

# Tolland TOPS Soccer Invites you to Join!

Hello TOPS Soccer Enthusiasts:

I hope you have all had a great school year and are looking forward to your Summer. I want to take this opportunity to introduce you to a Soccer Program arranged for children that may not otherwise look to participate in Recreational or Club soccer activities within Tolland. As you look to the Fall and activities for your children, please consider this avenue of fun for them to join.

Through Tolland Soccer Club we offer an opportunity that affords children with disabilities of any kind, to learn and play the game of soccer in a non-competitive, yet challenging environment with friends and support staff of all ages. The Program is run through Tolland Soccer Club and registration takes place in the months of July and August. We begin play on the first Saturday following Labor Day. Registration is through the Tolland Soccer Club web site - [www.tollandsoccer.com](http://www.tollandsoccer.com)

We are planning the Fall 2018 season and wanted to get some information out to you in advance of that.

We will begin play this year on **Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> 2018** at Crandall Park in Tolland 8:45 am - 10:00 am. We play every Saturday during this time and we will also play on Tuesday evenings from 5:45-7:00 pm through the first Saturday in November.

If you are new to the program and have any questions, please direct them as follows:

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The program Cost is \$65 and covers the cost of a ball and jersey as well as field costs.

TOPS Soccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) is sponsored by US Youth Soccer and the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association [www.cjsa.org](http://www.cjsa.org) for young athletes with disabilities. The program is designed to foster an opportunity of learning, teamwork and enjoyment to any boy or girl, who has a mental or physical disability. Our goal is to enable young athletes with disabilities to become valued and successful members of the US Youth Soccer family and for Tolland specifically, the Tolland Soccer Club and surrounding communities.

Our program in Tolland has consistently trained 20-25 young athletes each year for over 20 years, together with 40-50 middle school and high school age Buddies that are paired with the players assisting on the field with training and development. The program offers a friendly, supportive way to learn and enjoy the game of soccer. The Program is open to all interested players ages 5-21 and is not limited to Tolland Residents.

We look forward to seeing you all on the field this Fall.

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