

# Augusta Soccer Park & Augusta Arsenal Partnership



**Augusta Arsenal Soccer Club**

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# Opening

Thank you to the Mayor, Commission, and staff for the opportunity to be here today.

My name is Nick Edmond, Executive Director of Augusta Arsenal Soccer Club. I grew up in this club as a player, coach here, and have served as its Director since 2022.

I'm here to briefly walk you through who we are as a club, our partnership with the city, the investments we've made, and what we hope to keep building together.

# Mission

*Our mission is to develop players for life through the pursuit of excellence in soccer.*



# Community Impact

**734 players · 20+ licensed coaches · serving the CSRA since 1982**

Part of our mission is to make soccer accessible to everyone.

We give out \$40,000 worth of scholarships every season and have plans to expand that program.

Entered MLS Go partnership in Fall 2025 to offer recreational soccer programs in Richmond County.

Started our own semi-pro UPSL team in the spring of 2026.

# Economic Impact

## **Augusta Arsenal Spring Shootout (April 25-26, 2026)**

- Recently brought back this home tournament which we hadn't run since 2001
- 40+ teams attended from the GA/SC region

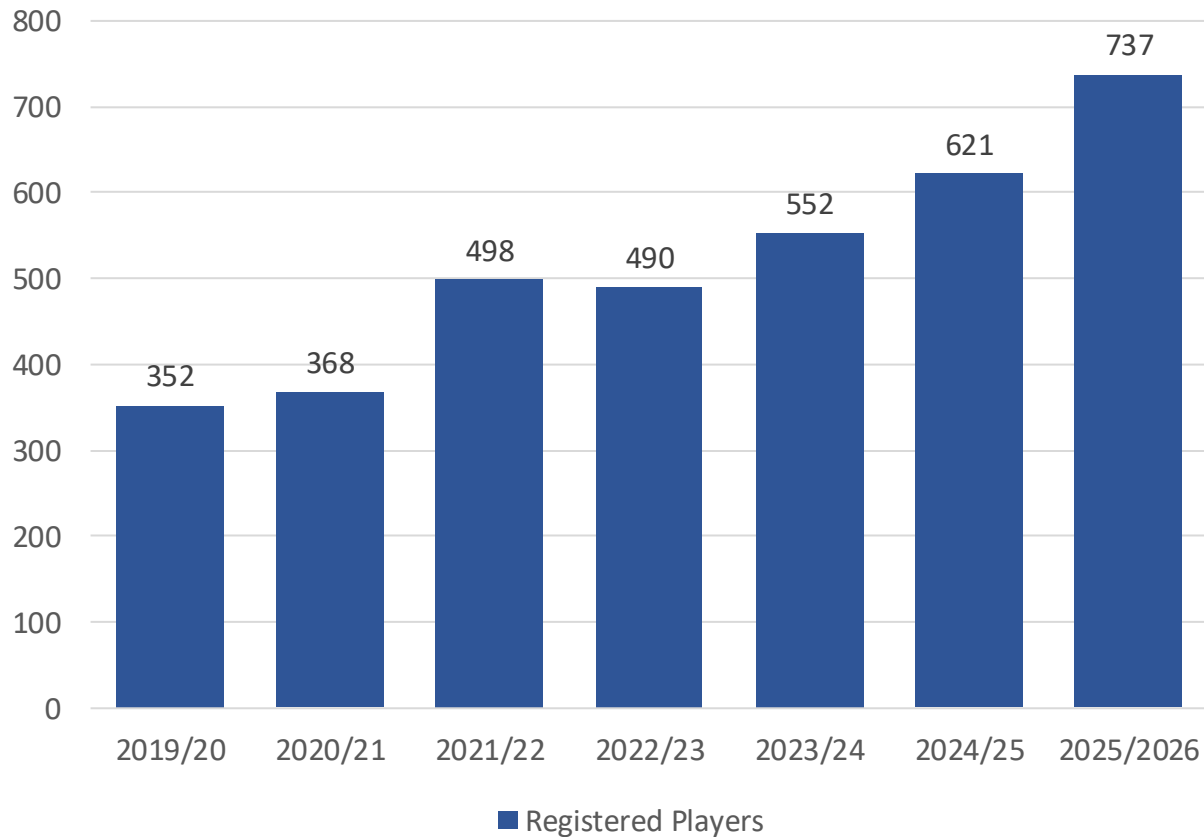
## **DPL Crossover Event**

- Hosted 80+ teams from FL, GA, NC, SC over 3 days
- Augusta Sports Council estimated the impact to be \$800k

## **ODP Events**

- Partnered with Georgia ODP to host regional identification center sessions at Arsenal
- Plans to host regional crossover event with GA and SC

# Player Pool Increase



The year-over-year growth reflects strong community engagement, program quality, and rising demand for competitive and developmental soccer in the Augusta area.

# Partnership & History

Augusta Arsenal has proudly partnered with the City of Augusta for over 30 years through our lease at the Augusta Soccer Park.

Together, we've built a place where thousands of Augusta kids have learned the game — and where families gather every week.

And we're proud of what this partnership has built — with more still ahead.



# Augusta Soccer Park Today



Over the past several years, our club has made significant investments into the park:

**2022:** Purchased adjacent land (fields 8 and 9) — \$350,000

**2023-2025:** Purchased various equipment: turf tank, golf cart, storage shed, new goals

**2023:** replaced park banners and signage

**2024:** Clubhouse renovation — \$5,000

**2024-2025:** Helene storm cleanup — \$90,000

**2025:** Parking lot seal coat & restripe — \$10,000

**Ongoing:** AbaCare partnership for professional turf management

*We've cared for this park as if it were our own.*

# The Next 40 Years

As we look ahead, we see an opportunity to deepen our partnership with the City and secure the long-term future of Augusta Soccer Park.

With **10 years** remaining on our current lease, **we're asking the Commission to extend our lease at Augusta Soccer Park for the next 40 years.**

A 40-year agreement allows us to:

- Invest resources in reviving rec soccer in Richmond County
- Continue investing in the park with the confidence that comes from a long-term home

***Together, we can make Augusta Soccer Park a place where this community grows for another generation.***

# Thank You



***Thank you for 30+ years of partnership.***

***We're ready for the next 40.***