



March 7, 2015

Dear Mr. Fishbein,

My name is Carolyn Muccio and I am the club administrator for the Maroons Soccer Club. Last year the US Soccer Federation (USSF), in a bid to align US Soccer with the rest of the world, made sweeping changes to soccer in the United States. The most important of these is a move to the "Birth Year Model", in which players will play on teams based on the year of their birth.

Currently our team composition is based on an August 1st cut off, which closely aligns with the school year. The league we play in, Northern Counties will be implementing Birth Year divisions for the fall of 2016. Currently other USSF mandates, such as size of teams, goals and fields will go into effect in the fall of 2017.

Late last year the board of the Maroons Soccer Club voted to adopt the birth year model in full. At our May tryouts, players will tryout based on the year they were born in. For example kindergartners and 1st graders born in 2009 will try out with the 2009's and play U8 this fall, 6th and 7th graders born in 2003 will tryout with the 2003's and play U14, etc.

With the above being said I would kindly request that the message be included in all Ridgewood Elementary Schools E-News Letters.

Thank you for the consideration.

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### **Maroons Soccer Club Tryouts/2009 Births**

**Dear Parents and Soccer Players,**

**Please note that boys and girls born in 2009, regardless of the grade they will be entering in the fall, are eligible to tryout for the Maroons Soccer Club and will be playing U8. Tryout dates will be announced on the Maroons Soccer Club website shortly.**