



## AVON JUNIOR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



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I began volunteering for AJAA in November 2018 as the Softball Commissioner. One of the most rewarding aspects has been watching my three girls enjoy their love of the game as much as I did and all the wonderful friendships I have gained with the parents and coaches along the way.

Growing up, I played just about every sport I could: softball, football, golf, tennis, and volleyball. Softball was my absolute favorite and eventually became all that I wanted to play. My dad coached me for many years, and I will never forget the countless hours he spent teaching me to throw harder and farther or how to swing a bat. He was always there cheering me on (or yelling at times lol) but looking back, he was ALWAYS THERE and that is what I remember the most. My dad used to line my brothers and I up and have us throw to him, baseball/softball, and football. To this day, I can still out throw my brothers in either sport and I don't let them forget it!

My husband, Brad, and I met each other playing co-ed softball, married in 2010, and moved to Avon about 10 years ago. Our daughters, Autumn (9), Adalyn (7) and Alexis (7) all attend Hickory Elementary. They also participate in many AJAA sports. Autumn started softball in 6U and currently plays travel ball for Avon Softball Club. She also plays basketball, volleyball, and hopefully has time for golf this year. Adalyn and Alexis also began playing softball in 6U and will be playing their second season of 8U this Spring. They play basketball currently for AJAA and participate in gymnastics. Brad volunteers to coach in each sport they participate in as he loves volunteering and teaching our girls anything sports related. We believe raising our girls to be involved in organized sports is crucial for teaching many life skills and always encourage them to participate in any sport they want.

I am looking forward to continuing with AJAA this year as the travel softball commissioner and helping with our recreational softball program as needed. I highly encourage those willing to help to also volunteer for our local youth sports organization, AJAA! It is no easy task to run these various sports programs season after season and AJAA relies heavily on volunteers. Our softball programs could greatly use your help!

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