# TOPSoccer in Your Community

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**US YOUTH SOCCER WORKSHOP** 



## What is US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer?

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# **Key Players**

- Your Role
- Club Participation
- College Assistance
- Other Organizations







### Your Role



#### **Club Participation**



### **College Assistance**



# Why TOPSoccer?

- Eyes Closed or Eyes Open
- A Need to Belong
- Feelings of Inclusion/Exclusion Hurt, Sad, Angry, Lonely, Inspired?
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#### LOVE WHAT YOUR DOING?

If you have a passion for the game and love teaching it to children, then TOPSoccer holds rewards beyond your wildest dreams.

# We Are Guardians

- Protect and Provide Safe Playing Environment
- Believing in the Man in the Moon
  - Fear of the Unknown
  - Wonder of it All
  - New Beginnings
  - Memories and Rewards
  - Beautiful Dreams
  - We're Going to Make This Fun



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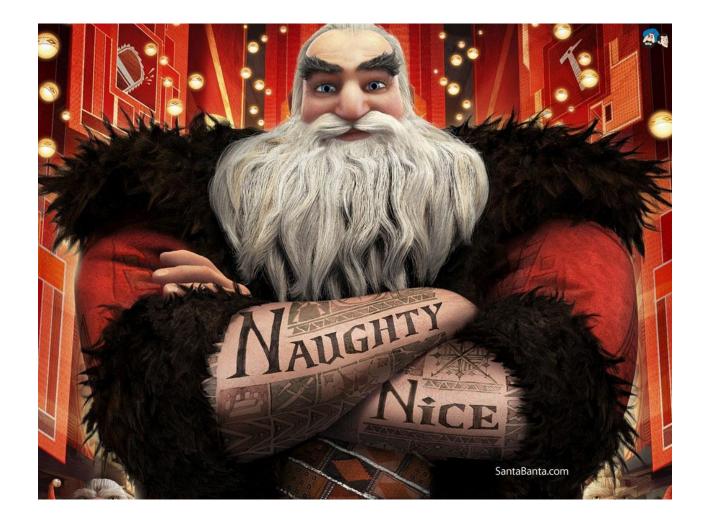
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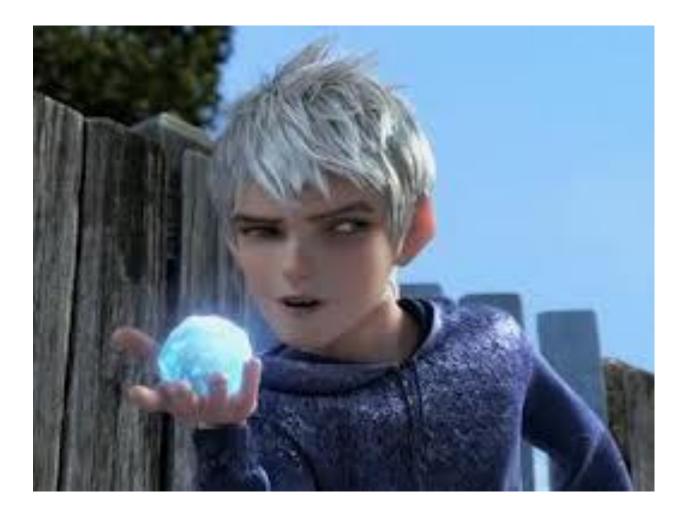
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### **Beautiful Dreams**



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# **Benefits For All**

- Players
- Parents
- Buddies
- Coaches
- Community





# **Coaching Education**

- TOPSoccer Certification Course
- Recreational Modules
- National Youth License

Adapt training sessions and the activities therein to the abilities and needs of the players.

There seems to be the that the training activities don't count unless they are specifically designated TOPSoccer.

Many of the game-like activities we use in training other youth players and that we teach in coaching courses are perfectly suitable to the majority of TOPSoccer players.





## I Triple Dog Dare You!



## Believe

"It is our job to protect the children of the world. For as long as they believe in us, we will guard them with our lives..."

"We go by many names, and take many forms. We bring wonder and hope, we bring joy and dreams. We are the Sandman and the Tooth Fairy, we are the Easter Bunny, and Santa. And our powers are greater than you ever imagine..."

## I Believe



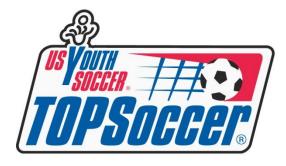
#### Expect the Unexpected



#### **Every Player is Unique**



## Thanks for All That You Do!



#### http://www.usyouthsoccer.org/programs/topsoccer

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