



Washington



TOPSoccer and Recreation registration: May 1 – July 31, 2008.

Please check the cwsoccer.com home page for the Camas Library Recreation registration and information date and time. Please note, all players, coaches and buddies must register on line at cwsoccer.com, click on the TOPSoccer logo and follow the steps. Please print your registration document before submitting. Please make a copy and bring to TOPSoccer coordinator at the first practice.

TOPSoccer – For Camas/Washougal and Vancouver.

The outreach Program for Soccer, “TOPSoccer” is a community based training and team placement program for differently-able players over 4 years of age, who have a mental or physical disability. Organized by youth soccer association volunteers, this unique program enables athletes to play at levels consistent with their skills, not necessarily their age. It also meets the WSYSA (Washington State Youth Soccer Association’s) mission statement, “To foster the physical, mental and emotional growth and development of the State of Washington’s youth through the sport of soccer at all levels of age and competition”.

What’s Involved

TOPSoccer is managed through WSYSA and hosted by local soccer clubs. For the Camas/Washougal and Vancouver Soccer Club (CWSC). Once approved to represent the TOPSoccer program, coaches, assistants or “Buddies” will locate a facility, and determine dates they wish to run the program. Currently in Camas we have identified Lacamas Heights Elementary School as a place to allow the kids to play. WSYSA will provide the start up equipment for the program. Most programs run 8 weeks per season once or twice each year. We are targeting starting our program this September 2008 and will run it once a week for 8 weeks.

WSYSA will provide specialty materials needed, such as soft soccer balls, equipment bags, “bell” balls for children with vision impairment, and wheelchair” balls. Pennies & cones are items most clubs have, but can be

provided by WSYSA. Sponsors sometimes provide boxes of promotional items. "Buddies" are high school age students who assist with the participants. If the disabilities of the participants are significant, a buddy may be needed for each participant. Usually 2-5 buddies are sufficient for a program. WSYSA provides support by listing the locations on the website, printing address labels for brochures to publicize the local TOPSoccer program, and providing certificates for the participants. Training programs and information are available for coaches.

Costs

The major out of pocket expenses are born by WSYSA, and are paid from revenues received from general player registration and grants. TOPSoccer players are covered by WSYSA insurance at no cost to participants. Player's registration fee will be \$30.00 which will cover miscellaneous expenses. Major equipment expenses are covered by WSYSA. Basically, there are minimal costs to parents/caregivers and players.

Information

For further information about the CWSC TOPSoccer program, please e-mail: topsoccer@cwsoccer.com, or leave a message on our soccer line @ (360) 834-6292. All players must register online for the fall season, visit <http://www.cwsoccer.com>, and click on the TOPSoccer logo.

We look forward to the TOPSoccer season, and giving all of children the opportunity to enjoy and play the game of soccer.

Sincerely,

Tammie Naffziger
TOPSoccer Coordinator