

December is a wonderful month for reflection. When you look back on everything that happened in 2022 and then more specifically, what you have accomplished, it can be astonishing. Couple that with the holiday season, it makes this time of year pretty special.

Upon reflection, Mudsock Youth Athletics and its member leagues have had a great year in 2022 with some leagues posting record numbers. We can't thank YOU enough for registering your participants with us. We are committed to providing opportunities for character development, leadership skills and physical fitness benefits by participating in our leagues and based on how many kids we had on the fields and the courts this year, we think Fishers families are, too. One of the best parts of the holidays is being a part of a strong community. We are so fortunate to be in Fishers and this time of year really magnifies that.

Here at Mudsock Youth Athletics, we want our participants and their families to feel the same way about their athletic participation as they do about Fishers during the holidays. That's why in 2023, we are making strides towards new ways to connect with the community outside of our regular league play. We are currently exploring new intramural sports offerings with HSE and FHS high school students. We have hundreds of kids who play sports during their junior high years, but only a handful of each graduating class make a school team. We believe those kids should have an opportunity to keep playing the sports they love and potentially some new ones, too.

Additionally, we heard through our surveys that families wanted ways to connect with their micro-communities such as subdivision neighbors or friends from their elementary schools, so we're going to bring that directly to you. Next spring, we will begin reaching out to your HOAs and PTOs to organize weeknights, weekends, holidays, where you have a group of people that want to play together. If you can bring the people, we'll bring Mudsock Youth Athletics to you.

And that's just two items from a very robust and exciting strategic plan that we are excited to share more of with you in 2023.

Help us help kids of all ages in our community stay active and in youth athletics in 2023. If you're interested in helping with intramurals or having MYA come to your neighborhood, please e-mail me at scott@myathletics.com. If I don't see you at a basketball game before the end of the year, I hope you have a great winter break and a happy holiday season.

Warm wishes,

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