

## TOPSoccer MISSION

TOPSoccer is a community-based soccer program that is designed to meet the needs of athletes eight years of age and older with physical and/or mental disabilities. The program is geared toward player development rather than to competition. Athletes are placed on teams according to ability NOT by age.



Taking the game above and beyond.



## GAME PLAN

There are hundreds of young athletes with disabilities throughout the state who are looking for an opportunity to play. Give them a chance.

To learn more about participation or to start your own TOPSoccer program contact:

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**TOPSoccer**

The Outreach Program for Soccer

*The official program for athletes with disabilities*

## PLAY ON

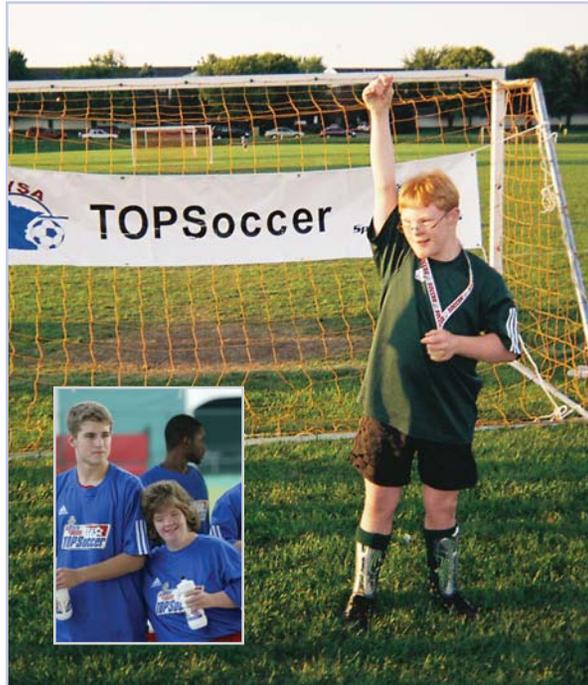
Soccer is the world's game. And we believe that the opportunity to play soccer belongs to everyone in the world. TOPSoccer is about willing hearts persuading sometimes-stubborn bodies, about the determination that truly defines an athlete and most importantly, we are about the pure joy of this game.

The Minnesota Youth Soccer Association invites any athlete with special needs to come out with us and play a special game. TOPSoccer is uniquely designed to help every athlete learn soccer basics and beyond. We challenge each player appropriately with individual skills training and team tactics (no training required for post-goal celebrations).

## ON THE PITCH

TOPSoccer is big fun in a micro soccer format. In order to maximize each player's opportunity to touch the ball and not become overly fatigued, we play small-sided games of 4v4 and 6v6. Athletes are carefully placed into games appropriate to their ability, comfort level and size. At TOPSoccer, flexibility in format and training is key. If an athlete is not prepared or capable of playing in the established formats, we create another one. Everyone in our soccer world plays.

- Our season typically consists of 4–6 practices leading up to a schedule of approximately 4–6 games, plus a tournament experience.



- Games and training are scheduled on Sundays evenings at 6:00 pm.
- TOPSoccer programs are based around the metro area. Our participation continues to grow as well as our program locations.
- Athletes' families and/or guardians need to provide transportation to and from games and training. Carpools are generally organized by each team.
- Please have shinguards, a water bottle and appropriate footwear (soccer shoes are only optional).
- We do require a willingness to commit to your team for the majority of its training and game schedule. We certainly understand that vacations, conflicts and the unexpected happen.

## HEY COACH

TOPSoccer coaches are volunteers with compassion, soccer knowledge and a deep commitment to insuring that each athlete's experience is joy-filled and rewarding. Our coaches have years of experience in mainstream and special needs soccer. Our coaches also have the considerable resources of the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association at their disposal.

Family involvement is encouraged for team management, coaching assistance, team transportation and of course, the always popular post practice/game treats. Please consider how you can help enhance the TOPSoccer experience.

All head coaches and primary assistants have been screened and background checked as a matter of league policy.

## A BEAUTIFUL THING

At TOPSoccer, we have a love for the sport and desire to share that love with those who otherwise may never have the chance to experience "the beautiful game." And we believe that you will never witness a more beautiful game than a TOPSoccer game.

