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Brazilian founds soccer team with amputee players and seeks more supporters

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The New England Revolution Amputee Soccer team is based in Massachusetts, is geared to all ages and genders and is open to new fans. To participate the person does not pay anything and the team still has all the necessary materials. As for the requirements, they are: to be amputated or have a deficiency in one of the legs to play in the line, and in the goal must have an amputation in one of the arms or have some deficiency.

They also need volunteers as a coach, assistant coach, photographer and any type of volunteer.

The team's founders were Nico Calabria and Rafael Perdigão. For Rafael Perdigão, sport has many benefits for mental and emotional health, and can transform lives. "I guarantee you that he transformed me and helped to transform several other people, making it easier for the disabled to integrate," explains Rafael. The benefits that football provides in the lives of people with disabilities is, even, the biggest reason for it to continue in search of the expansion of the team. "The love of sport, as well as helping others with what they once helped me with is very rewarding, it is my motivation", he continues.

If you want to know more or be part of the team, contact us at 617-504-8582 or by e-mail: rperdigaojr17@icloud.com

About Rafael Perdigão

Rafael Perdigão currently lives in Shrewsbury-MA. He lost his right leg in 2005 in a motorcycle accident and found amputee football a chance to get his life back on track. In 2008, in Brazil, he reached an agreement with a professional team and created the first professional soccer team for amputees. They were four times champions of the Copa do Brasil and are four times Brazilian champions. The team took this project to several hospitals and rehabilitation centers in the state of Goiás.

Then Rafael was invited to do the same project in Aparecida de Goiânia, in the interior of Goiás, and founded the second team. A while after that he decided to live in the United States, which was a big dream. Then he met the American selection of amputees and soon started playing with them. In 2019 he managed to open his first amputees football team, which is the New England Revolution, in July 2019 he founded the one in New York and he also founded one in Texas.

Today, one of his dreams is to become a professional sport in the United States.