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## **Pickering Soccer Club and Special Olympics Ontario to offer Soccer Program for Local Youth with Special Needs.**



The mission of the Pickering Soccer Club (PSC) is to provide opportunities for the members of our community to participate in soccer, the “beautiful game”. Every child wants to belong to a group, to put on a uniform and be part of a team, to enjoy the great outdoors and feel the thrill of friendly competition. The Pickering Soccer Club provides those opportunities to ~4500 soccer players, and reaches almost 20% of the local population through the players, coaches and team staff, referees, and countless volunteers. However, it is clear to us that there are many children and youth in our community who want to play soccer but are unwilling, or feel unable, to participate in the programs we currently offer. Therefore, we are partnering with Special Olympics Ontario (SOO) to offer “grassroots” soccer programs to those in our community with special needs.

Special Olympics is founded on the belief that people with intellectual disabilities can, with proper instruction and encouragement, learn, enjoy and benefit from participation in individual and team sports. Special Olympics is an unprecedented global movement which, through quality sports training and competition, improves the lives of people with intellectual disabilities and, in turn, the lives of everyone they touch.

Our program will begin with indoor training/games on Sundays over the winter with the goal of developing a full summer program of training/games. Program structure will be tailored to suit the number and skill level of participants.

### **Program Time: Sundays 11am – 12 noon**

**Dates:** Nov. 30, December: 7, 14; January: 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 22; March 1, 8.

**Place:** St. Mary’s High School (gym C, enter from back door)

**Cost:** \$35 (Registration required at Pickering Soccer Club, 1735 Bayly St. Unit 14)

**Required equipment:** Sneakers, shin pads, no jewellery.

We look forward to seeing you in the gym!

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