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Royal Oak Football Club Report

Dear Parks and Recreation Advisory Board,

Royal Oak Football Club is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit community-based soccer organization started in 1976 with the ambition of providing soccer opportunities to all kids in Royal Oak and the surrounding metro Detroit area. The club has Recreational, Premier, and Elite soccer programs for players of all levels.

We provide access to soccer for approximately 3,000 youth with the opportunity to play organized soccer at all levels. The youth are residents of Royal Oak, Troy, Birmingham, Clawson, Ferndale, Huntington Woods, Madison Heights, Oak Park, and other surrounding communities. We provide over 2,000 games and 4,000 practices a year resulting in over 405,000 individual youth hours of exercise and wellness opportunities to children between the ages of 4 and 19.

Our staff includes:

Director of Coaching - Abdoulie Jallow

Director of Operations - Megan McClellan

Director of Recreational Soccer - Tori McIntosh

We elect a 7 person board - with positions staggered every other year (4 and 3). Our annual members meeting is in early December to review the Club's year, elect open board positions, and discuss the future. We maintain bylaws and our premier teams play in the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, Michigan Youth Soccer League, Great Lakes Premier League, and National League Conference. Our recreational coaches are volunteers and typically parents of players.

ROFC relies on the City's parks and green space for games and practices, and works closely with the Parks and Rec and Department of Public Services to reserve and maintain the fields.

Sincerely,

John Linz

President - Royal Oak Football Club