



The Outreach Program (for) Soccer

TOPSoccer is a program that enables anyone, 4 years old and up with developmental and/or physical disabilities, to play soccer.

TOPSoccer focuses on grouping players by skill and ability, not by age. This system promotes personal development and is designed to improve social skills and overall fitness in a fun and safe soccer environment.

The Tacoma program is based out of Bellarmine Preparatory School. For more information, contact Marty Torres, TOPSDirector@comcast.net or 253-752-5611.

GET INVOLVED!

Player: Learn to play the game!

Coach: Teach soccer skills!

Buddy: Be a partner to the players on the field

Volunteer: Help your local program or start a new program in your area!

PLAYER BENEFITS

- Taught in a non-competitive environment to maximize learning and participation
- Games and activities adapted to each players' ability
- All levels of play
- Safe and healthy environment

BUDDY BENEFITS

- Typical players will enjoy the sense of accomplishment when helping the TOPSoccer players.
- Making a difference in the life of a child with special needs.
- Appreciation of their own abilities.
- Make new friends.
- Team bonding (when a team participates together).
- Increases their comfort level for interacting with the disabled community.
- May introduces them to the world of physical and occupational therapies. After participating as buddies, many have decided upon PT, OT, Special Education or disability-related careers.
- A positive on college and job applications
- Community service hours
- Senior Projects

Check out the Washington Youth Soccer Website for more information on programs across the state, parent and coach support material.

<http://www.washingtonyouthsoccer.org/programs/topsoccer/>