

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

Candidate: Robert “Casey” Becht

Club: Morris United Soccer Club

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

Volunteerism has always been an important aspect of my life, as I have been engaged in some level of volunteering since college. I was initially drawn to youth soccer to support my children’s involvement in the sport. I gradually became more involved with my local club as needs arose. From this initial foundation, and my varied experiences across travel and recreation programs, I was asked to serve on NJYSA Board of Directors as the Northern Area Travel Commissioner. From this experience I have learned how NJYSA is the foundation for youth soccer in the State by promoting its mission to provide a fun and safe soccer experience for children all ages and abilities. **I wish to continue as a member of the NJYS Board of directors to promote this mission!**

I have chosen to be considered for the role of Registrar, as I feel the role fits my skill set. Beginning with the 2017-18 season the registration process within NJYS underwent a significant transition from a paper-based tracking of registrants to an online/computer-based process through a vendor supplied platform. With this change comes a transition of the primary Registrar function to a technology and vendor management role. My 25 years of professional experiences in technology and vendor management, directly compliment the new needs of this role.

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

NJ Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors & Executive Committee

- Northern Area Travel Commissioner: 2018 – Present

Morris United Soccer Club Board of Directors

- VP Travel Soccer: 2016 – 2018
- VP Recreation Soccer: 2018 – Present

Volunteer Coach with the Morris United Soccer Club

- Recreation Coach: 2010 – Present (U7 – U15 ages)
- Travel Coach / Assistant Coach: 2011 – Present (U8 – U16 ages)
- Recreation Division Director: 2011 – 2015

NJ Youth Soccer District Commissioner: 2016 – Present

Grade 8 / Grass Roots Youth Soccer Referee: 2014 – Present

Professional Experience Relevant to the Registrar Role

25 years of experience managing technology teams, projects and programs in the financial services industry, including system deployments, process re-engineering initiatives and vendor management.

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

1. Establish a **stable** and effective player and coach registration process on the sports-connect platform for all NJYSA programs (Travel, Recreation, ODP and TOPSoccer)
2. Promote the growth of programs in under-served areas which focus on the needs of players and nurture a love of the game
3. Increase the engagement by NJYSA with clubs directly to better understand and support their needs to deliver youth soccer programs

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

New Jersey Youth Soccer is the leader for youth soccer across the state and a significant contributor to the youth soccer landscape nationally. New Jersey Youth Soccer is governed by a group of individual volunteers whose primary focus is the betterment of the game for the youth athlete. The day to day operations of New Jersey Youth Soccer are run by a committed team of professionals who know and love their job and are committed to serving the needs of the player and the individuals who deliver services on behalf of the player.