in keeping our fields clean, safe and secure.
 - Roswell Soccer Club reserves the right to fine or discipline coaches for missing practices or games, or for any unprofessional behavior.

Parent Conduct at Games

- Make every effort to bring their child to every practice and game on time, correctly equipped, fed and as instructed by the coach
- Applaud and enjoy good play on the field for both teams
- Avoid coaching players during the game and recognize that there are opportunities to assist the team and the club
- Not shout and scream on the sidelines
- Respect the referee's decision and develop a sound understanding of the Laws of the Game
- Give attention to all of the children involved in the game and not the most experienced, talented or my own
- Recognize that youth sport relies on volunteers and will volunteer to help when asked to do so
- Support the coach and recognize that they are working to develop their soccer skills
- Recognize the value of committing to a team and a full season and will support my children in seeing through their commitment. Understand the impact on the rest of the team of withdrawing part way through a season or between seasons.
- Enjoy my child enjoying soccer

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Roswell Recreation & Parks Department Fields

East Roswell Park – 9000 Fouts Road

From GA 400 –

- Exit on Holcomb Bridge Road (Exit 7A if traveling North, Exit 7 if traveling South)
- Follow Holcomb Bridge for approximately 4 miles
- After crossing over Eves Road, make a right on Fouts Road
- Park will be at the end of Fouts Road
- After entering the park the soccer fields will be on your left.

Grimes Bridge Park – 830 Grimes Bridge Road

From GA 400 –

- Exit on Holcomb Bridge Road (Exit 7B if traveling North, Exit 7 if traveling South)
- Go West on Holcomb Bridge Road through 4 lights, approximately 1 mile
- Turn left onto Grimes Bridge Road (Shell Gas Station on the corner)
- Go approximately .5 miles and Grimes Bridge Park will be on your right
- Fields are located in front of the Adult Recreation Center

Northwoods Elementary – Wooten Road

From Alpharetta Hwy -

- Go East, cross over GA 400
- Turn left at the 2nd light on to Old Alabama. Go approximately 1 mile
- Turn left at a light on Wooten Road. Continue straight and the road will run into the school
- The fields are behind the trailers towards the left as you drive in.

From GA 400 –

- Exit on Holcomb Bridge Road (Exit 7A if traveling North, Exit 7 if traveling South)
- Go east on Holcomb Bridge Road
- Turn left at the 2nd light on to Old Alabama. Go approximately 1 mile
- Turn left at a light on Wooten Road. Continue straight and the road will run into the school
- The fields are behind the trailers towards the left as you drive in.

Roswell Area Park – 10495 Woodstock Road

- Exit on Holcomb Bridge Road (Exit 7B if traveling North, Exit 7 if traveling South)
- Go West on Holcomb Bridge from 400
- Turn left on Alpharetta Highway (Hwy 9)
- At the 1st light, turn right on Woodstock Road
- At the 2nd light turn right into Roswell Area Park
- Go to the very back of the park and the field is on the right. You will see football goal posts as this is a soccer and football field.

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Sweetapple – 11850 Crabapple Road

From GA 400 –

- Exit on Holcomb Bridge Road (Exit 7B if traveling North, Exit 7 if traveling South)
- Go West on Holcomb Bridge Road through 8 lights, approximately 3.5 miles
- Approximately 1 mile after crossing over Alpharetta Hwy, turn right at the 9th light onto Crabapple Road
- Follow Crabapple Road through 2 lights
- After the second light, go approximately .3 miles
- Park is on the left before you get to Sweetapple Elementary School.

Waller Park Extension Upper / Lower – 150 Dobbs Drive

From GA 400 –

- Exit on Holcomb Bridge Road (Exit 7B if traveling North, Exit 7 if traveling South)
- Go West on Holcomb Bridge Road through 4 lights, approximately 1 mile
- Turn left onto Grimes Bridge Road (Shell Gas Station on the corner)
- Go approximately .5 miles, past Grimes Bridge Park and turn right onto Oxbo Road
- Go approximately .3 miles and turn right onto Dobbs Drive
- Go up the hill and continue straight to get to the upper field or make a right to get to the lower field.

