

**Braden River Soccer Club (BRSC)**  
**Fall 2011 TOPSoccer Information Sheet**

1. Program Schedule, Format, Other
  - a. Sundays, 12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM, beginning September 25, through November 20 (8 weeks) except NO PROGRAM OCTOBER 16, meeting at the covered picnic Pavilion.
  - b. Please make sure your athlete is wearing gym shoes (and shin guards for the older players) and brings water and a snack (as necessary). We will have nice, cold popsicles at the end of each day!
  - c. The Club provides the uniform jersey, soccer ball, and (hopefully) a water bottle, as part of the program, and will also have bottled water for parents, buddies, and volunteers.
  - d. 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.
  - e. There are bathrooms in both the concession stand building as well as the Parks & Recreation building to the North of the Pavilion.
  - f. PHOTO DAY: I am still finalizing plans for this but it will likely be held on October 9 (the third week of the program). We will have both team and individual pictures.
2. Parent/ Guardian Requirements

PLEASE do not leave the vicinity during the program, in the case of an emergency. IF you must leave, please tell another parent and have that person be responsible should something happen to your athlete.

  - a. PLEASE obtain a note/script from your doctor clearing the athlete to participate.
  - b. Enjoy the two hour period, socialize with other parents, and let your athlete have fun. If there is a problem and you feel you have to intervene (or are asked to intervene), please work with the Buddies, Coaches, and Program staff (me) to do this effectively.
3. 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 temporarily misplace your soccer ball, or uniform, for the week, do not worry about it and come out and have fun. If you think it is gone permanently, please see a volunteer and they will arrange to obtain a replacement.
  - c. Media Release: Expect photographers from the local news media to attend and cover TOPSoccer for their respective publications. If you do not want your child photographed, please note this on your registration form (or have it added now).
4. Buddies
  - a. Buddies are young adults who have volunteered their time to the program. They are paired up with athletes on a 1:1 basis, if there are enough. They will be assigned an athlete to stay with throughout the program, and unless they have another commitment (which will occur for some of them), they are expected to be here every week.
  - b. If you know of potential buddies, please have them call me at 941-358-0497.
5. Donations
  - a. BRSC contributes basic funding and we pursue grants and other corporate contributions (Honeywell, Lakewood Ranch Community Fund of the Manatee Community Foundation) for the majority of expenses, but we are always looking for sponsorships and donations. If your company might be willing to donate something, let me know.
  - b. Please see the separate donations flyer for ways in which you can support the program financially, if you have the means and wish to do so.

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

*Coach Dave Robinson*