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DISABILITIES IN FOOTBALL WEEK JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Football West in conjunction with Special Olympics, is pleased to announce that the inaugural Disabilities in Football Week will kick off on Saturday 18 June.

The event will involve various activities including an Opening Ceremony marking Special Olympics beginning a football program in WA, an awards presentation marking contributions and participants in disability football, a Come and Try Soccer Skills Session, coaching course, referees course, Primary Schools Fun Day, and the a match between WA's Paralympic Footballers and Special Olympics team.

Football West Inclusive Development Officer Gordon Duus says: "Numerous programs have kicked off this year to increase the inclusiveness of Football West; we are seeing a rapid rise in participation from people with disabilities who have impressed us by returning the show of support," he said.

"We still have some work to do to be able to include people with varying levels of ability and mobility, so we are planning more programs with the input of people and organisations within the local disability sector.

"I urge anyone with a disability to contact us so they can see how we can make a sporting opportunity in a team based environment for them."

Attendance is free for all of the week's events, and the general public is encouraged to attend.

Football West would like to thank Special Olympics, the Australian Paralympic Committee and Wheelchair Sports WA for their support.

For more information, please contact Gordon Duus on 9422 6914 or gordond@footballwest.com.au

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**Please find attached a flyer regarding the event*

**WA Special Olympics
Football Fun Launch**
Come n Try Soccer Skills
Session and fun game
12 years and older

Saturday 18 June
Gibbney Reserve
Mephan St, Maylands

9.30am Registration
10am Opening Ceremony



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10.15am Skills
11.00am Teenage match
11.30am Concludes

Coaching Course

Gain a greater understanding of coaching players with disabilities

Wednesday 22 June
Tuart Hill JSC's ground
Woodchester Reserve
Woodchester Drive,
Nollamara

6.00pm to 9.00pm
Supper included

Refereeing Course

Learn how to adapt to refereeing players with disabilities

Wednesday 29 June
Tuart Hill JSC's ground
Woodchester Reserve
Woodchester Drive,
Nollamara

6.00pm to 9.00pm
Supper included

Schools Soccer Skills Fun Day

Our primary school students come together for a fun day

Friday 24 June
Herb Graham Rec Ctr
Mirrabooka

9.30am Session A starts
11.30am Lunch for all
12.30pm Session B starts
2.30pm Day concludes
Lunch/Fruit/Water provided

Every Bodies Goal Unified Game

Come along to join in the fun of our unified game of Special O and Para athletes



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Saturday 25 June
Gibbney Reserve
Mephan St, Maylands

9.30am to 10.30am
Cheer on our the players as they take to the field.



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