Woodstock Field – 40 Woodstock Road

From GA 400 –

- Exit on Holcomb Bridge Road (Exit 7B if traveling North, Exit 7 if traveling South)
- Go West on Holcomb Bridge Road
- Turn left on Alpharetta Highway (Hwy 9)
- At the first light, turn right onto Woodstock Road
- The fields will be immediately on your right.

Roswell Facility Rules

There are two rules associated with Roswell facilities:

- No alcohol is to be consumed in any location
- No pets allowed

Bad Weather Procedures

Weather Hotline Numbers:

(770) 641-3836 (all parks except for East Roswell Area Park)

(770) 594-6508 (East Roswell Park)

These numbers are your first choice and best source for information regarding practices and games. Please do not call the office number regarding inclement weather. Some teams use a

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calling post hotline number for information on games or practice cancellations, field closure and other special messages. Team coaches will provide more information on team procedures.

The Weather Hotline Numbers are updated after 3pm weekdays and after 8am on weekends.

Practice Sessions

Please remember that, although it may be raining in your part of town, it may not be raining at the practice fields. Please check the Weather Hotline, individual team Hotline, or with the Team Manager when in doubt. The Head Coach should call the Team Manager to report rain-outs. When in doubt, please show up for practice. At times, the Coach may schedule an indoor practice, or special practice or soccer video session due to poor weather conditions.

Games

Even if it's raining, the games may be played unless there is a threat of lightning or the fields have been closed. This applies to even the youngest age groups. Soccer is a game that is played in all weather conditions, and it is necessary that all players and parents learn that this is part of the commitment to the game. It is the responsibility of the home team to advise the visiting team coach of any game cancellations. Again, please contact the Coach or Team Manager if you have doubts. If you have not heard from the Coach or Team Manager, please show up at the game to insure that the team does not forfeit.

Volunteering

The continued growth and success of the Roswell Soccer Club requires participation for every family. During the course of every year, every family will be expected to contribute their time to support the numerous activities and programs conducted by the Club and RRPD. These activities include such things as working at the 5v5 Tournament, selling t-shirts, distributing materials to the schools and assisting in fundraising and sponsorship initiatives.

Roswell Soccer Club has initiated a process whereby teams are assigned specific responsibilities during the year and it is that team's responsibility to fulfill the necessary work. This typically involves less than 5 hours per family per year.

In addition to Club volunteer activities, all coaches need assistance from parents to handle team initiatives that may range from team manager, treasurer, tournament manager and snack coordinator.

Every family is expected to contribute their time in some way, shape or form. Without assistance from all parents, the Roswell Soccer Club will not function at its best. Involvement is not requested, it is mandatory.

Fundraising

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Roswell Soccer Club is a non-profit organization and as such, we rely on our members and community for support. At the core of our efforts is to implement fundraising ideals within the club. These programs include various efforts within our membership to become active in their club, such as:

- Individuals who have private businesses can become corporate/individual sponsors
- Others who want to be individual sponsors are encouraged

Future initiatives may be events such as silent auctions, pizza sales, car washes, etc can be organized through the fundraising/sponsorship committee and full blown corporate sponsorship.

RSC initiated an reached out to all Club members and requested a \$25 per family allotment which will help in various equipment upgrades, the ability to attract additional coaches and overall upkeep of our club outside of what the city offers.

RSC needs the ongoing involvement of individuals to volunteer as part of the Sponsorship/Fundraising committee in order to approach corporate sponsors. The respective businesses within the greater Roswell areas are prime candidates to solicit their involvement in being a part of the club that's within the community that they serve. Lastly, RSC will reach out to overall corporations that would have an interest in being affiliated with the program.

Laws of the Game

Without attempting to provide all of the rules of play, this section will acquaint everyone with the rules which govern safety, the referee, illegal contact and off-sides. These subjects will enhance spectator knowledge of the game and help reduce parental confusion and frustration. The RSC and RRPD want everyone to know and love the game which is enhanced by understanding the Laws of the Game.

