

PEAK NEWS FLASH

Peak Soccer Academy Newsletter

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Thoughts from the President—Jim Ehrlich

The fall season is coming to a close, and I want to give our club members a little deeper awareness of the TOPSoccer program that is now in its 3rd week. For those who don't know from previous communications, TOPSoccer is a community-based soccer program for kids with physical and/or cognitive disabilities. Peak has become the local provider (Northern IL and Southern WI) of this program with the goal of bringing our club's love of this sport to ALL children in our community. From the start,

we made the decision to provide this program at no cost to this very under-served group of families in the area. Fundraising is slow, and I would ask for all club members to provide ideas and support in this effort.

As important as this program is to the community, there is an additional benefit of this program that is very important to our club. Our Peak players are supporting this program as "Buddies" to the TOPSoccer players. They are volunteering to pass on their love of the sport to kids that they may see every day but never get to know. In the effort to develop well-rounded athletes, I believe we need to develop well-rounded human beings. An understanding that we all are a part of larger community outside of day-to-day lives is critical to developing our future leaders and to promoting the sport of soccer.

We have a good number of volunteer players right now, and the program is just starting out. If your son or daughter is participating, thank you and thank you to them. What they are doing is very important and will have a long-lasting influence in their lives. If you would like more information on the program in order to volunteer or to support fundraising efforts, please contact me directly or reach out to Michelle Hughes. We welcome any and all support.



Special thanks to Alan Mohring for the photos.

Interested in being a buddy, volunteering, or donating? Want more information? Please contact Jim Ehrlich (president@peaksocceracademy.com) or Michelle Hughes (TOPSoccer@peaksocceracademy.com)



2018 Key Goals—Status Update

- Establish youth program for growth - **Completed**
- Establish TopSoccer for outreach - **Completed**
- Publish club handbook - **Completed**
- Refresh website - **Partially Completed**
- Establish fundraising policy and target goals - **Partially Completed**
- Redefine/establish various lines of communication for club updates - **Partially Completed**
- Revamp and document scholarship process for athletes - **Partially Completed**
- 501.C 3 - **Completed**



Coach's Corner—Radu Giurgiu (DoC)

Soccer, as in life, offers many parallels. Here at Peak, we focus on developing skills in soccer as well as helping our young athletes grow and mature. We all enjoy the celebrations of a win. Winning comes with hard work.

Hence, emphasis is on effort and providing your best while respecting yourself, your teammates, and your coaches and parents. Persevering, especially during a tough situation, and learning from our mistakes is key in building character. Even a loss provides an opportunity as a life lesson to get back up and work hard at the next game.

Thank you for continuing to give us an opportunity to be part of your athlete's growth in soccer and as a person.

- ◆ HS Boys Supplemental Tryouts—Sat, Nov 3 PBC Linear fields (10 am—12 noon)
- ◆ Late fall training — Sportscore 2 Field 231 starts week of Nov 5 (5:30-7:30 pm)
- ◆ Indoor winter training starts Dec 7, ISC Field 3 (5:30-7:00 pm)
- ◆ Winter futsal — info coming soon



Got passion? Got skills? Want to help someone?

There are several ways you can help or get involved:

- Help sponsor a Peak athlete for a month, a season or a year.
- Donate field equipment, nets, trash bags, etc.
- Creative? Organized? Planner? Doer? Have a day you can help?...or more? Let us know.

Key contacts:

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Board meetings are usually the first Monday of each month at the Roscoe Township Offices at 6:30 pm.

Come participate and provide input.

Note: Please reach out to a board member to confirm there aren't any last minute changes to date or time.

