



## AVON JUNIOR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



### Oz Saleem

A native New Yorker, Oz and his family relocated to Avon back in 2008 which was supposed to be a temporary two year move. While at first seeing cornfields and soy beans was a little different than what he grew up around, it started to feel like home especially due to his boys participating in AJAA activities. AJAA provided not only his children to make friends and not miss New York, but a community for his family. Now having lived in Avon for 12 years Oz and his family decided last year not to move back to the New York Metro area, but to call Avon their forever home.

As an avid athlete through his younger days one thing Oz remembers are his coaches. You often forget about a lot of people in your life, however your good coaches you never forget about. After initially helping out with basketball, baseball and football, Oz decided to first coach and eventually stepping into the commissioner role for MS and HS. Be the change you want to see is one of his motto's and it is what got him into leadership at AJAA. He has two boys in high school a

freshman and a senior. His wife of 19 years has been a behind the scenes assistant for his coaching and commissioner endeavors, in addition to making sure he doesn't get thrown out at games so he can observe the ones he needs to as commissioner.

Oz graduated from Montclair State with an undergraduate degree in Physics and later completed his MBA. He currently works for a firm out in North Jersey running a consulting and staffing team in the healthcare and life science space. His work still allows him to travel to NYC and Paramus, NJ, but now when he visits he feels like a Hoosier in NY rather than a yankee in Indiana.