

# 2009 PDA SOCCER MARATHON to Benefit Special Olympics New Jersey

## Instructions for Teams

**EVENT: NOVEMBER 13 – 14, 2009** - Marathon Soccer Match (24 Hours) to benefit Special Olympics New Jersey and the Players Development Academy. The kickoff will be at 4:00 PM Friday afternoon, November 13, and play will continue through 4 PM on Saturday, November 14.

**OBJECTIVE:** To have the PDA players donate their time and energy, by helping to raise money to support the Special Olympics New Jersey organization and the PDA.

**THE GAME:** The game will be a 24-hour match with unlimited substitutions, with officials and a final score. Each PDA team will contribute approximately 2 hours of playing time. Upon arrival for your team's assigned time slot, each PDA player (U8-U18 boys and girls) will be assigned to either the PDA WHITE or PDA BLUE team. The WHITE will play the BLUE, 11 v 11. It is expected that all PDA players participate. Appropriate age groups will compete against each other at the appropriate times (younger teams will not be playing in the middle of the night).

**FUNDRAISING:** Each player will solicit contributions based on the club playing 24 hours.

Example: Anyone contributing \$1.00 per hour toward the club performing for the 24 hours will make a \$24.00 donation.

As with any competition, players sometimes cannot perform on a given day, due to injury, illness, previous engagements, etc. These players are still a part of the team and share equally in the glory or disappointment of the match. Therefore, whether one can or cannot perform in the marathon match, he/she should equally feel part of the team and share in the success of the match, the event, and the fundraiser.

Although the premise is to receive donations based on the 24-hour period, any donation is welcome.

In order to reach our goal, each player would need to raise \$300 to \$400. Although this is a lofty goal, our hard work will be rewarded by the satisfaction the players will receive through their efforts to contribute to their club and the community.

- **DONATION ENVELOPE:** Each player will receive a donation envelope. Please fill out the donor's name and address with the amount donated. Assure donors that this list is confidential and will not be used to solicit in the future. If the donation is based on the 24-hour period, show as such. If the donation is a lump amount only the amount is necessary. Please check the "Cash" box or indicate check number in the "Check" box. Cut off the donation form at the bottom of the flyer. Put the large side in the envelope and give the donor receipt to the donor.

*Important: All donations should be collected at the time of the pledge.*  
More envelopes are available if needed.

- **INFORMATION FLYER / DONATION FORM:**

Go to the PDA website [<http://www.pdasoccer.org/CommunityService.htm>] to print as many copies of the donation form as you need.

**REMINDER:** Parents are expected to contribute time to the event as well. Jobs will be assigned closer to the marathon. Anyone interested in helping with the Event Committee, please contact Patty Seitz: [pseitz5@aol.com](mailto:pseitz5@aol.com).