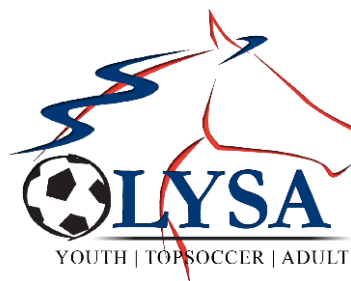# PLAYER & VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR LYSA TOPSOCCER'S SPRING 2024 SEASON!!!

What is TOPSoccer (TOPS – The Outreach Program for Soccer)?

TOPS is a recreational sports program for children and adults with disabilities offered only through local US Youth Soccer-affiliated clubs, such as the Lexington Youth Soccer Association (LYSA). The goal of LYSA's TOPSoccer program is to provide people with diverse abilities with an opportunity to play soccer in a structured environment that is safe, fun, supportive, and inclusive.

Who can play TOPS?

Anyone aged 4 years and older with an intellectual, physical, or emotional disability can play TOPS. Team placement is by ability, size, and age to ensure the safety and success of each player at whatever level they are able to participate.

Who can volunteer for TOPS?

Anyone aged 12 years and older can be a TOPSoccer Buddy, who assists and/or supports players on the field. Coaches must be at least 16 years old to be an assistant coach and 18 years old to be a head coach. Although experience playing or coaching soccer is helpful, it is not required. Training is provided.

Buddies who volunteer for all or most session dates for a team are assigned as the primary buddy of an individual player. Other buddies are assigned as a co-buddy or a substitute buddy for individual players. *Note:* Volunteers 18 years and older must complete risk management requirements such as a background check and SafeSport training to volunteer.

Where and when does the LYSA TOPS program take place?

- **Location:** Lexington Sporting Club's indoor facility at 404 Sporting Court
- **Session Dates:** 3/24, 4/07, 4/14, 4/21, & 4/28
- **Session Times:** 3:00-4:00 PM (Team 1A & 1B) & 4:15-5:15 PM (Team 2 & 3)

How do I get additional info about TOPS & register?

For additional info & registration, please click on the links at the bottom of LYSA's TOPSoccer webpage (https://www.lysa.org/topsoccer/). Of note, the deadline to register is Friday, March 1st, at 11:59 PM.

We hope that you can join us!!!