



2022 SOCCER 4 KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS VOLUNTEER LETTER

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The Vaughan Soccer Club will once again be offering soccer for Kids with Special Needs. This 2022 season, will be our 10th season of offering soccer to children with special needs and we anticipate it to be another successful season.

The program is offered to any special needs child between the ages of 5 and 18 who would like to participate in this wonderful game of soccer. It is held once a week on Sunday mornings for 8 weeks (no sessions will be held during long weekends). We will require many volunteers to be "Big Buddies" to the children participating in this program. We are hoping for a minimum of 60 volunteers. There will be a ratio of one volunteer to one child. All volunteers will receive community service hours/reference letter at the completion of the program.

Please read below carefully before signing up to become a Big Buddy for this program.

What do you need to be a 'Big Buddy'?

- You must be 15 years of age or older in the year 2022 (if you are younger than 15 and would still like to volunteer please contact the program director at sarah.pellegrini@vaughansoccer.com)
- You must be available to attend all 8 sessions (each session is approx. 1 hour in length). If you cannot attend a session, we must be notified well in advance so that we have ample time to find a replacement for that day. These children require stability therefore if prior to the start of the program, you know that you will miss 4 or more sessions please let us know.
- Session dates/times and location are as follows: June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 10, 17, 24 & August 7, 2022, from 8:45 am to 10:15 am @ the McNaughton Turf Field (which is located at the north west corner of Keele St & McNaughton Rd)
- Must be outgoing, energetic, patient and be open to having lots of fun

As this program is growing we need as many volunteers as possible, keeping that in mind we will be unable to guarantee that friends who are volunteering together will be assigned to the same child. Please do not let this discourage you from volunteering, remember that we will all be on the same field at the same time and we will all be working together to make this a great experience for the children.

If this interests you, please register as a Big Buddy via our online registration portal (Power Up) by clicking [here](#). We recommend that you review the VSC Soccer 4 Kids with Special Needs Program - RTP Guide for further details of COVID-19 Protocols and Procedures.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Pellegrini via email at sarah.pellegrini@vaughansoccer.com

Sarah Pellegrini

How to Register to Become a *Big Buddy* (Volunteer)

1. Log in to your power up account or create an account if you do not have one.

<https://vaughansoccer.powerupsports.com/>

The screenshot shows the Vaughan Soccer Club Member Zone interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the 'POWER UP' logo, mobile app icons for Apple and Android, and a user profile icon. Below this is the Vaughan Soccer Club logo and the text 'Vaughan Soccer Club MEMBER ZONE'. A weather widget for Maple shows a temperature of 1°C. A left sidebar contains navigation links: Mar 16, 2021, Login, Today's Events, Schedules, Standings, Results, Support, Mobile Apps, How To Register, and FAQ. The main content area is titled 'Welcome to the Vaughan Soccer Member Zone!' and includes instructions for new users to click 'Sign Up' and for existing users to click 'Log In'. A 'Registration Centre' section features a 'Player Registrations' icon and a 'Player Registrations Available' banner. On the right, there is a login/sign-up form with fields for 'Email Address' and 'Password', a 'Log In' button, and a 'Forgot your password?' section with a 'Reset Password' button. A large red arrow points to the 'Email Address' field in the login form.

2. Once you are logged in, click Volunteer Now and then Volunteer Application

The screenshot shows the Vaughan Soccer Club Member Zone interface after logging in. The top navigation bar now includes the user name 'Sarah Pellegrini' and a dropdown arrow. The left sidebar has been updated with 'Volunteer Now!' as a main menu item, which is expanded to show 'Team Official Application', 'Volunteer Application' (highlighted with a red arrow), 'Game Official Application', 'Payments/Receipts', 'Account Settings', 'Register Now', 'Profile', and 'Schedules'. The main content area is titled 'Registration Centre' and features a 'Register Now!' button. It displays a 'Player Registrations Available' banner and a list of registration options: '2021 OUTDOOR HOUSE LEAGUE - RESERVE TO PLAY', 'INDOOR 2020-2021 COMPETITIVE PROGRAM', 'OUTDOOR 2021 COMPETITIVE PROGRAM', 'Outdoor 2021 Soccer 4 Kids with Special Needs Program - GUARDIAN REGISTRATION', and 'Outdoor 2021 Soccer 4 Kids with Special Needs Program - PLAYER REGISTRATION'. On the right, there is a 'Players' section showing a list of players with their names and status (e.g., 'Not registered for upcoming season', 'Registered to test'). A 'Next Event' section shows 'Mar 18 @ 10:40 am @ McNaughton Turf Field' with 'Yes', 'No', and 'Maybe' buttons. The coach's name 'Serge Deluca' is also visible.

How to Register to Become a *Big Buddy* (Volunteer)

3. Under your name, select APPLY NOW for the 2022 Outdoor Recreational Volunteer Application

Team Official Application
Volunteer Application
Game Official Application
Payments/Receipts
Account Settings
Register Now
Profile
Schedules
Standings
Results
Support

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2021-2022 INDOOR Volunteer Application **Apply Now**

2022 OUTDOOR Volunteer Application **Apply Now**

Type	Season	Date Created	Status	
Volunteer Application	2021 OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL	2021/03/16 1:50 PM	Approved	View

4. Complete the next page and ensure all of your contact information is correct. You will need to select the Big Buddy Volunteer – Soccer4Kids with Special Needs Option and complete the following volunteer questions.

Support
Mobile Apps
How To Register
FAQ

Go Mobile
To use PowerUp Connect Mobile, [navigate here](#) on your phone or mobile device, or [click here](#) to send an email to your mobile device.

I want to signup for the following positions:

Convenor
 Big Buddy Volunteer-Soccer4Kids with Special Needs

Big Buddy Volunteer - Soccer4Kids with Special Needs Program
If you are signing up to be a Big Buddy Volunteer, please complete the following:

Do you have your first aid? Yes No

If yes, what level?

Are you a returning volunteer for this program? Yes No

If yes, who was your previously assigned "Little Buddy"?

Aside from this program, do you have any experience working with children with special needs? If yes, please explain.

5. Once you have signed off on all the waivers, click continue and your application has been completed.