



HOW TO PUT ON THE EVENT:

You put on the event.

We will support you.

At its most basic form: the players make homemade soccer balls at home and bring them to training. (The players also bring with them a real soccer ball to donate. New or slightly used) That night for training, your players will play small-sided pick-up games barefoot with their homemade soccer balls. At the end of the event, talk to the players about why you put on the event. And then you collect the donated soccer balls. The players take home their homemade balls to remember the event.

***It should be noted that MUSIC is an easy way to get your event to be crazy fun and exciting for the players!

The event in steps:

1. Read through the material in the event packet. Email: makeyourownballday@gmail.com if you have any questions or need any help.
2. Choose a day to put on the event. MYOBD is encouraging everyone to do it during September for US Youth Soccer Month but you are more than welcome to do the event any time of year! (Let us know at MYOBD so we can promote your event with you)
3. Communicate the particulars with your membership. Send them our MYOBD Stock Email or tweak it and send your own. Email them and text them. And then email them again. Get the coaches to buy in and have them promote it at training. Over-communicating is the key to the first year of this event being as big as you think it should be!
4. Remind the players and parents that the homemade soccer balls are made at home and the real soccer balls to be donated should be lightly used or new! (If you want to collect soccer gear as well, we would encourage you to!)
5. As the day of the event approaches, find someone in your club with speakers and check out our MYOBD playlist on spotify ... "MYOBD Event Playlist" Music is not mandatory but is a must if you want to throw a real MYOBD party!
6. The day of the event.
 - a. Set up small-sided games. 3v3 and 4v4s are great for this event.
 - b. Set up the DJ booth.
 - c. Set up the area to collect donations.
 - d. Have coaches of all teams there early and get them organized.
7. As players begin to arrive have them put their bags in the designated area, put their donated soccer ball in its spot and then have them take off their cleats!

8. Breaking the teams up for the event is up to you. We encourage our players to create teams on their own and get games going right away. We later mix the players up in order to get all ages playing together and girls playing with boys. This is a fun thing to see your club coming together in its entirety!
9. Schedule a time to stop the play and give a little speech on why your club decided to do MYOBD. Talk about gratitude, thankfulness, perspective and the importance of giving. Or talk about your own reasons. (We usually do our talk in the middle of the event but others like to do it at the end of the event. It is up to you!)
10. Take lots of pictures and videos. Check out our page on how to take good videos and pictures that we can use for our annual MYOBD video!
 - a. Take a huge group shot at the end with all the players with their soccer balls
 - b. Take a huge group shot at the end with all the players throwing their balls in the air.
 - c. Video the players throwing the balls in the air
 - d. SEND US SOME VIDEOS AND PICTURES!!!!
11. Collect the donated soccer balls and shoot us an email. Have in mind whether you want to donate the gear and soccer balls or if you want us to help get them donated. We are good with either scenario but would love to be involved with both. We want to highlight the great impact your club will have! (contact: makeyourownballday@gmail.com)
12. Do it again next year!!!

Please feel free to create any practice environment you want to! However, from experience, we believe small-sided games, loud music and barefeet are the way to go!