

Welcome To Bryson Park Soccer Club

Who We Are

Bryson Park Soccer Club is a nonprofit, all volunteer-run organization, established under the Bryson Park Youth Athletic Association and in partnership with Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation. We are dedicated to providing for children of all ages and skill levels the opportunity to learn and play soccer in a family friendly environment.

Park Communication

- BPSC uses e-mail to communicate with parents - It is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** that we have an **ACCURATE** e-mail address for you. If you are unable to communicate with us via e-mail for any reason, please ask a family member or friend if they can accept and pass on e-mails from the Club to you.
- Anything we communicate to you in an e-mail will also always be placed on the BPSC website: www.brysonparktitans.com
- Our e-mail address is: brysonparksoccer@gmail.com
- Our Hotline phone number is: 678-820-9094. This is an informational number for you to call to hear about the latest and greatest happening at BPSC. Field closures will also be announced on the hotline if the fields are required to be closed or practices need to be canceled.

Player Safety

- It is against BPSC rules to drop kids off at the Park and then leave. If you must leave, it is mandatory that you leave your child in the care of another adult who knows how to reach you. If your child were to be injured and required medical attention EMS would not be able to provide care until you are on site.
- If your child needs to use an inhaler for asthma, or an Epi-Pen for severe allergies, please make your Coach aware, and always remember to put it where your child can quickly reach it. The park **does not** have an emergency inhaler or Epi-Pen onsite.
- Head Concussions are more common than some realize in the game of soccer. US Youth Soccer and GA Soccer are trying to raise awareness and educate players and parents. Please visit www.cdc.gov/concussion/headsup/ or www.georgiasoccer.org to educate yourself and your player. They provide valuable information on the do's and don'ts if a concussion occurs.

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Severe Weather, Practice and Game Cancellations

- Game and practice cancellations: If it appears that bad weather may cancel a game or practice, check our website first, go to "Field Status" It is the responsibility of each Coach to notify their Team Manager of cancellations or any changes, the Team manager then contacts the players/parents.
- As a side note, the fields may occasionally be closed due to poor condition. If the ground is excessively wet, not only could playing on them potentially cause extensive and expensive damage, most importantly it could be a safety hazard for the kids.
- If severe weather is expected, our Club Director, Kaleena Zimmerman, will make the call to cancel or not cancel games two hours prior to the start of the game day. If the game day is able to start prior to severe weather we will make our best attempt to play games as long as the conditions are safe. Gwinnett County Parks and Rec will communicate with the Club Director on the recommendation of field closures, once they announce the fields are closed we will have to uphold their decision.
- If lightning is seen, everyone on the field is to leave the field immediately and seek appropriate shelter. Any BPSC Board Member has the authority to make that call. If a Board Member is not present, it is the responsibility of the Coaches or Referees to make the call. Games or practices may not continue until lightning and thunder has cleared the area for at least 20 minutes.

Coach

- **Recreational Coaches are volunteers**, they are Moms and Dads who enjoy the game as much as your player. Without their commitment of service there would be no recreational program.
- Coaches are responsible for setting the teams practice days and times. As they are volunteers we allow them the privilege to determine their schedule to coincide with their family and work life.
- Coaches may communicate with the team by phone, text, or email. Your coach will let you know his or her preferred method of contact. Make sure you verify your contact information with the coach or team manager.
- If you are interested in becoming a recreational coach please contact the Recreational Coaching Coordinator Art Romero at aromero.bpsc@gmail.com. Georgia Soccer offers free licensing courses eligible to all members. Art will guide you through the process of becoming a licensed coach.

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Team Managers

- Every team needs a Team Manager, whether it is a Mother, Father, Aunt, Uncle, or even Guardian your team needs you.
- Your primary duty would be as a communication go-between for your coach and your team parents. If your Coach needs to get a message to his or her parents & players, the Team Manager handles that. You will be your Coach's "right hand" person.
- Other duties include organizing a snack and drink schedule, selecting the field monitor for home games, passing out club information that you may receive from the club, etc.
- **Every Team needs a Team Manager.** If you are interested, start by asking your child's Coach if he or she needs you.

Referees

- Referees are an important part of the soccer game, imagine a game without them. GA Referees provides a licensed training course for the referees to take part in. Once licensed they will have the opportunity to ref games at Bryson Park.
- Go to our website www.brysonparktitans.com and click the soccer tab. Find at the top of the page the Referee tab, click it. Follow the instructions to register your child for the course.
- This is a great opportunity for players to further understand the game of soccer. As a certified referee the ref will be compensated for each game they ref.
- If you have any further questions after visiting the website please email the referee scheduler Delroy Ziadie at soccerassignor@yahoo.com.

Equipment

- All players must wear shin guards under their soccer socks during play. While we do supply 2 jerseys, 1 pair of shorts, and 1 pair of socks, it is the parents' responsibility to provide the shin guards, as well as soccer cleats, a ball for practice, and a water bottle.
- Ball sizes are as follows: age group U6 - U8 size 3; U10 - U12 size 4; U14 and above size 5

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- Always send a bottle of water with your child for games and practices, it's critical that they stay hydrated, especially during these hot months.
- Soccer Locker of Atlanta offers a discount to all BPSC members to purchase their soccer equipment. If you're interested, please call or visit Bo at Soccer Locker. Address: 2933 Pleasant Hill Rd., Duluth, GA. 30096. Phone no.: 770-623-3010. Make sure you tell him you play for Bryson Park Soccer Club.

Games Schedules

- Game schedules will be available online under the schedule tab. Please refer back to the schedules often, as the game times and days are able to change throughout the season. Your coach and or team manager should also notify you of changes.
- Schedule changes can occur at any time due to rain outs, game or coaching conflicts, or park hosted tournaments. The game scheduler is the person who is responsible for setting the schedule and the park and coaches are unable to change the days and or times.