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## Calling all soccer coaches!

**Are you interested in a unique challenge? In giving back to the game you love? In working with very special athletes?**

**Then POWER SOCCER is for you!**

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This is an exciting new sport for physically disabled athletes – but just because they use powered wheelchairs doesn't mean that their sense of competition and drive is any less than what you'd find in other soccer players.

This sport is growing by leaps and bounds and was recently recognized by USSF as an official affiliate. The first World Cup was held in Tokyo last October and was won by the US in an exciting, overtime final match against France. Power soccer has been invited to give demonstrations at both the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa and the 2012 Paralympics in London.

These young – and mature – athletes are looking for a coach who will treat them as athletes and not as “handicapped.” They want someone who is looking for fun while competing against teams from around the country. For someone with energy, passion, and expertise as well as patience, empathy, and sportsmanship.

You can see how the game is played by watching videos from the recent National Championships on-line at <http://www.xable.com/sports/powersoccer/nationals2008> and from the 2007 World Cup at <http://www.xable.com/events/fipfaworldcup2007>. Also check out our website for pictures, stories, links, etc.

If you're interested – and up to the challenge – contact Chris Mulholland, the VPSA Commissioner ([vapowersoccer@cox.net](mailto:vapowersoccer@cox.net)), or Coach Steve Belechak ([sdbelechak@cox.net](mailto:sdbelechak@cox.net)).

Yours in soccer,

Chris Mulholland  
Commissioner, VPSA

