

US Youth Soccer Region IV

HOW TO START A TOPSoccer PROGRAM



MISSION STATEMENT

To promote the growth of TOPSoccer by providing educational and practical support to Region IV members and encourage local affiliates to start and/or grow TOPSoccer programs in their communities.

Getting Started

- Identify person/persons willing to coach and/or administer program
- Contact State Association Chairperson to discuss questions/information regarding starting a program
- Set time, place and date of first parent meeting

Flyer for School District/Regional Center

- Flyers for distribution to schools, regional centers, support group should include contact information and time, date, location and directions to meeting site
- Include general information regarding the TOPSoccer program in your state association
- Submit flyer for approval by your State TOPSoccer Chairperson as well as school district and other appropriate agencies

Prior to Meeting

- Confirm meeting location and attendance of State TOPSoccer Chairperson
- Arrive to meeting at least 30 minutes early
- Have all state association registration forms available as well as any additional information for the parents available

Parent Meeting

- Discuss mission statement and your objectives
- Inform parents regarding cost, time, date and place of practice/games
- Discuss how your program will be run and communication with parents/coaches
- Recruit volunteers

First Practice

- Contact parents, volunteers and coaches to verify first day, time and place of practice
- Confirm volunteer and coaches arrival at site 30 minutes prior to start of practice
- Have player equipment ready for distribution
- Greet all players and introduce them to coaches/buddies
- Start practice on time

Additional Contacts

- Resource Center and any outreach program that assist parents of players with special needs
- Newspaper
- League newsletter

Helpful Information

- Volunteers
- Cost of program
- Cost of equipment
- State Chairperson/District Commissioner
- Donations

For more information:

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