

Coach/Buddy Training Opportunities

The TOPSoccer Coach

In addition to the materials that Washington Youth Soccer provides your program and Coach, we provide every coach and buddy access to our TOPSoccer Technical Coach. Our TOPSoccer Technical Coach is available by phone or email to help answer any questions or provide advice to your program. Additionally, you may request to have the Technical Coach out to your program to observe and provide feedback to your Coach. Contact John Wedge, the TOPSoccer Technical Coach at (360) 377- 4269 or jwedge@myworldlink.com.

Coaching Clinics

In order to ensure that our coaches are provided information and current trends in our field, we hold a yearly coaching clinic in four locations across the state of Washington. These clinics bring together the Washington Youth Soccer technical knowledge as well as information from field experts to give your coaches all the information necessary to create an environment of success for our players. Please check the TOPSoccer Announcements page for further details on upcoming courses. Our goal is that every coach attends at least one clinic every other year to stay current on their education.

US Youth-Washington Youth Soccer TOPSoccer Coaches Certification

This national certificate is geared toward novice coaches with no soccer experience to premier level coaches and all those in between. The course addresses beginning to advanced activities, the role of the TOPSoccer buddy, risk management and safety, basic first aid, a typical training session and how to deal with players with different abilities. It includes both a coaches and a player field session. It encourages and enables anyone interested in participating in TOPSoccer to "come play on our team!"

The TOPSoccer Buddy

Our goal is to have every Buddy trained and comfortable in our program to better assist our players. In order to create an environment geared for success, these trainings are very important and are offered to programs at no cost; the only requirement of your program is to provide a classroom setting for 90 minutes. In order to host a buddy training, please contact the Washington Youth Soccer TOPSoccer coordinator to coordinate a time.

Buddy Training

Buddy training gives the TOPSoccer buddy a chance to understand their role, learn how to work with their player and how to adapt activities/games to fit the ability of their player. By attending a buddy training, buddies will be prepared to start their role and be fully equipped to provide their player with the best soccer experience possible. This training will give buddies the preparation and confidence to take the field and help their player succeed!