



Dear Parents and Guardians of Eagan Wave Soccer Club Players,

We are excited to announce the transition of Wave Soccer Club into an independently-run, non-profit community organization for the Fall 2021 season and beyond!

If you have been with Eagan Wave SC previously, thank you for your loyalty! If you are new to our club, welcome to Wave SC — your athlete(s) will have a wonderful experience with our program.

Wave SC represents the passion for soccer in our community. It's the badge we proudly wear on our jerseys, our bags, and the backs of our cars. It's in our hearts as board members, and as parents. It's the leadership in our coaches, and the love of the game in our kids.

Our community soccer club is in a great place today. We have nearly 30 boys and girls teams of all ages, a committed board of directors, an amazing coaching staff, a balanced budget and a positive fund balance. Wave SC is and will continue to be a place where athletes spend time with teammates, are challenged both physically and mentally, and grow as soccer players, teammates and individuals.

Today Wave SC is turning the page and starting a new chapter in the Wave Soccer Club story – an independent soccer club governed by dedication to our community and sport of soccer. We have the people, passion, experience, commitment, and drive to deliver the best soccer club in the area. We have the support of our community – and the commitment of our volunteer board, parent volunteers, coaches and players.

We are devoted to making this upcoming season the very best and are thrilled to offer our community kids the opportunity to play soccer, whether it is at the Youth Academy or Competitive level.

This is our club. Our goal is for it to be the best club it can be. We want every player to have a positive soccer experience no matter what level they play – to be challenged and to foster a love for the sport of soccer. We have One Goal and we are One Wave.

Welcome again to Wave SC. We are glad you are here and are excited for the opportunities ahead.

FAQ

1. Is Eagan Wave Soccer Club becoming Wave Soccer Club?

Yes. As part of our separation discussions with EAA, it was determined that it will be in the best interest of our broader community for the “Eagan” designation to remain with EAA for its rec-level program. The Wave Soccer Club Competitive and Youth Academy programs have always attracted and served families from surrounding communities, as well as Eagan. Our inclusive and welcoming spirit will only be highlighted by this minor change in our name.

2. Is Wave Soccer Club going to remain in Eagan?

Yes, we are still here and will be here in the future. Eagan is our home, and all our volunteer board members and officers reside in Eagan or adjacent communities. Wave Soccer Club is and will continue to be an Eagan-based organization.

3. What is going to change for me?

From the parent/player side, there will be minimal changes: we will have the same coaching staff, kits and fields. And much of the board of directors will remain the same. Most of the changes will be behind the scenes: we are a stand-alone 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which allows our club more opportunities for fundraising, additional sponsorships, more exciting partnerships, and timely decision-making.

4. Who will be the Director of Coaching (DOC)?

Our current DOC, Brie Rosga, will continue in the role of Director of Coaching.

5. Will I need to order new uniform kits?

No, we will continue to use the current kits through the Fall 2021 season as planned. We will be ordering new kits for the 2022-2023 seasons as per our current uniform cycle.

6. Why did WSC separate from EAA?

In effect, WSC outgrew EAA. While functioning under the EAA umbrella, we did not have the opportunity to explore all fundraising and sponsorship opportunities, and our decision-making ability for the benefit of our soccer membership was also impacted by the same oversight. In the end, WSC and EAA agreed that separation will afford better opportunities for both organizations and their members.

7. Is WSC financially viable without EAA?

Yes. Our financial performance and oversight are the best it has been in the last three years, and we are confident in our ability to operate in a fiscally responsible manner. EAA is transferring to WSC the funds associated with the Youth Academy and Competitive programs, which is providing a solid financial foundation for our programs.

8. Will we still have practices at the Rosemount Dome and fields in Eagan?

Yes, we will still be working with the City of Eagan to utilize their fields and have already secured space at the Rosemount Dome for the winter season.

9. Why did the recreational program remain with EAA?

The original separation proposal presented by WSC to EAA included the recreational program. However, the EAA Board of Directors made the decision to maintain the program as part of EAA family of sports. We wish EAA and the Rec program future success and will be welcoming players that matriculate from this program into WSC's Youth Academy and Competitive programs.

10. What does the separation from EAA mean for the registration cost for next year?

We are currently analyzing and finalizing registration costs for Fall 2021 and Summer 2022. We anticipate a small incremental increase due to rising costs of indoor dome space, need for net replacements, cost of living adjustments for our great coaches, etc. We will do our best to keep this increase minimal as well as be transparent about what is and is not included in overall costs. As a non-profit organization, we strive to be responsible with our revenue and our costs, and your contributions are only used to provide outstanding soccer programming to you and your children.

11. When are tryouts for the 2021-2022 Competitive season?

*We are currently finalizing specific tryout times and locations, but all tryouts will take place the week of **July 24-31, 2021**. We will circulate more specific information in the coming week as it is finalized.*

12. What is happening to the current EWSC board members?

A majority of the current EWSC board members will be transitioning to serve in similar capacities on the Wave SC board, including Lori Wohletz as President, Ben Axelrod as Vice President, and Brenda Escamilla as Treasurer. We will be increasing the size of the board to 16 or more individuals and will most likely be seeking volunteers from our membership. Please reach out if you are interested in joining!

13. Will we host a tournament next spring?

Yes – it is our expectation to continue this great tradition and put on the best tournament we have ever had.

14. Who do I contact for additional questions?

If you have additional questions, contact waveboard@eagansoccer.org