

Joint Statement from the board of Park Ridge Football & Cheer (PRSI) and Park Ridge Hawks, formerly known as the Park Ridge Travel Falcons (PRTF).

Many of you are aware of the litigation between PRSI and PRTF over the last two years about the “Park Ridge Falcons” name. Recently, the members of both organizations met with each other and were able to resolve our differences in a way we think is best for our Park Ridge players, coaches, and community. Thus, both organizations wanted to issue this joint statement to address the parties’ compromise and explain how each football program will be moving forward.

We are proud to announce that there will be two competitive travel football programs in our local area. The 55-year Park Ridge Falcons will continue to be known as the Park Ridge Falcons, and the “Park Ridge Travel Falcons” will now be known as the Park Ridge Hawks. This name change will clarify that the Park Ridge Hawks is not and has never been associated with the historical Park Ridge Falcons program. The Park Ridge Hawks organization is proud of the new team it has helped build over the past two years.

Whatever team your child plays on, both organizations are committed to supporting our players and families to keep playing the game we all love. Both programs want to make it clear that the Park Ridge Falcons is a competitive travel program, not a “house” program. PRTF admits that neither PRSI nor any of its board members ever made any financial misappropriations. The PRSI board reiterates its apology from April 3, 2020; its prior statements should not have been made publicly.

Although it was never our intention, we are truly sorry for any harm we caused this community. To move forward, the boards of both organizations also want to make it clear that neither organization is aware of any facts that would warrant any claim against either organization or its members.

We wish the last two years had gone differently, but there will only be positivity going forward, not negativity. This is a fresh start, and the future is bright. Park Ridge is a truly special community, and each program is eager to do everything it can to keep Park Ridge the best place for our children.

Best,

The PRSI Board

The Park Ridge Hawks Board