



# TOPSOCCER PROGRAM

COMING TO ANCHORAGE THIS SUMMER

## JUNE 6—July 25

(no soccer on July 4)

### Mondays 6:00-7:00 pm

At the Dome

## Registration cost is \$40

### Ages: 4-21 years

Covers Nike t-shirt, socks, awards, administrative costs and insurance

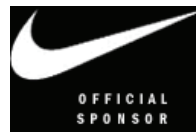
#### What is TOPSoccer?

- A soccer program for individuals with physical and/or developmental disabilities.
- An opportunity for all children to play soccer.

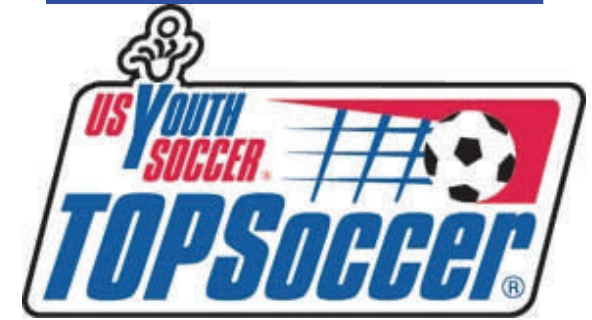


**The History of TOPSoccer** US Youth Soccer, the nation's largest youth sports organization, started TOPSoccer in 1991 to provide young players with disabilities an environment filled with meaningful learning, developmental and physical participation opportunities through the game of soccer. The volunteer TOPSoccer Committee, representing the 55 State Soccer Associations across the country, works to help players develop, compete, and achieve success according to their individual abilities. Through the efforts of people like you, a whole new world awaits these children. Reach out to bring them into our soccer family.

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"There are thousands of young players with disabilities throughout the country who are looking to be part of the world's greatest game."



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**Where passion is always on display and victory is shared by all.**

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# TOPSoccer

## MISSION STATEMENT

Our objective is to have the best TOPS program in the nation by providing players with special needs of all ages the opportunity to play and enjoy the game of soccer.



Volunteers help make this program to be *successful*. Without the help of the community, the Thunder Program would be unable to survive. To become a volunteer, please contact our Rush Thunder Coordinator at [rushthunder@alaskarush.com](mailto:rushthunder@alaskarush.com).



Rush Thunder is a part of the Total Outreach Program for Soccer (TOPSoccer) that is designed to meet the needs of players with special abilities.

This special needs program consists of fun games and activities with at least 30 minutes of match play at the end of each session. Skill development and fun are the objectives rather than competition. Athletes are placed on teams according to ability and **NOT BY AGE.**



Special thanks to our newest sponsors! Interested in supporting Rush Thunder? Contact us today.

## What are the benefits of TOPSoccer for my child?

- Your child will develop a sense of belonging to a community.
- Learn the value of being part of a team.
- Improved self-esteem, fitness and social skills.

## What is the role of the TOPSoccer parent? As a TOPSoccer parent you need to:

- Provide transportation to and from all practices and games, ensuring that the player is prompt.
- Attend all practices and games.
- Lend support in a positive manner.
- Provide any pertinent information about your child to the coaches and administrators.

## What should families expect from the program?

- The program will be a fun and meaningful experience for the parent and their child.
- The program will be adapted in ways that will ensure their child learns at his/her ability.
- The program will be safe and organized.
- The program will improve the overall fitness, self esteem and social skills of their child.

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