

Braden River Soccer Club (BRSC)
Winter 2023 TOPSoccer Volunteer Buddy Information Sheet

- **Program Schedule, Format, Other**

- **Season Info:** Saturdays, 8:30– 11:30 am, starting January 21 until May 4 (8 weeks), meeting at the soccer fields behind Lakewood Ranch HS, nearest the green roof picnic pavilion and playground. You will get 4 hours volunteer time each day you attend. If you attend all 8 weeks there is a 8-hour bonus for a total of 40 hours!
- **Daily Schedule:** You will arrive roughly 30 minutes before the younger (elementary school age and younger) players do, to help set up the fields and get prepared for the day. You will be assigned one player and help them for their session, from 9:00 – 9:45. There will be a 15-minute break as those players leave, and we do any cleaning necessary, and then the older (middle school and up) players arrive. You will be assigned one player and help them for their session from 10:00 – 11:15. There will be 15 minutes following their session to clean up and review the day’s activities.

- **Top 10 Things To Remember!**

1. **Health and safety are the TOP PRIORITY.** If you are not feeling well, please do not come out and risk getting someone else sick. Your #1 job is to make sure your assigned player stays safe.
2. You are expected to attend EACH WEEK and stay until all equipment has been put away (everyone will leave at the same time). **Please be on time** ready to participate.
3. Remember to **sign in each week**. Tell Coach Brendan and your athlete (and their parents) if you know in advance that you cannot attend a future week. There will be separate sign-in sheets for each age group; find your sheet!
4. Buddies and coaches will wear a **red TOPSoccer Buddy shirt** (or a red t-shirt of your own). Please wear **gym shoes**, not cleats nor sandals or similar.
5. **Leave cell phones in the car/at home. Your Buddy time is to focus on the kids.**
6. Kneel or bend down to be ‘**on eye level**’ with your athlete for more effective verbal and non-verbal communication as much as possible.
7. **Pay attention** to what your athlete is doing during scrimmages and assist as needed. Watch for appropriate behavior and cheer them on.
8. **Notify Coach Brendan** and an athlete’s parent ASAP if they do something considered ‘inappropriate.’ This includes cursing, pushing, pulling hair, and spitting.
9. Let Coach Brendan know if there is an ongoing problem with your athlete, and you are getting frustrated. **We can switch** or double-team if necessary.
10. Smile, laugh, and **have a good time**. These children (and their parents) are glad to have this opportunity to participate in a sports program.

Questions? Email ‘Coach’ Dave Robinson at drobinson018@msn.com.

Thanks in advance for your helping support TOPSoccer in Manatee County!

Coach Dave Robinson