

# FSU soccer hosts 'Kickin it for Autism'

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(Photo: Photo provided by Florida State)

Florida State soccer program wrapped up spring workouts on Wednesday, but there's still an event left for head coach Mark Krikorian's program.

Krikorian and members of the team on Saturday will host a two-hour soccer clinic in conjunction with the FSU Autism Institute and the FSU Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD). This is the first year of the event, dubbed "Kickin' It for Autism."

"I think we're all really looking forward to it here," Krikorian said. "We're really looking forward to getting out and working with some of these kids. The clinic we're going to do is open to everyone – kids affected by autism, families and those who aren't.

"Any kids that want to come out and participate just go and register on the CARD website and come out and join us."

Krikorian said people ranging in age from 3 years old to 50 years old have already signed up for the clinic, which is open to players of all ages and experience levels. About 50 people are already signed up.

Plus, athletes from other sports will be in attendance for the event.

"We'll start out here on our beautiful field and do some different drills, then we'll go into the indoor complex to play some games," Krikorian said.

"For kids who aren't interested in that, there's a bounce house out here that the basketball programs are helping to provide. There's some coloring and things like that going on. A lot of the other Florida State teams that are in town are going to come out."

Krikorian said he spoke a few times with Amy Wetherby the Director of the FSU Autism Institute and Executive Director of the FSU CARD, which led to the creation of the new event.

"The director is a friend," Krikorian said.

"We had some different correspondence and different talks and I thought, jeez, we have a great here at Florida State. We like to be a good community member and a good partner. They had a need and we had the ability to go out and help and promote and do the right thing for the right reasons."

## Want to attend?

### Kickin it for Autism

**When/where:** 10 a.m., Saturday, FSU Soccer Complex

**Cost:** \$20, two for \$30

*Clinic goes from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., photos and autographs with coaches and players after. Walk-ups are welcome, with on-site registration and check-in beginning at 9:15 a.m.*