

OYSA Board Candidate Questionnaire

At Large - Jeff Baum

History of soccer involvement (player, coach, etc.)

My coaching career began in 1980 as a 1st – 2nd grade OYSA coach in the Fall League at the old Campus School. From that time, I have worked my way up the coaching ladder with various teams. The following are some of the various teams I have coached, assisted, directed and officiated. I have been around a long time and have not kept track of every team.

OYSA Teams: 1st – 2nd, 3rd – 4th, 5th – 6th grades (Fall, Winter, Spring)

Oswego Travel Teams: U10 boys, U12 boys, U14 boys, U 12 girls, U 14 girls (spring and summer)

Olympic Soccer Club U12, U13, U14 boys

Mexico Junior Varsity Boys Soccer

Mexico Varsity Boys Soccer

Mexico Modified Girls Soccer

Founder and Director of Mexico Youth Soccer

Mexico Youth Soccer 5th – 6th grade

Mexico Travel Soccer U12 and 14 boys, U16 girls, U16 boys

Central New York Soccer High School Officials

Oswego Youth Soccer Board (Member and Vice-President)

How have you participated in OYSA in the past?

I have participated in many Oswego Youth soccer events. The following is a list of some of these events.

Oswego Youth Soccer board member and Vice-President

Oswego Youth Soccer Coach

Oswego Youth Soccer Coaching license course

Co-Chair of Entertainment Sales both locally and State Fair

Founder and Co-Chair of Richard J. Benjamin Golf Tournament

Radar Gun Fundraiser

Saturday morning soccer games set-up and/or take down

Officiated Oswego soccer games

What is your current involvement with soccer?

I am currently retired from coaching and officiating. I am enjoying watching my son play soccer as a member of the Oswego High School Varsity team and his Syracuse Futbol Club team.

Why do you wish to hold a position on the OYSA board?

I have worked with the current members of this board in the past. They are people that are generous with their time and various talents. I look forward to working with them again and continue to keep the interests of the players first in development while still having fun. What I recall most from all the years I coached with Dick Benjamin, founder of Oswego Youth Soccer, was that this sport is for the kids. Let them play and they will have fun. As a board member, I will continue to strive for that philosophy.

I believe that my strongest qualifications for this position are knowledge of the game and dedication to the program. I have proven in the past with my various experiences that I am the type of individual that puts forth the extra effort to make a program better. I look forward to continue that effort to make Oswego Youth Soccer a better program than it is today.

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Registrar – Mary Bucher

History of soccer involvement (player, coach, etc.):

Have been a member of OYSA since 1997 as a parent.

How have you participated in OYSA in the past?

I have been a board member since 2002.

What is your current involvement with soccer?

My husband is a volunteer coach, my daughter still plays in the house league. I have served as registrar since 2003.

Why do you wish to hold a position on the OYSA board?

To continue in my position.

I believe my strongest qualifications for this position are:

I have served in this position for the last 2 years and am knowledgeable in the procedures.

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Treasurer - Joan M. Carroll, MS, CPA

History of soccer involvement (player, coach, etc.):

Worked with Dick Benjamin during the early years and have been an involved parent since about 1994, helping with concession stand, logo clothing fundraiser and Entertainment book sales.

How have you participated in OYSA in the past?

As an involved parent, I have helped out wherever and whenever asked.

What is your current involvement with soccer?

I support the association financially and am a parent of two players.

Why do you wish to hold a position on the OYSA board?

I believe that this program is a vital part of our community's commitment to our children, their activities and opportunities, and their potential for interscholastic athletic participation.

I believe my strongest qualifications for this position are:

I am a CPA and have taught accounting at SUNY Oswego for 25 years. As such, I am knowledgeable in all aspects of recordkeeping and financial accounting and reporting. I am also currently serving as treasurer of Oswego Harbor Festivals, Inc. and the Children's Centers day care centers.

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At-Large – Ellen Dillon

History of soccer involvement (player, coach etc.):

Played JV 1 year, Varsity 3 yrs in High School, Coached a travel high school team during 2 Summers while in college.

How have you participated in OYSA in the past?

Helped coach OYSA for the fall and spring seasons for the past three years. I am not coaching right now.

What is your current involvement with soccer?

Right now I have all five children involved in the OYSA program.

Why do you wish to hold a position on the OYSA board?

I feel that the program has great potential to be a positive experience to many individuals and I would like to help any way possible.

I believe my strongest qualifications for this position are:

I am a PE teacher and have been for the past 21 years.

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At-Large – Brenda Getman

History of soccer involvement (player, coach etc.):

I have been either a coach or assistant coach for 7 years . Played in H.S.

How have you participated in OYSA in the past?

I have participated in O.Y.S.A. in by volunteering time to coach, fundraising, volunteering at the concession building.

What is you current involvement with soccer?

Right now I coach the Daffy Duck kindergarten team and assist with the 5&6th grade boys team "Fire".

Why do you wish to hold a position on the OYSA board?

I would like to see the program continue in a positive direction that offers more soccer related programs for the children of Oswego.