Safety

A player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to himself/herself or another player (including any kind of jewelry).

Basic Equipment

The basic compulsory equipment of a player is:

- A jersey or shirt- must be tucked in before and during a game
- Shorts
- Socks- must be pulled up over shinguards
- Shinguards
- Footwear

Shinguards

- Are covered entirely by the socks
- Are made of a suitable material (rubber, plastic, or similar substance)
- Provide a reasonable degree of protection

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Goalkeepers

- Each goalkeeper wears colors which distinguish him/her from the other players, the referee and the assistant referees

The Referee

Each match is controlled by the referee who has full authority to enforce the laws of the game in connection with the match to which he has been appointed.

Powers and Duties

- Enforces the laws of the game
- Controls the match in co-operation with the assistant referees and where applicable, with the fourth official
- Ensures that any ball used meets the requirements of the game
- Ensures that the players' equipment meets the requirements of the game
- Acts as timekeeper and keeps a record of the match
- Stops, suspends or terminates the match, at this discretion, for any infringements of the laws of the game
- Stops, suspends or terminates the match because of outside interference of any kind
- Stops the match if, in his opinion, a player is seriously injured and ensures that he is removed from the field of play. An injured player may only return to the field of play after the match has restarted.
- Allows play to continue until the ball is out of play if a player is, in his opinion, only slightly injured
- Ensures that any player bleeding from a wound leaves the field of play
- Allows play to continue when the team against which an offense has been committed will benefit from such an advantage and penalized the original offense if the anticipated advantage does not ensue at that time
- Punishes the more serious offense when a player commits more than one offense at the same time
- Takes disciplinary action against players guilty of cautionable and sending-off offenses. He is not obliged to take this action immediately but must do so when the ball next goes out of play
- Acts on the advise of assistant referees regarding incidents which he has not seen
- Restarts the game after it has been stopped
- Provides the appropriate authorities with a match report which includes information on any disciplinary action taken against players, and/or team officials and any other incidents which occurred before, during or after the match.

Note- The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with play are final. The referee may only changed a decision on realizing that it is incorrect or, at his discretion, on the advice of an assistant referee, provided that he has not restarted play.

The Assistant Referees

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Duties

The two assistant referees are appointed whose duties, subject to the decision of the referee, are to indicate:

- When the whole of the ball has passed out of the field of play
- Which side is entitled a corner kick, goal kick or throw-in
- When a player may be penalized for being in an offside position
- When a substitution is requested
- When misconduct or any other incident has occurred out of the view of the referee
- When the offences have been committed whenever the assistants are closer to the action than the referee (this includes, in particular circumstances, offenses committed in the penalty area)
- Whether, at penalty kicks, the goalkeeper has moved forward before the ball has been kicked and if the ball has crossed the line

Offside Position

It is not an offense in itself to be in an offside position. A player is in an offside position if:

- He/she is nearer to his opponents' goal line than both the ball and the second last opponent

A player is not in an offside position if:

- He/she is in his own half of the field of play or
- He/she is level with the second last opponent or
- He/she is level with the last two opponents

Offense

A player in an offside position is only penalized if, at the moment the ball touches or is played by one of his team, he is, in the opinion of the referee, involved in active play by:

- Interfering with play or
- Interfering with an opponent or
- Gaining an advantage by being in that position

No offense

There is no offside offense if a player receives the ball directly from:

- A goal kick or
- A throw-in or
- A corner kick

Note- For any offside offenses, the referee awards an indirect free kick to the opposing team to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred.

Fouls and Misconduct

Direct Free Kick

A direct free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following six offenses in a manner considered by the referee to be careless, reckless or using excessive force:

- Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent

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- Trips or attempts to trip an opponent
- Jumps at an opponent
- Charges an opponent
- Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent
- Pushes an opponent

A direct free kick is also awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following four offenses:

- Tackles an opponent for gain possession of the ball, making contact with the opponent before touching the ball
- Holds an opponent
- Spits at an opponent
- Handles the ball deliberately (except for the goalkeeper within his own penalty area)

Note- A direct free kick is taken from where the offense occurred.

