



2017 FEDS SPECIAL NEEDS SOCCER PROGRAM

- Weekly summer soccer program
- Special Needs Soccer Festival

FEDS is entering its 7th year of providing a very successful soccer program for older youths (16 years old and older) and adults with physical and/or mental challenges. The program is intended to be fun while exposing the players to developing basic soccer skills, team play, social interaction and exercise. The program allows the players to develop over time at their own pace without any undue pressure or expectations. The program includes three main activities:

Weekly Soccer Program: The weekly program runs every Wednesday starting May 24th to August 16th from 7 PM to 8:15 PM. The field used will be the Southridge soccer field in Elora, Ontario. Soccer jerseys, shorts and socks will be provided. Soccer cleats are recommended and shin pads are mandatory.

NEW! Guelph – Elora Bus Ride: We are trying a new transportation initiative this year. The plan is to have a school bus pick up players and their supporters from a central location in Guelph (ie. Walmart parking lot) on Wednesdays. The bus will bring the group to the soccer program and then drive them back to the same central location after the soccer program. We are hoping that this initiative will make it easier for some existing players to get to the soccer program and we are also hoping that new players will sign up as the transportation will be simpler. Please let me know if you feel that you or others that you know may want to take advantage of this transportation service.

Special Needs Soccer Festival: The Festival is a one day event in Fergus, Ontario. The FEDS Special Needs Soccer group hosts the festival for our players as well as our guests from other places in Ontario. This year the festival will be held on Saturday July 8th from 12 PM to 4 PM at Victoria Park in Fergus. The Festival is a day of soccer and many other activities including:



Fergus Pipe Band, OPP, Fire Department, face painting, photo booth, arcade type games, live band, free cake for all and much more. Event is free to all participants.

Other details about the program:

- Space for 40 players is available so register early
- The program will accept special needs people who are physically capable of participating without any serious medical condition that would put them at risk
- Cost for players is \$110 for the season. You can register at FEDS office or online.
- Check our website for information: <http://www.fergus-elora-district-soccer.ca/> (519-843- 3360)
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