



# S.C.O.P.E.

**Special Children's Organization for  
Parents & Educators**

*Marlboro's district-wide  
special education PTO*

*Providing resources for  
our special needs  
community*

## S.C.O.P.E. Soccer FAQ

### 1. **Where do we play?**

We always play at a field located in Marlboro. Each year our field assignment can vary based on availability, but where ever we play we are usually there for all 8 weeks. However, location is subject to change due to unfavorable field conditions or community events, like Marlboro Day. You will know in advance if our location will be different.

### 2. **What days/times do we play?**

We play from 1:30pm-2:30pm on Saturdays during our 8-week season, in spring and fall.

### 3. **What equipment is needed?**

We will provide soccer balls and all other necessary equipment for our sessions. Players will get a team shirt to wear. While cleats and shin guards are recommended, we do not require them. Other than that, players should wear weather appropriate clothing that is comfortable to move in. And always bring water to drink.

### 4. **It's raining. Will soccer be canceled?**

If it's a down pour, with no end in sight then, yes. If it's just light rain and not too cold, we'll probably play anyway. You will receive a call/email/text with an update as soon as a decision is made.

### 5. **Who are the Buddy volunteers?**

Our wonderful Buddy volunteers come to us from Marlboro and other surrounding towns. They are middle school and high school students who have taken S.C.O.P.E.'s Buddy Training Workshop.

### 6. **Do all the players get a buddy?**

It is our hope that we will always have enough Buddy volunteers for all the players. Sometimes we have to double up, but we always make it work.

### 7. **How do you match players with Buddies?**

Sometimes parents give us tips on the type of Buddy that would work well for their child. Sometimes it is just trial and error. Luckily, because of our very relaxed methods we can easily switch players and buddies around if something is not working.

### 8. **I'm not sure if S.C.O.P.E. Soccer is right for my child. Can we come and try it out first?**

Unfortunately, due to issues with insurance, unregistered players are not allowed on the field. However, you are welcome to stop by one of our sessions to watch and see how everything works. You will see that it is a very relaxed, no- pressure atmosphere where the focus is on **fun**.



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### 9. What if my child is fearful or hesitant to participate?

It happens! The important thing to remember is not to be upset by it. We're not! Whether this is a new experience for your child or he/she is just having a tough day...we've all been there. You will find the S.C.O.P.E. coaches and parents to be understanding and supportive.

### 10. My child has never played soccer before. Is that OK?

Of course! No previous soccer skills are required. Children of *all ability levels* continue to enjoy the program season after season.

### 11. Can I be on the field with my child?

Insurance regulations prohibit parents/guardians/caregivers from being on the field unless that person is a *registered volunteer coach*. So, bring a chair, sit on the sidelines and enjoy watching your child have this great experience.

### 12. Can siblings sign up to be Buddy volunteers?

Many of our volunteers have a sibling with special needs, and this makes them a valuable asset to our program –who has more empathy and understanding than a sibling of a special needs child?! Once they go through our 1-hr Buddy Training Workshop, they can join us on the field. Buddies usually start in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but exceptions are sometimes made. Just ask!

### 13. Can I bring my dog to the soccer field?

Sorry, pets are not allowed on ANY Marlboro soccer field or on school grounds. This is a Township rule that we **must** abide by.

### 14. Do you need any more coaches or adult volunteers?

ALWAYS! Please contact us to find out how to join our coaching ranks. We'd love to have you!



Thank you for your interest in S.C.O.P.E. Soccer. We hope to see your child on the field this season!

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have additional questions or concerns.