

**Braden River Soccer Club (BRSC) TOPSoccer
Winter 2023 Parent Information Sheet**

1. Program Schedule, Format, Other

- a. Saturdays, 9:00-9:45 AM (younger kids up through elementary school), 10:00-11:15 AM (older kids middle school and up), running January 21 until March 4 (8 sessions), meeting at the soccer field closest to the green roof picnic pavilion/playground behind LRHS.
- b. Please make sure your athlete is wearing comfortable shorts and gym shoes (no sandals or other open-toed-shoes!). While we recommend shin guards, they are not required and often cause tactile issues.
- c. We provide the uniform jersey, soccer ball, and a water bottle FREE as part of the program, and will also have water for parents, buddies, and other volunteers. Returning athletes will use the same equipment as they used in the Fall 2022 season.
- 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. Please consider SUNSCREEN for you and your athletes!
- e. **IT IS OK TO BE LATE IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM GETTING THERE ON TIME!**

2. Parent/ Guardian Requirements

- a. **Parents MUST stay in the vicinity during the program, in the case of an emergency. IF you must leave, please tell your Athlete, their Buddy or Coach AND another parent and have that person be responsible should something happen to your Athlete.**
- b. **If your Athlete has any particular habits or behavioral issues, 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 are appreciated.**
- c. If there is a behavioral problem and you feel you have to intervene (or are asked to intervene), please work with the Buddy or Coach to do this quickly and effectively.
- d. Enjoy the time at the soccer fields, socialize with other parents, and let your Athlete have fun. Try to stay over to the parking lot side of the fields but if you want to get closer for photos that is fine.
- e. If you want to help with various aspects of the program, like helping with the end of season party, with keeping track of time each week or even coaching, contact Coach Brendan at the fields.

3. Potential Concerns

- a. Inclement Weather: Unless there is a downpour on Friday night/ Saturday 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.

4. Buddies

- a. Buddies are young adults who have volunteered their time to the program. They are paired up with Athletes on a one-to-one basis, staying the same for the entire program.
- b. If you know of potential Buddies, please have them email me at drobinson018@msn.com.

5. Special Events Days

- a. One of our Winter season traditions is to have special theme days like crazy hat, crazy socks, USA (red, white and blue), etc. Feel free to participate if you and your child want to!
- b. Picture Day: We are trying once again to organize a picture day, with a professional photographer. If you are interested in helping organize this event, please email me at drobinson018@msn.com.

6. Donations

- a. If your company might be willing to donate something, let email me at drobinson018@msn.com. We can arrange for logos on promotional items such as backpacks, stickers, or t-shirts as appropriate.

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

Coach Dave Robinson