Penalty Kick

A penalty kick is awarded if any of the above offenses is committed by a player inside his own penalty area, irrespective of the position of the ball, provided it is in play.

Indirect Free Kick

An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a goalkeeper, inside his own penalty area, commits any of the following four offenses:

- Takes more than six seconds while controlling the ball with his hands before releasing it from his possession
- Touches the ball again with his hands after it has been released from his possession and has not touched any other player
- Touches the ball with his hands after it has been deliberately kicked to him/her by a team-mate
- Touches the ball with his hands after he has received it directly from a throw-in taken by a team-mate

An indirect free kick is also awarded to the opposing team if a player, in the opinion of the referee:

- Plays in a dangerous manner
- Impedes the progress of an opponent
- Prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his hands
- Commits any other offense, not previously mentioned in the laws of football and misconducts, for which play is stopped to caution or dismiss a player

Note- the indirect free kick is taken from where the offense occurred.

Please remember that referees are human beings and they too make mistakes. They do their best to be in the right position to make the call and make sure the game is played fairly, in a safe environment and is fun for the kids.

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Club Organization

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors, in conjunction with Roswell Recreation and Parks Department, is responsible for the operation of the Roswell Soccer Club. This BOD is voted on by the membership of the club in November for the following calendar year.

The BOD positions and current office holders:

BOD Position	Responsibilities	Office Holder
President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Executive Officer of the club • Oversees the club and is responsible for the general supervision of the affairs of the club • Works closely with RRPD, DOC, BOD and the committee chairs 	Dennis Lagasse
Vice President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assists the President in the execution of those responsibilities, as appropriate 	Ed Armfield
Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the minutes of all board and club meetings • Maintain and have custody of the minute books 	Larry Simons
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain custody of all monies of the Club • Keep regular books of account and balance the books each month. 	Jose Marrero
Membership Communications & Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for promoting the mission of RSC in the membership with other clubs and with the local community • Help establish communication practices amongst the board, the membership and RRPD 	George Stokes
Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as the Chair of the Volunteer Committee • Establish & solicit membership for their committee 	Anne Tria
Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as the Chair of the Fundraising/Sponsorship Committee • Establish & solicit membership for their committee 	Jairam Padmanabhan
Liaison – Girls Select	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversee and monitor assigned program 	Dave Wagner & Bob Knezek

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Liaison – Boys Select	areas and act as liaison between the Board and coaches, players, and parents in the assigned program area.	Allen Bradley & Mark Cravotta
Liaison – Girls Recreation		George Smith
Liaison – Boys Recreation		Jonathan Marston
Roswell Recreation & Parks Dept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains overall responsibility for the implementation of the soccer program in the City of Roswell, including program supervision, player registration, field maintenance, referee payment and coordination with the RSC Board to program development and enhancements. 	Aly Wade Taylor Eubank Joel St. Vrain

Director of Coaching

The Director of Coaching is responsible for

- Assisting in the recruitment, training, education, and evaluating of the coaches/trainers of the Roswell Youth Soccer Program
- Ongoing management of team and player development
- Club representation within the GA soccer community

Director of Coaching – Vinny Marcotrigiano

Committees

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is responsible for creating and maintaining awareness of the Roswell Soccer Club including ongoing activities such as website design and enhancement and public awareness of club and team events such as tryouts, tournament success and the 5v5 Tournament.

Committee Members – George Stokes and Ali Ibarguen

Coaches Committee

The Coaches Committee acts as an advisory body which was created for the purpose of formulating guidelines, expectations and criteria, pertaining to coaches, players, parents and grievances. The Coaches Committee will consist of the following club members:

- One Board Member, who is the Committee Chair (selected by the Club President)
- Director of Coaching
- Two Coaches (appointed by the DOC)
- One RRPD Staff Member

Standards & Grievances Committee

The S&G Committee consists of the Coaches Committee Chairperson, Club President and the RRPD Program Supervisor.

