



SEPTEMBER

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GAWSA

Did you know that GAWSA is Metro-Atlanta's earliest all women's soccer league, and is the **only** all women's league in the state of Georgia that plays outdoor 11v11 style?

We are fully associated with Georgia Soccer and follow FIFA rules.

GAWSA offers three different levels of play, so there is truly something for everyone who wants to join a team!

USWNT

On September 6th following a 2-1 victory over Nigeria, the USWNT held an official signing ceremony for the collective bargaining agreement signifying equal pay between the men's and women's national soccer teams. This allows for identical pay structures for appearances and tournament victories, revenue sharing, and equitable distribution of World Cup prize money.



Fall season to kick off this weekend!

The schedule is officially set for the first set of matches to begin on Sunday, September 11th.

Step by step registration instructions can be found [here](#). Rules of plays, schedules, and other helpful information can all be found on gawsa.org.

We can't wait to see you out on the pitch for another great fall season!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!



Want to get involved with GAWSA?

We are constantly striving to grow our league's presence in the soccer community and beyond. Our goals off the pitch include sponsorship opportunities and organizing a league tournament.

If you or someone you know is looking to get involved in any capacity, email Michelle at president.gawsa@gmail.com or Hayley at secretary.gawsa@gmail.com to talk about where to begin!

Join Strava!



Last season, we started a new fitness challenge on the app called Strava. This can be downloaded for free and easily syncs with most fitness smart watches. Our challenge is to see which player runs the longest distance during their Sunday match! Be sure to set your watch on GPS mode so the activity mileage can be accurately tracked.

Once you make your account, search for the club name "GAWSA Fall 2022" and join the weekly competition!

Notable Upcoming Matches to Watch

Sat 9/10 @ 7:30 PM, Atlanta United vs Toronto

Fri 9/23 @ 6:00 AM, USMNT vs Japan

Fri 10/7 @ 3:00 PM, USWNT vs England

Follow GAWSA on social media!

Help us grow our social media presence this year!

Instagram: [@gawsa22](https://www.instagram.com/gawsa22)

Facebook: [Georgia Amateur Women's Soccer Association](https://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaAmateurWomen'sSoccerAssociation)

Website: www.gawsa.org

Please send any photos, videos, or content that you would like to see featured on any of these platforms to secretary.gawsa@gmail.com



Player Spotlight: Lynn Sims



Lynn Sims is a current GAWSA player on Emerald Express who was recently featured in the New York Times after competing at Adult Soccer Fest in Chattanooga.

She is a native Atlantan and started playing soccer at age 37, claiming that she "didn't know jack about soccer" when she starting playing.

Lynn says that she's thankful for the many friendships that she's formed through GAWSA and that she wants to keep playing until she can't or "gets kicked off her team."

Find the New York Times article [here](#), which also highlights the monumental passage of Title IX in 1972 which allowed many of these women over 60 to discover the sport anew.

Want to nominate someone for next month's Player Spotlight?

Tag her in a post on social media using the hashtag #gawsapotlight or email secretary.gawsa@gmail.com!

In Honor of Kimberly Rogers

A message from teammates McBride Dutton and Shannon Casajuana:



"On June 21, 2022 our little world was shattered. Our dear friend and teammate, Kimberly Rogers, was gone. While in the darkness of depression and despair, she made the decision to end her life. A decision that has had ripple affects to us who loves her as well as vast waves of sadness to her family, including her 4 children and grandson.

While we will never know what was going on in her mind those last few hours, we choose to not dwell on those moments of shock and sadness, but in her fierce spirit that she showed on the field. Kimberly's vibrant personality was a true force to be reckoned with and she was one of those genuine people who didn't shy away from telling you how she truly felt. She made us both laugh and cry with her honesty, sometimes at the same time, and we are forever better for knowing her.

She only played a few years with our team and in our league, but she was dedicated to the sport. Being on the field was her happy place, next to spending time with her family and grandson, Maddox. He knew her as Kiki, we knew her as inappropriate! But that was a part of her we can always look back on with fondness and smile.

To honor her, we have changed our name to Arse-n-All 988 FC. If you were not aware, the Suicide Prevention Hotline recently changed it's number to one much easier to remember, 988. The "Arse" part is all for Kim! She loved funny T-shirts and I will wrap this up with the one that she wore most often: Long Story Short, I'm a Dope Chick.



We miss you, Kim. So very much. We are better for knowing and loving you."