

TOPSoccer is US Youth Soccer's "Outreach program for Soccer"

## **TOPSoccer 1991-2016 (25 Years)**

**TOPSoccer's goal is to enable young athletes with disabilities to become valuable and successful members of CJSA and the US Youth Soccer family.**

In the fall of 2015, as Chairperson of the TOPSoccer committee, I visited most of the active TOPSoccer clubs in Connecticut. It was a most up-lifting and enjoyable experience for me to meet and talk with TOPSoccer players, parents, Coaches, Buddies, and many other volunteers.

To reinvigorate CJSA's commitment to the TOPSoccer program in Connecticut, CJSA organized a meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup> in Farmington with TOPSoccer clubs and volunteers. It was agreed that CJSA would work toward providing more resources and visibility to the TOPSoccer program in Connecticut with the following initial action steps:

1. Invite TOPSoccer Clubs to CJSA's Annual General Awards Meetings.
2. CJSA Districts agreed to contribute financial assistance for a Coaching course during CJSA's AGM in 2016 and 2017.

Ray Robinson, National TOPSoccer Committee Chair for US Youth Soccer and Director of Outreach Programs for Massachusetts Youth Soccer (MYSA) and Ed DeMulder, Vermont TOPSoccer Director and Region I, provided very successful TOPSoccer Certification Courses for over 100 attendees. If there is enough interest I would like to organize this course for CJSA TOPSoccer Fall Incoming Program.

We have come a long way in a relatively short time with the help of the CJSA BOD. With the continued support of the CJSA BOD and working closely with our district, I am sure we will be successful.

At present, we have 13-15 active clubs in the State.

#of players 2016 - 341; Volunteers/Mentors - 609; Coaches -54

#of players 2015 - 273: Volunteers/Mentors - 541; Coaches - 35

Increase's from 2015 to 2016: # of players 25%; Volunteers 13%; Coaches 54%.

# TOPSoccer - SECJSA Special Needs Soccer Program

## Organizational Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Time: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Location: Spera Field Club House, Waterford, CT  
Gardiner's Wood Road

### Welcome and Introductions

Milan Keser CJSA Director of TOPSoccer Program

Josh Krusewski CJSA Executive Director

Craig Merriman, Waterford

David Putnam, East Lyme

1. Program Details
  - a. Start Fall of 2017
  - b. Location East Lyme, Waterford area
  - c. Recruitment of Athletes
  - d. Recruitment of Volunteer Coaches/Mentors
  - e. Game Day activities (program meets one day/week for an hour)
  - f. Equipment
  - g. Fundraising
2. Commitment from local communities
  - a. Representative from each community
  - b. Communication to local Soccer Clubs, Parks and Recreation Agencies
3. Open Discussion
4. Adjournment/Set next meeting date

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