



NRYS TOPSoccer

Volunteer Opportunities

Become a TOPSoccer Buddy



What is TOPSoccer?

TOPSoccer is a modified version of the game of soccer, designed to provide opportunities for children who have challenges that otherwise prevent them from participating in a traditional intramural or travel soccer program. It provides opportunities for fun, fitness, and building self-esteem, and offers athletes with special needs the opportunity to develop physically and emotionally through soccer.



What is a Buddy?

A buddy is a volunteer paired up with a TOPSoccer athlete to help them participate and enable the game of soccer for each player, according to their ability. Soccer experience is desirable, but not necessary, and you can earn community service hours for your commitment and work in the program. Training will be provided by a TOPS representative.

Join Us:

- **If you are in 8th grade as of September 2017.** We will entertain inquiries for younger volunteers in special cases, such as siblings of players.
- **If you can make the commitment to the program.** We ask that every volunteer commit to at least 5 of the 7 weeks of the program (see below).
- **If you want to be a part of an incredible experience** teaching soccer to an incredible group of young people
- **If you want to have memories and a sense of accomplishment** that you, the player, and the parents won't soon forget.
- **Still not sure?** Ask around! With 60+ buddies from North Reading High School, North Reading Middle School, and Austin Prep that have been involved in the program over the last 2 ½ years, chances are you know someone who has contributed to TOPS - they can tell you about the fun, the fulfilling experiences, and the great relationships that they have built thru their involvement.



Fall 2017 Season Details

- The Fall 2017 season begins on September 9th and runs through November 4th (excluding Columbus Day Weekend).
- Saturdays at Ipswich River Park, North Reading, from 3:30PM – 5:30PM (first 30 minutes are preparation, next 60 minutes involves working with the players, then 30 minutes of debrief and break-down).
- Buddy training for new Buddies will be provided, along with a reference manual. Dates and times TBD.

For Further Information

- Visit nrys.org > Programs > TOPSoccer > Tops Buddies
- Email our Program Director: TOPS@nrys.org