

NJ Youth SoccerBoard of Directors – **Questions for the Candidate**
Annual General Meeting

Candidate: Adam Kozubal

Club Franklin Township Soccer Club

A) Why do you wish to become a member of the NJYS Board of Directors?

I want to provide a voice for the local community based soccer clubs throughout the state. In my opinion, community based clubs are the backbone of the soccer community in New Jersey. These clubs need someone to be a proponent for them when it comes to policy and support. I would like to be that voice.

B) What is your relevant experience (e.g. experience with youth soccer, non-profit, other Board positions held)?

I have been associated with the Franklin Township Soccer Club for 12 years. In this time, I have been a volunteer coach, executive board member and for the last nine years, I have been the Co-President. FTSC is a volunteer based, non-profit soccer club serving over 1000 families annually.

C) What is your vision for soccer in New Jersey during the next three years?

Over the next 3 years, I would like to see growth in the participation rates for youth soccer across the state at all levels. I would like to see investments made into the recreation and local travel programs across the state to increase enrollment while also enhancing player development. Additionally, I would like to see more collaboration between the community clubs and the academy teams to identify talented children that desire to play at the highest levels possible. Lastly, I want to reinforce to all the children, parents, coaches and clubs that this is a game and we need to recognize that our primary responsibilities are to make the game safe and fun for the children.

D) What is your perception of New Jersey Youth Soccer?

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, my perception of NJYS was that they were an organization focused on the upper echelon of clubs within the state. I felt that not enough effort was being put towards the community-based clubs throughout the state. While there are still opportunities to develop, the efforts that NJYS has been conducting during the COVID-19 pandemic have shown me that there is a desire to reinforce relationships with all clubs and to provide a tangible service to the clubs across the state.