



Volunteer Guide

Find a way ~ make it happen

What is TOPSoccer?

TOPSoccer is a community-based program for kids of any age with physical and or intellectual disabilities. Administered by local clubs and/or State Associations under the direction of US Youth Soccer, TOPSoccer provides these special athletes with the opportunity to participate in the sport of soccer in a safe and fun environment. TOPSoccer welcomes players of all abilities and focuses on grouping players by similar skill, talent and ability rather than by age level. This system promotes personal development and makes the experience more fun for all the athletes.

I'm Considering Getting Involved, What Opportunities Exist for Me?

There are many ways to get involved with the TOPSoccer program. Your talents are needed for every aspect of the program from the initial planning stages of setting up a new program to coordinating practices. If you prefer to be out on the field, we are always looking for coaches and buddies. Your help is valuable no matter how you chose to be involved.

What is a Buddy?

A TOPSoccer Buddy is a volunteer over the age of 12 that serves as a partner, mentor and friend to our special athletes as they take the field. HE or she can be a same-aged peer, a sibling or an adult that participates. Buddies need no soccer experiences, just a desire to help and have fun with the players.

Why Should I Volunteer?

Kids want to play! These special athletes are just like the rest of us: they want to make friends, have fun and play games like everyone else. On the soccer field they can do all of these things and more, but only with the support of volunteers like you.

Can I get Community Service hours?

TOPSoccer is a great way to give back to your community and get volunteer hours for your school or church/synagogue. The administrator of the TOPSoccer program is more than willing to write you a letter regarding your commitment to the TOPSoccer program.

Ok, I'm Ready to Get Involved.... Now What do I do?

Local TOPSoccer programs are currently running in various communities across your state. You can contact your local state association or visit www.Region1.org, click on TOPSoccer to learn more and to find a program near you!