

Jeff Merrick: I am applying for the position of Director of Risk Management and Discipline with the Whalers organization. I have been involved with the Whalers for the past five seasons, initially joining as a parent and coach for my son's U9 team. The following year, my other son also joined the organization, and I have since supported both of their teams in various coaching capacities. Additionally, I coach soccer with UDFC.

Joining the board interests me because I am eager to continue giving back to the organization and to be in a position where I can facilitate positive changes. Organizations, regardless of their size, must continually seek ways to innovate and progress. If there are opportunities for improvement, I believe it is our responsibility to seize them. These important decisions begin with the board.

The role of Director of Risk Management and Discipline is crucial, requiring the ability to react swiftly and calmly while being knowledgeable in the face of challenges. My professional experience in consulting within the risk management areas equips me well for this role. I have consistently been tasked with independently identifying risks, assessing their levels, seeking mitigation strategies, and providing recommendations to prevent future issues.

Separately, I bring relevant board experience to this position, having served most recently as Vice President of a non-profit childcare center and previously as a senior director for a local soccer club.

I am confident that my background and skills make me well-suited for the role of Director of Risk Management and Discipline, and I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to the Whalers organization in this capacity.