

Dear U9 and U10 Division 4 Parents,

BUSC is completely dependent upon parent volunteers to support youth soccer in Pleasanton. While every volunteer is important in supporting your son's soccer season, two roles are absolutely critical. Parent coaches and referee volunteers are absolutely the most critical volunteer position we must staff for the U9/U10 program.

There is a shortage of available referees from our sister organization (the Pleasanton Soccer Referees Association) for this age group which leaves us completely dependent upon parent volunteers. The principle role of the soccer referee at this age group is safety. Because of that safety requirement, teams that are unable to provide a referee for the game must forfeit the game. Last year, like many of you, parents were unsure of their ability to serve as a referee. But parents of all levels (or lack thereof) soccer background participated and reported that it was a rewarding experience the program was a great success. Those parents that participated recieved great training and reported an overall positive and unique experience in participating in their child's soccer games. .

Likewise, soccer coaches are vital to organizing and training our teams. BUSC makes every effort to provide coach and team training along with training resources, drills, and team manuals to make the volunteers job a success. Our goal is to help any coach, regardless of soccer background, successful in training and preparing their team for the season. Coaching is without a doubt one of the most rewarding volunteer positions within the club.

Volunteers are what make our soccer programs possible. I encourage you all to participate at what ever level you can and to step up where needed to ensure all of our youth have the opportunity to enjoy this beautiful game.

Many thanks,
Graham Holmes
Director, Division 4 (Recreation)
Ballistic United Soccer Club

PSRA training for BUSC/RAGE U9/10 Recreation Referee Program

Here is the list of **Grade 9 Adult Referee Class classes 2008** (Register for one of the following sessions which comprise 9 hours of class instruction, field work and test):

Session 1: Aug 26/27 (Tues/Wed 6-10:30PM)

Session 2: Sep 2/3 (Tues/Wed 6-10:30PM)

Our Referee classes are typically held at on the the following locations: 1) Pleasanton Middle School 2) Aquatic Park Community Center Room on Black Ave next to the Swim center.

[Register on-line today for one of the 2008 Referee classes \(Click here for the online registration page\).](#)