



TOPSOCCER



Piscataway TOPSoccer Program

Piscataway Soccer Club is starting a TOPSoccer program for the Fall Soccer Season. We are looking for volunteers Coaches and Buddies. The program will run Saturday mornings beginning in September for 8 weeks at New Market Field in Piscataway.

What is TOPSoccer?

TOPSoccer is a community based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl who has a mental or physical disability. The New Jersey Youth Soccer / US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer program provides assistance to affiliated organizations with ways to enable players with mental or physical disabilities to play soccer. The emphasis of this program is on development, training, and meaningful participation rather than on competition. Our goal is to enable the thousands of young athletes with disabilities to develop their physical fitness, technical skills, courage, and self-esteem, through the joy and excitement of playing soccer.

What is a Buddy?

The buddy helps the player succeed and keeps them as safe as possible during the soccer session. A buddy can be an adult or a teenager. He/she can be a soccer player, someone who works with special needs children or someone who has no soccer experience but a strong desire to enable children to have fun and enjoy the game of soccer.

A buddy will need to complete a 1.5 hour Virtual TOPSoccer Buddy Clinic that addresses player characteristics, the role and qualities of a buddy, and how best to assist the TOPSoccer Coach in providing a fun growth experience for soccer players with special needs.

Volunteer Coaches

Volunteer Coaches will need to complete a free 4-hour US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer Coaching Course that combines a 3-hour classroom seminar with a 1-hour practical demonstration that is designed to guide both the novice and experienced coach. The course presents player characteristics, the qualities of a good coach, modern coaching

methods, and how to collaborate with the TOPSoccer Buddy to provide a fun growth experience for soccer players with special needs. There is no examination, and a Certificate of Attendance will be awarded to all participants who complete the course.

If you are interested in being a coach, buddy, or player, please contact Yasmeen Rasheed-Ash at registerpwaysoccer@gmail.com.