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Committee Members – Vinny Marcotrigiano, Dennis Lagasse and Aly Wade

Important Fall 2007 – Spring 2008 Dates

Academy and Select Programs

Event	Date
Fall Tryouts <ul style="list-style-type: none">• U9-12 (Academy)• U13-19 (Select)	May 29 – 31, 2007 June 11 – 13, 2007
Sign-In Nights <ul style="list-style-type: none">• U9-12 (Academy program)• U13-19 (Select)	June 18, 2007 June 26, 2007
Fall Season Practices Begin	August 6, 2007
Roswell Soccer Club 5v5 Tournament	August 11 – 12, 2007
Fall Season Games Begin	September 8, 2007
Fall Season Games End	Mid-November 2007
Spring Season Practices Begin	Early February 2008
Spring Games Begin	March 2008
Spring Games End	Mid-May 2008

Recreation Program

Event	Date
Fall Evaluations	August 13, 2007
Fall Season Practices Begin	August 18, 2007
Fall Season Games Begin	September 8, 2007
Fall Season Games End	Mid-November 2007
Spring Season Practices Begin	Early February 2008
Spring Season Games Begin	March 2008
Spring Season Games End	Mid-May 2008

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Appendix Section - Forms

Standards & Grievances Form

Player and Parent Commitment Form

Roswell Soccer Club Standards & Grievances Form

Your Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone # (home) _____ (work) _____

Email address: _____

Team Name: _____

League Name: _____

Team Age & Level: _____

Who is the complaint being filed against: _____

Incident Date: _____

Team (if applicable) _____

League (if known): _____

Please be advised that in order to properly consider this complaint, the RSC Standards & Grievance Committee will need:

1. A written statement from you. Please include the specific violations that you are charging, if you know them. It is helpful, but not necessary, if the RSC Handbook rules have been violated, to please quote the precise rule. This statement should be detailed and include dates, locations, etc. Keep in mind that this statement will be used to determine the validity of the complaint, so a thorough and complete explanation is necessary.
2. Any supporting documentation (if applicable), which you believe is relevant to the charges that you have raised.
3. Written statements from witnesses (if applicable), describing the events in question from any individuals you wish to reference. It is helpful to include contact information.
4. List of Witnesses (if applicable), including names and phone numbers of any witness you intend to call upon during the hearing.

Upon receipt of the initial complaint, the Standards & Grievances Chair will perform a review and advise you of the outcome. Please be advised that if the Chair feels that you have grounds to press a grievance against the individual, that individual is entitled to receive the following information:

1. All materials submitted to the Committee are sent to the accused prior to any hearing, as the accused must be provided with the tools and times in which to mount a defense
2. Names of all individuals who will be giving testimony against the accused.

The Chair will set a date for the hearing. You are responsible to prove your case. You are responsible for arranging for witnesses to present evidence supporting your claim. You are responsible to provide the committee with all evidence you think will be necessary. Write written testimony can be submitted in the absence of the testimony. It will likely be viewed with less weight than live testimony. Evidence or witnesses presented for the first time at the hearing may not be permitted testify. Please review USSG Bylaw 701 which details the rights of the accused.

To help us serve you better

Please include a copy of this form with your letter of complaint

Anonymous complaints will not be considered

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Player and Parent Commitment Form
Select Program Players

Player Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # (home) _____ (work) _____

Phone # (cell) _____ (cell) _____

Email address - Primary: _____

Secondary: _____

Team Name: _____ Team Age & Level: _____

Player Commitment

I have read and agree to the Player Code of Conduct and understand that I am making a 1 year commitment to my team

(Player's Signature)

Parents Commitment

We/I have read the Roswell Soccer Club Handbook and:

- Understand the specifics of the program my child is participating and that my child is making a 1 year commitment to their team
- Agree to the Parents Code of Conduct and Parents Conduct at Games
- Agree to Volunteer as requested to assist the Roswell Soccer Club

(Parent's Name)

(Parent's Signature)

(Parent's Name)

(Parent's Signature)

Form to be returned to the Team Manager prior to the beginning of the Fall season

Received By: _____ Date Received: __ / __ / 2007