

**Braden River Soccer Club (BRSC) TOPSoccer
Fall 2019 Parent Information Sheet**

1. Program Schedule, Format, Other

- a. **Dates, Time:** Sundays, 12:30 – 2, running Oct. 20 until Dec. 15, with NO session on Nov. 24 (8 sessions total). **It is OK to be late if you have a problem getting there on time!**
- b. **Location:** All activities are on soccer fields at Manatee County's Lakewood Ranch Park, which is adjacent to Lakewood Ranch HS (west of the tennis courts and football field). Look for the green roof picnic pavilion and playground equipment. There are bathrooms nearby at the concession stand.
- c. **Cost: BRSC TOPSoccer is FREE, but donations are welcome and funneled directly back to the program.** There are no salaries and all people involved with TOPSoccer are volunteers.
- d. **Nutrition:** We will supply water and Gatorade, but bring a special drink or snack if you need to. One of our traditions is to have FREE popsicles to end each day!
- e. **Attire:** Please make sure your child is wearing comfortable athletic shorts and gym shoes (NO cros, sandals or similar open-toed-shoes!). Cleats are not required, and we accommodate crutches, wheelchairs, and similar equipment. We recommend shin guards but understand if there are undue tactile issues.
- f. **Equipment:** We provide the uniform jersey, soccer ball, backpack, and a water bottle as part of the program, and will also have water for parents, buddies, and other volunteers. **PLEASE bring your Athlete out on Thursday, Oct. 17 any time between 5-7 PM for jersey, backpack, and water bottle distribution.** It will be held in the Clubhouse at the fields. They will receive a ball on the first day
- g. **Game Day:** Parents should bring a folding/ portable chair and/ or a blanket to sit on, and consider bringing an umbrella or sun shade to stay cool. Please consider SUNSCREEN for you and your child!
- h. **Photo Day:** Photo day will be announced several weeks in advance. BRSC will provide a free photo and photo luggage tags but please consider ordering additional ones.

2. Parent/ Guardian Requirements

- a. **Parents MUST stay in the vicinity during the program, in the case of an emergency.** IF you must leave for any unexpected reason, please tell your child, their Buddy AND another parent and have that person be responsible should something happen to your child.
- b. **If your child has any notable habits or behaviors, please let us know in advance.** We do our best to match them up with Buddies who can assist them in an appropriate manner but it is not an exact science. Your help and patience is appreciated.
- c. **Enjoy the time at the soccer fields, socialize with other parents, and let your child have fun.** Do NOT say or yell anything inappropriate or uncomplimentary; only positive reinforcement is expected.

3. Buddies

- a. Buddies are college, high school, and middle school students who have volunteered their time to the program. They are paired up with children on a 1:1 basis, staying the same for the entire program.
- b. If you know of potential Buddies, please have them email me at drobinson@fysa.com for details.

4. Potential Concerns

- a. **Inclement Weather:** Unless there is a downpour on Saturday night/ Sunday morning, please come out to the fields. We follow the "30/30" rule, which is if lightning is accompanied by thunder heard within 30 seconds, the fields are cleared for 30 minutes.
- b. **Lost Equipment/ Uniform:** If you or your Athlete temporarily misplace your soccer ball or jersey, do not worry about it and come out and we will provide a loaner. If you think it is gone permanently, please see a Coach and they will arrange a new one. You can also use a jersey from a previous year.
- c. **Media Release:** Expect photographers from the local schools and news media to attend and cover TOPSoccer for their publications. If you DON'T want your child photographed, please tell me.

5. Donations

- a. If your company might be willing to donate something, let email me at drobinson@fysa.com.

Thanks again for your participation and I look forward to an excellent year!

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