



## **UNIROYAL TIRE TOPSOCCER “BUDDY OF THE YEAR” PROGRAM**

In recognition of the important role that volunteer “buddies” play in TOPSoccer, Uniroyal is pleased to announce the 2002 Uniroyal Tire TOPSoccer “Buddy of the Year” program.

We’re looking for the youth volunteer who is extremely committed to making TOPSoccer a special, memorable experience for kids with disabilities. Does the buddy provide input to coaches on how to relate to a particular athlete? Has the buddy formed a special bond with the TOPSoccer players? Does the buddy serve as a role model to other buddies? Is he or she always the first to arrive and the last to leave TOPSoccer events? These are the types of attributes that should be demonstrated by the Uniroyal Tire “Buddy of the Year.”

Nominations will be accepted from any US Youth Soccer administrator, coach, volunteer or TOPSoccer participant. Buddy nominees must be 18 years of age or under. Deadline for submitting nominations is Sept. 3, 2002.

One national winner will receive \$5,000 for his/her league and four regional winners will receive \$2,500 from Uniroyal Tire for his/her league. Winners will also receive a congratulatory letter from Julie Foudy, Uniroyal Tire TOPSoccer spokesperson and a recognition plaque. Winners will be chosen by a selection committee (consisting of representatives of Uniroyal Tire and US Youth Soccer) and announced in the fourth quarter 2002. The winners will be announced on the US Youth Soccer and Uniroyal web sites and potentially in soccer publications and local media.

Please fill out the application form on the following page and mail (must be postmarked by Sept. 3, 2002) to:

Uniroyal Tire TOPSoccer Buddy of the Year Program  
4035 Piedmont Parkway  
High Point, NC 27265

Along with the application form, please include a photo of the buddy at work, letters, etc., that help support your nomination (Uniroyal will make every attempt to return the materials).

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**Information on nominee:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's names \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

League name \_\_\_\_\_

**Information on TOPSoccer program:**

Program Name \_\_\_\_\_

Background (number of players, when started, season dates, etc.):

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**Information on person making the nomination:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position with TOPSoccer program \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Background on nominee:** (In 1-2 pages, describe what makes your buddy so special. Please provide any photos, stories or anecdotes that help illustrate your nomination.)