

WCFC's executive board, along with our directors and coaches, is excited to announce that WCFC will be merging with SC Wave

***Beginning in the 2020-2021 soccer season our club will be known as
SC Wave Washington County***



This merger may come as a surprise to our member families, but our board has been working diligently over the past several years to grow our organization and ensure its longevity. Over time, it became clear that something bigger was necessary. As such, this move has involved months of internal conversation, careful investigation of options, and close collaboration with SC Wave. WCFC will essentially become a branch of the SC Wave family that already has successful, community-based programs in Waukesha, New Berlin, Walworth, and Greendale.

The merger will allow us to sustain high quality, local soccer programming including Little Dribblers, Academy and Select level teams. SC Wave Washington County will continue to train and host games at Ackerman's Grove Park and provide winter training at St. Mary's. Our coaches and directors will be offered continuation in their current positions with SC Wave Washington County as the merger takes effect this fall. The current board will shift from administrative to advisory, working closely with SC Wave administration on things such as team configurations, coaching assignments, and fees. The maintenance of our advisory board will help support local decision making and sustain the community club feel that is a priority for the board and vitally important to our coaches and families. Specific to cost, members will see fees remain stable, with the exception of some slight

increases at the academy level. That increase will be seen as uniforms will now be included in the cost of registration at those age levels. With all of this continuity, the make-up and feel of the club should be familiar to returning families this fall.

Affiliation with SC Wave will provide SC Wave Washington County increased opportunities based on the Wave's name recognition alone. The club will have access to greater resources and marketing that will help promote and grow competitive soccer in Washington County. Club participants will be afforded new playing opportunities, including summer camps held at Ackerman for both Academy and Select players. Our teams will also have access to the support of expert coaches and a prescriptive methodology that will maximize player development and provide a more complete soccer experience.

"There are a tremendous number of talented male and female soccer players in Washington County," stated SC Wave President, Shan Amini. "This new affiliation will allow more players to use the SC Wave methodology and curriculum that has been so successful for our other athletes." Amini continued, "The cross training and playing opportunities will benefit SC Wave Washington County players as well as players and teams across the entire club."

The club will swap out our red, white and black uniforms for the highly recognizable Wave yellow and black uniforms worn by the Milwaukee Wave and all SC Wave youth teams for the 20/21 season. Spiritwear for players and family members will also be available for purchase.

SC Wave Washington County joins SC Wave after another successful season. Here are some club-wide highlights over the past year:

- SC Wave led the state in State Cup Championships bringing the club total to 45 in the last 10 years.
- SC Wave 04 Juniors Girls won the US Youth Soccer National Championship
- SC Wave Director of Coaching Giuliano Oliviero won State Coach of the Year, Midwest Region Coach of the Year, and National Coach of the Year.
- SC Wave led the State in teams in qualifying in Midwest Regionals and teams qualified for National League.

For more information on SC Wave Washington County visit:

scwave.org/washingtoncounty

Needless to say, the board is incredibly excited and highly optimistic about what this merger will mean for our players, our club, and soccer in our community.

Anyone with additional questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's coach or reply to this email. The board will be collecting questions and compiling an FAQ that will be distributed in the coming weeks. Our original intent was to host a parent open house where WCFC board members and SC Wave staff could answer parent questions. We will explore that possibility again when it is safe to do so.

Thank you and we look forward to continuing to serve you as we embark on this exciting new chapter.

~Your WCFC Board