

Dear Junior High Parents,

I am writing to let you know of some exciting changes we are planning for this fall. The board of the Carroll County Youth Soccer League is constantly looking for ways to improve our league and help kids have a better soccer experience. Last season, some parents approached the board and asked for a junior high team. The board has decided to go ahead and pursue a junior high team this fall.

There are several advantages to having a junior high team. First, this team will be able to play against other 7th and 8th grade students from other schools and clubs. In the past, we have played 5th through 8th graders together, which causes uneven play at times. Also, by doing this, the students will be able to play on the larger field with eleven versus eleven. All of this should provide the students with a better transition to high school soccer as they see stronger competition on a bigger field.

This new team will involve some travel. I am working on scheduling nearby school and club junior high teams in the area. We should not be traveling too far away. I will try to schedule all the games on Saturday afternoons so that parents who have younger children in the rec league can still attend those games as well. At this point, I am hoping to have enough students sign up to have 1 co-ed Carroll and 1 co-ed Delphi team; however, the numbers will dictate what we do. We may combine and have one team, or we may have enough to add a third team. As we try this for the first time, we will have to be flexible.

Our cost is \$10 more than the younger grades, but we will be providing a jersey, shorts, and socks that your child will keep. Hopefully that will offset the cost a little for you. If you have any questions, feel free to call, email, or text me below. I appreciate your support for our league, and I look forward to making this a great new step for our kids!

See you at the fields,

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