GAWSA REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS



RETURNING PLAYERS

August 2025 – June 2026

Our Mission: To be the Premier Women's Amateur Women's Soccer League in the State of Georgia "A Game for Life"

All players and team administrators register in a 2-step management system: <u>SPORTS CONNECT</u> (GAWSA management system) and <u>AFFINIITY</u> (GA Soccer management system)

PLEASE read through the instructions before starting, as there have been a few changes for registration 2024-2025 Due to firewalls and security concerns, you will not be able to register using your smart phone.

IMPORTANT: If for any reason you cannot log in to your Sports Connect or Affinity account, including but not limited to: name change, email change, forgot username, forgot password, <u>DO NOT</u> create a new account. Contact the league registrar for assistance.

STEP 1 - REGISTERING IN SPORTS CONNECT – RETURNING PLAYERS EVERYONE MUST BE REGISTERED IN SPORTS CONNECT BEFORE REGISTERING IN AFFINITY

- You will receive an invite from postmaster@bluesombrero.com
- Click "Accept Invite"
- You will be taken to the GAWSA website (Sports Connect)
 - Click the Tab that states the "#" Programs Available
 - Select the season you are registering for
- Select the Division you are registering for
- Click continue
- Complete/verify the contact information
 - Make sure all your personal information is accurate and up to date
 - Legal First and Last name only (no nicknames), DOB, current address (no PO Box), personal email, phone...
 - > All your contact information must match in Sports Connect and Affinity
- Select "yes" Do you have a team code
 - Type in your team code found on your invitation email.
 - If you don't find it, **STOP** and contact your team manager
 - Complete the questionnaire
 - Country of birth
 - Country of citizenship
 - Has the player played outside the US
 - Is the participant new or returning?
 - Check "I Accept" box on the four (4) waivers
- Click the link [Lôôks like this:] to the right of the registration question to register with GA Soccer
 - You will be redirected to Affinity/GA Soccer
 - Do not log in to your account (see below Affinity instructions)
 - NOTE: Even if you have registered for the 2025-2026 Seasonal Year with GA Soccer through another league, you still have to register with GAWSA though GA Soccer.

IMPORTANT: After your complete your registration with Affinity (GA Soccer), you will need to return to Sports Connect and complete your registration with GAWSA.

STEP 2 - REGISTERING IN AFFINITY (GA SOCCER) RETURNING PLAYERS EVERYONE MUST BE REGISTERED IN SPORTS CONNECT BEFORE REGISTERING IN AFFINITY

Click this link: The link is intentionally left off

DO NOT LOG IN – You are registering to play on a team for the 2025-2026 seasonal year (September 1-August 31)

- Select **REGISTRATION** tab in the top corner
- Login with email
 - ✤ Make sure all your personal information accurate and up to date
 - Legal First and Last name only (no nicknames), DOB, current address (no PO Box), personal email, phone, etc.
 - > All your contact information must match in Sports Connect and Affinity
 - If your legal name is not correct or changed, contact the league registrar. You cannot change it yourself.
- Select 2025/2026 in the "Select a Season" drop down box
- Select the team you are joining
 - If you don't see your team, make sure you scroll down to the end. If you still don't see your team,
 STOP and contact your team manager and the registrar
 - DO NOT REGISTER to a random team
- Click ADD SELF TO TEAM
- Click PLAYER
- Continue to follow all the prompts.
- Upload a facial photo. Required
 - If your photo is more than 5 years old, please upload a current photo
- Pay \$30 Visa or Mastercard CC only
 - The fee is \$10 if you have registered for the 2024-2025 Seasonal Year with GA Soccer through another league.
- Your registration is complete.

Please return to Sports Connect to complete your registration with GAWSA.