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Thank you for your interest in participating as one of the volunteers for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual LUSA Appreciation Match on Wednesday, August 23 vs. Seattle Sounders FC.

Training will be provided on the day of the match by Whitecaps Staff and most volunteer positions require an arrival at BC Place 1-2 hours before the match. Player Escorts must arrive 3 hours pre match (so 4:00 PM).

If you are interested in one of the positions, please email [whitecaps@lusa.com](mailto:whitecaps@lusa.com) and provide the following information: child's name, age, gender, first position requested and second choice. The final draw for position selections (plus waitlisted kids) will be made Sunday July 23 and the Whitecaps Ticket Coordinator will be in touch following that with further information.

Please see below for a list of the available positions, as well as a brief description of each role; including the ages required for participation:

## **Player Escorts**

The Player Escorts are paired with the 22 starting players for the MLS player procession (11 participants are paired with the home team, and 11 are paired with the visiting team). Once participants are paired with a player, they will hold the player's hand and escort them onto the pitch for the opening ceremony and National Anthems.

***PLEASE NOTE: Requests for player escorts to be paired with specific players cannot be accommodated.***

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Twenty two player escorts are required for the match.
- All player escorts must be **5-9 years old**.

## **Ball Retrievers**

The Ball Retriever role is one which requires active and attentive participation throughout the match, enabling play to proceed in a smooth and professional manner. Ball retrievers put new a new ball in play when one leaves the pitch and then retrieves the one which went out.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Twelve (12) Ball Retrievers are required for each match;
- All Ball Retrievers must be **14 years old or older**.



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## **Benchwarmers**

The Benchwarmer participants will get the opportunity to watch the Whitecaps FC Players warm up pre match from the Whitecaps FC Bench.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- A maximum of 12 participants are permitted to participate in this activity.
- All benchwarmers must be between 7 and 17 years old.

## **National Flag Bearers**

The National Flag Bearers are responsible for presenting the American and Canadian National flags during the opening ceremony. The National Flag Bearer participants will be divided, so that each flag is carried by 6 participants. The flags are displayed in front of their respective team, and held taut throughout the opening ceremony and during the National anthems. Following the opening ceremony, the National Flag Bearers will carry the flags off the pitch.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- 12 Flag Bearer positions must be filled each match;
- All Flag Bearers must be aged 11-16 years;

## **Hi-Five Line**

The Hi-Five Line participants will give the Whitecaps team hi-fives on the way out to the pitch pre-match.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- A maximum of 30 participants are permitted to register for this activity;
- All participants must be a minimum of 7 years old (ideal age 7-14)