



The
Raleigh Sports Club



Dear Members, Guests, and Friends of Raleigh Sports Club:

Happy New Year Raleigh Sports Club, our 59th!

The RSC has long been a supporter of high school athletics. Weekly, we honor an outstanding local student athlete and we provide end of year scholarships at our annual banquet. We understand the value of sports in the development of future leaders for our community and country.

This week our speaker will be Deran Coe, Wake County Public School's Athletic Director. Coe oversees athletics at the 15th largest public school system in the country with 31 high schools and 38 middle schools. He became the AD in 2013 taking over from retiring and legendary AD Bobby Guthrie, a RSC member!

In addition to continuing the great traditions of athletics in Wake County, Coe has put an emphasis on opportunities for females and students with disabilities, working closely with Special Olympics. In 2021 Coe was awarded a Citation from the National Federation of H.S. Associations for Outstanding Service. He has also been instrumental in Wake County being the first large school district in the country to certify all middle and high school coaches in Heads Up Football, a USA Football program aiming to make the game safer.

There are a myriad of issues and challenges including hiring and retaining coaches and AD's, scheduling, conference alignments, officials, eligibility, training and yes, even NIL. With Mr. Coe being the "man in the middle" we are certain to learn a lot about just how much goes on to support local athletics!

Additionally, as a huge thank-you, we will host and recognize over 20 high school AD's at our weekly meeting this week!

Come kick off the new year and join us for good food, fun, and camaraderie Wednesday January 4, 2023.



About the Raleigh Sports Club:

Our meetings are held in Bradley Hall in Highland United Methodist Church, 1901 Ridge Road at the intersection of Lake Boone Trail, just inside the Raleigh Beltline. **Buffet lines open at 11:30 a.m., and the meeting is from Noon until 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.** Meetings typically occur every week (except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holiday) early September through late March. Please continue to check out the Raleigh Sports Club website (www.raleighsportsclub.org) for details on the 2022-23 meeting season.

As part of our weekly program, we recognize a local Wake County high school student athlete! The student and coach speak briefly. **This week we will honor Nifemi Kalejaiye, an outstanding student and track and field athlete from Athens Drive H.S.**

Since we are more than halfway through our "season", membership is reduced to \$45 for the remainder of the 2022-23 season. You can register or renew at the check-in table...or by downloading and mailing to the address indicated on the form found on the RSC website.

Member attendance fee is \$20 per meeting whether eating or not. Guest fee per meeting is a very affordable \$25 whether eating or not!

Please feel free to attend as a member, guest, or perspective member. We look forward to seeing you.

Best Regards,

The Raleigh Sports Club Officers and Board of Directors