



# CP Soccer

Soccer for kids with CP, Stroke or Traumatic Brain Injury

## CP SOCCER

Soccer is immensely beneficial for kids who have CP or have suffered some form of brain injury, but as they grow older it can be hard to keep up with their able-bodied peers.

Just as the US Paralympic Team sits between the US National Team and the US Special Olympics, CP Soccer is positioned between able-bodied soccer leagues and those designed for kids with special needs.

Our goal is to build a competitive league, where kids can pour their hearts out onto the field alongside other kids like them. Ultimately, we will become a feeder program to the US Paralympic National Soccer Team, but we are excited to have players of all skill levels join our league.

The physical benefits of soccer will be matched with the emotional benefits of building a community of peers. Both are equally important to us.

## LEARN MORE:

To learn more, please visit our website:

[cpsoccer.us](http://cpsoccer.us) or email  
[houston@cpsoccer.us](mailto:houston@cpsoccer.us)

We would love to hear from you.

## WHO QUALIFIES?

CP Soccer follows the same participation guidelines set out by the International Paralympic Committee for 7-a-side football.

All participants must have cerebral palsy, stroke, hemiplegia, or traumatic brain injury which affects their motor coordination yet still enables them to run and kick a ball. Boys and girls age 8 to 18 are encouraged to attend and no prior experience with soccer required. Financial assistance is available.

Kids can still play on their local able-bodied teams as well.

## PROGRAM:

**What:** Kids come together regularly for two hours of training, playing, and fun.

**Where:** Bear Branch Park  
5310 Research Forest Dr,  
The Woodlands, TX 77381

**When:** Saturdays from September 15th to November 10th, but please check the website calendar.

**Coaching:** Will be led by the staff of Houston Dynamo/Dash Youth Soccer

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# Houston CP Soccer Mission Statement

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## The Goal

To create a sustainable soccer program for children with ambulatory cerebral palsy, stroke or traumatic brain injury with multiple teams throughout the Houston metro area as an affiliate of cpsoccer.us.

## Structure

Houston CP Soccer will be an affiliate of CPSoccer.us, but under the umbrella of Dynamo/Dash Disabilities Soccer Program.

## Advisory Board

Keith Johnson: Houston Dynamo/Dash Youth Coach & player on the US Paralympic Soccer Team

Marcus Watt: Houston Dynamo/Dash Youth Soccer Recreational Director

Phil Ebner: Houston Dynamo/Dash Youth Soccer Club Director

Julie Vann: Parent of a CP child

Deven Hull: Parent of a CP child

Catherine Hull: Houston Treasurer and parent of a CP child

**Training:** Houston Dynamo/Dash Youth Coaching Staff and volunteer coaches will conduct the training. Keith Johnson will be our lead trainer for the program using the curricula created by Ashley Hammond with the NY/NJ CP Soccer club. Training would be every Saturday from Sept. 15, 2018 through Nov. 10th, 2018 at Bear Branch Park in The Woodlands.

## Summer Camp at Clemson

The goal for the team would to have enough players to field a tournament team for the CP Soccer Camp at Clemson in June of 2019.

## Promotion

Web/social media, hospitals, therapy centers, doctors offices, support organizations (ie Easter Seals) soccer clubs and schools.

## Fundraising

The fundraising target is \$1,600 annually for each player. This would include team uniform, equipment allowance, local travel allowance and attending the Clemson CP Soccer Camp. We are also looking for a one time \$3,000 donation to purchase a set of paralympic regulation goals.

## Questions?

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# CP Soccer Camp June 2019

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## SLEEP-AWAY SOCCER CAMP FOR KIDS WITH CP

One of CP Soccer's core missions is to establish a summer soccer camp for kids from across the US. In June 2019, we will host the second annual CP Soccer Camp at Clemson University in South Carolina. Like our New York, Mid Atlantic and Houston area CP Soccer programs, the camp will be open to kids with ambulatory CP, stroke or traumatic brain injury. We will accept kids of all ages up through high school, understanding that younger kids may find it tough to sleep away from their parents.

## WHY CLEMSON UNIVERSITY?

We have chosen Clemson University to host our camp because Clemson has made a strong commitment to Paralympic soccer at the collegiate level, and is [building a program](#) that specifically supports soccer players with CP/stroke/TBI. We are proud to partner with Clemson University, and greatly appreciate their support for CP Soccer.

## HOW WILL THE CAMP WORK?

CP Soccer Camp will provide CP kids with the chance to both experience serious soccer training and enjoy the company of other kids like themselves. We will include non-soccer activities, but soccer will be the focus. Some kids will already be playing at a competitive level,

while others will be completely new to the sport, and we will develop a curriculum that keeps everyone engaged, challenged and happy. Ultimately, we want everyone to have fun. Campers will sleep in dorms, eat in the campus dining hall and play on University fields. There will be adult supervision by staff who have been vetted and trained to work with CP kids. Parents will not be allowed to stay in the dorms, but there are many hotels nearby. The University dining facilities are able to accommodate special diet requirements, and there are multiple hospitals nearby in case of emergency.

## COST AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Tuition for CP Soccer Camp is \$650 per kid. This is the pass-through cost of all services, and includes a full CP Soccer Uniform. Because we want all kids who qualify to be able to attend, we are [raising funds](#) to offer subsidies for families who need some financial support. Click [here](#) to apply for financial support.

## LEARN MORE AND REGISTRATION

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