I believe my strongest qualifications for this position are:

I know that there is always room for improvement so I am frequently researching new ways to better teach the game to various age groups.

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At-Large - Greg Gilbert

History of soccer involvement (player, coach, etc.):

I have been involved as an Assistant Coach/Coach since 2002. I have taken two youth modules and received my certifications.

How have you participated in OYSA in the past?

I am still involved as a head coach in the 3rd/4th grade division in the house league. I have volunteered my time to respond to legal questions posed to me by the Board.

What is your current involvement with soccer?

I am actively involved as a coach in the 3rd/4th grade division of the House League.

Why do you wish to hold a position on the OYSA board?

I would work with others to continue to make the OYSA the best organization it can be.

I believe my strongest qualifications for this position are:

I work well with other people and have been a practicing lawyer for 14 years. I can continue to help with legal questions and help draft bylaws, if deemed necessary.

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VICE-PRESIDENT – Johan Godwaldt

History of soccer involvement (player, coach, etc.):

I first started playing soccer when I was six years old in a youth soccer program in Hamilton Ontario, Canada. Throughout High School and college I played and served as captain, and one year as a player coach during my junior year in college. I have taken two college courses on the game of soccer and coaching of the game. Upon moving to Oswego and my oldest son entering first grade and wanting him to enjoy the game of soccer I volunteered as an assistant coach, the team had two assigned assistant coaches so I moved into the coach role. Very early in my time in OYSA I was asked to consider joining the board.

How have you participated in OYSA in the past?

I started off as an assistant coach, I believe in 1997, because of the lack of a coach I took on the role of coach. I was invited to join the board in about 1999; I first served as a member at large. In 2000 I volunteered to be field coordinator when field coordinator took on the responsibilities of Travel Coordinator. I was elected to the position of Vice President to complete the unexpired term of Jeff Baum. I was elected to continue in this role at the following annual meeting. In June of 2004 I was elected as interim President to complete the term vacated by John Kane. I was elected back into the position of Vice President at the annual meeting in 2004. I have served as coach for the U14 boys travel team in the summer of 2004.

What is your current involvement with soccer?

Current I serve as the vice president to the board. I also continue as field coordinator. I spend many Saturday mornings as the referee for 5-6 grade girls games. I am about to return as a coach for the U12 girls travel soccer team. I have volunteered time helping with the completion of the concession stand, overseeing the purchasing of the restaurant equipment. I also serve as the liaison between OYSA and the Oswego School District.

Why do you wish to hold a position on the OYSA board?

My desire is to continue on the board to be part of the fun seeing the children of Oswego to grow in their soccer abilities. For the past few years most energy has been focused on the Soccer Complex, I want to be on the board as we return to our primary mission of teaching the children and parents about the sport of soccer.

I believe my strongest qualifications for this position are:

Is desire, I want to be involved with the worthwhile mission of Oswego Youth Soccer. I will admit that at times I lack the time, but my desire and my history within the sport of soccer I believe can be used by OYSA as we move onto the next step into the vision that was left behind by Richard Benjamin.

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At-Large - John Kane Jr.

History of soccer involvement (player, coach, etc.):

- I have played soccer in the past
- I have refereed when needed
- I have coached both house and travel teams for this organization.
- I have completed a youth module

How have you participated in OYSA in the past?

- I grew up as a player in the program
- I have coached house-league and travel teams
- I have refereed house-league games when needed
- I have helped with the pre-kindergarten program this past summer
- I have helped setting up the soccer fields for games (and the clean-up after)
- I have worked in the concession stand
- I have worked on the building of the concession stand, and the fields

What is your current involvement with soccer?

- I referee house-league games when needed
- I help with the TOP soccer program
- I help setting up the soccer fields for games (and the clean-up after)
- I work in the concession stand
- I am still working to finish the concession stand

Why do you wish to hold a position on the OYSA board?

I would like to continue the work that I have been doing.

I believe my strongest qualifications for this position are:

I have done a lot of work for this organization, and would like to continue doing so.

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At-Large – Tom Kearns

History of soccer involvement (player, coach, etc.):

I have been an assistant and head coach for various teams my two children have been on, over the past 5-6 years.

How have you participated in OYSA in the past?

I have actively participated in many of the fund raising events such as the entertainment book sales at the fairgrounds, cooking at the golf fundraiser, grilling hotdogs for the opening ceremonies associated with the opening of the OYSA concession stand. I have also helped set up the soccer fields Saturday mornings over the past 1-2 years. I have also made effort to attend as many board meetings over this time span as possible.

What is your current involvement with soccer?

I am currently an assistant coach for the 6th grade girls team. I am also a current member of the soccer board.

Why do you wish to hold a position on the OYSA board?

Having watched and participated in my two children and their association with OYSA, I have witnessed the positive impact this program has had on their ability to set goals, work as a team player, and learn how to gracefully accept defeat. This organization has always been dedicated to the development of our children, both athletically and socially. These qualities will enable our children to become stronger individuals, as they enter the world ahead.

I believe my strongest qualifications for this position are:

I believe my strongest qualification to be the nature by which I am able to listen to both sides of the discussion, and form an objective approach to resolve any differences.

