

Bio:

I am Patrick Flickinger. My family has been a club member since we moved to Brevard from WA State, three years ago. My daughters, Evie (07) and Zooney (10) have played for Cal, Kevin and Hugh, Joey, now Cal, respectively. They have been full-time volunteers for two+ years for All Stars, and have consistently volunteered for the Space Coast summer camp sessions. They both play high school soccer at Holy Trinity. Evie also started refereeing games this year. My son, Braden, finished his first club-level year with Coach Scott, played in All Stars for two years, and has participated in the summer camp sessions.

Before moving to Brevard, my daughters were both in club soccer, where I was instrumental in recruiting players for their teams. I coached two indoor soccer teams (much more widespread in WA) for 7 years. I started coaching Zooney's team prior to them being eligible for club soccer. Out of that team, the majority of kids are now playing in ECNL or ECNL-RL. I obviously take full credit!

I'm currently employed at Walt Disney Imagineering but primarily work remotely, so I shouldn't have conflicts for the board meetings.

Statement:

Throughout my career, I've taken pride in being an advocate for my customers. I've been a soccer parent long enough to understand the common behavioral patterns of parents, coaches, and clubs. Much/most communication, thoughts, and actions never make it to the board. There are lots of reasons for this: interpersonal communication among parents, fear that raising concerns would negatively affect one's standing, opaque or unknown club procedures, etc. I believe that a refresh of communication strategies would not only foster a safer, more collaborative environment, but would also result in improvement in club standing with the public and leagues.