

**FC Sarasota Soccer Club TOPSoccer
Fall 2021 Parent Information Sheet**

Program Information

**Fridays, 5:30pm – 6:30pm, running Oct 8th, 15th 22nd and 29th. Nov 5th and 12th,
meeting at Twin Lakes Park.**

- **It is OK to be late if you have a problem getting there right on time!**
- **Cost:** FC Sarasota 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.
- **Attire:** Please make sure your child is wearing comfortable shorts and gym shoes (no sandals or other open-toed-shoes!). We strongly recommend shin guards but understand if there are undue tactile issues. Cleats are not required, and we accommodate walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, and similar equipment.
- **Equipment:** We provide the uniform jersey and a backpack as part of the program.
- **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!

Parent/ Guardian Requirements

- **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.**
- **If your child 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 is appreciated.**
- 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.

Buddies

- 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.
- If you know of potential Buddies, please have them email me at mmixon@fcsarasota.com

Potential Concerns

- **Inclement Weather:** Please sign up to RainOut on our website for updates on field closures. 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.
- **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.
- **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.

Donations

If your company might be willing to donate something, please email Donna Forway at dforway@fcsarasota.com