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At-Large – Tim Kraft

History of soccer involvement (player, coach, etc.):

I began coaching outdoor and indoor house league teams in the fall season of 1986 and continued to do so each season through 1999. I helped initiate the spring soccer program and participated in coaching and refereeing in this, and all other house league programs. I took over for Richard J. Benjamin, who was running the kindergarten at the Armory, when he had some health problems that prevented him from fully participating. I also coached OYSA outdoor and indoor travel teams between 1994 and 1998.

How have you participated in OYSA in the past?

In addition to my work as coach, I served as a member-at-large on the soccer board between 1988 and 1999 and had the responsibility of serving as the field coordinator during this period. In this role, I marked all fields, strung and removed nets, ensured that goals were securely anchored, and worked to preserve good field conditions. I monitored games and soccer activities from 6:00 am until 2:00 pm every Saturday during the house league seasons. During the indoor season, I monitored one night each week and served as coach and referee.

What is your current involvement with soccer?

I spent several hundred hours working on the construction of the concession stand during the past year. I installed the fascia and soffits, oversaw the remediation of some technical problems, implemented design improvements in the building and for peripheral drainage, supervised and participated in placing, securing, and erecting the steel work for the patio area, redesigning and making improvements in architectural design, and installed drywall grid, windows, doors, and door hardware. I also helped subcontractors in decision-making processes and with design improvements. I also helped install drywall for the ceilings and painted much of the ceilings.

Why do you wish to hold a position on the OYSA board?

I would like to help ensure the future of Oswego Youth Soccer and what it represents to the game of soccer to the youth of Oswego and beyond.

I believe my strongest qualifications for this position are:

I believe that my leadership, work commitment, dedication, and willingness to put in the extra work needed for the program will help keep the program strong and allow the program to grow and develop.

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At-Large – Joe Mather

History of soccer involvement (player, coach, etc.):

I have been a soccer parent, coach for the past 12 years.

How have you participated in OYSA in the past?

I have been on the OYSA Board for the past 8-10 years. I have served on various committees, especially the Field and Fundraising committees.

What is your current involvement with soccer?

Currently a board member and willing volunteer.

Why do you wish to hold a position on the OYSA board?

OYSA is entering a time of maturation. We have been focused on the infrastructure of the fields and the building, and need to continue to maximize revenue from the concession stand to enable us to pay the mortgage. In addition we need to refocus our efforts to provide programs that center on the children being able to play soccer, and learning skills of teamwork, cooperation, and leadership. Our youth program is a good source of talent for our scholastic teams, and we need to get back to past levels of cooperation between scholastic and youth soccer. The board must provide good role models of cooperation and leadership for our players and coaches. We have not recently and this shows in our recent turmoil. **THIS MUST CHANGE!!**

I believe my strongest qualifications for this position are:

My level head and ability to be a moderating leader on the board. I have had a significant amount of experience on the Oswego Hospital and Oswego Health boards, and feel that I can provide a positive influence to move OYSA into the future.

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At Large –Susan Michaud

History of soccer involvement (player, coach, etc.):

I have been involved with OYSA since 1998. I started as an assistant coach for my oldest child and have progressed to coaching all three of my children. On occasion I have also refereed games for the house league.

How have you participated in OYSA in the past?

Aside from working with the kids, my entire family has helped OYSA in any way possible. We (kids included) volunteered during the construction and finishing phase of the concession stand. It didn't matter if it was helping to install the roof and insulation, painting or cleaning up the building and the grounds. I provided transportation for the restaurant equipment that was needed in the kitchen. I have also volunteered in the concession stand.

What is your current involvement with soccer?

I am currently a coach for the fifth and sixth grade girls' team. I am also slated to attend a coach's license clinic in November. Upon completion of this course I will hold an E license for coaching and hope to coach a travel team in the spring.

Why do you wish to hold a position on the OYSA board?

My children are avid soccer players and they have gotten so much out of this program. Things like teamwork, fair play and perseverance in the face of a certain and overwhelming defeat. They have learned that a ref is not always fair (and neither is life) but it is not a catastrophe. They have learned dedication during practice, weather it is 98 and humid or 30 and snowing. Above all, we made friends on the soccer fields. These are all character building traits that I could never teach my children at home. I wish to hold a position on the board because I hope to offer other children the same or better opportunities and lessons that have benefited my children. I want for my children to see how important it is for parents to be involved. To appreciate that youth sports would not exist if parents did not volunteer and to understand just how much effort it takes to maintain an organization like this. Most of all, I enjoy participating in OYSA.

I believe my strongest qualifications for this position are:

First and foremost, I am an advocate for the kids. I have worked with or observed them directly and at all levels. From a first grade house team to a U-14 travel team. I rarely miss a game so I understand our competition. I can offer insight as a coach or parent and relay the kids' perspective as well. I am dedicated to preserving this program and its integrity. I am currently a "stay at home Mom" but in my working days I was the manager and gemologist for a jewelry store. I have a strong retail/marketing background and I am willing to draw on that experience (as needed) if it will benefit the organization.