

2011-2012 Tournament & Cup Committee Report –Angel Hall, Chairman

The Tournament and Cup Committee (TCC) is responsible for managing and/or assisting with the following events:

- The US Youth Soccer National Championship Series Indiana State Cup
- The US Youth Soccer Indiana Presidents Cup
- The Indiana Challenge Cup
- The US Youth Soccer Kohl's American Cup
- Sanctioned Tournaments

2012 TCC members were:

- Angel Hall, Chairman – Warsaw
- Sarah Cantwell, Staff Liaison – Indianapolis
- Jennifer Austin, Staff Support – Fort Wayne
- Don Rawson, Member - Westfield
- Rick Weber, Member– Evansville
- Amy Weber, Member – Evansville
- Molly Weber, Member - Evansville
- Diane Blacha, Member - Indianapolis
- Laura DeVault, Member – Fishers
- Thom Parks, Member - Zionsville
- Doreen Loyal, Member – Indianapolis
- Beau Jackson, Member – Carmel
- Samir Yasa, SRA – Noblesville
- Ann Cline, SRC - Noblesville

Indiana State Cup, Presidents Cup and Challenge Cup

The Indiana State Cup has a defined number of brackets offered with a maximum of 12 teams in each age group U13 to U17, and 16 teams for U18 for both genders. Teams that did not qualify for the Indiana State Cup became eligible to enter into the Presidents Cup. The Presidents Cup has a defined number of brackets offered with a maximum of 12 teams in each age group U13 to U17, and 16 teams for U11 and U12 for both genders. Teams that did not qualify for the Presidents Cup became eligible for the Challenge Cup. A combined total of 522 teams participated in the cup events.

Cup Draws

The Indiana State Cup and Presidents Cup draw was held between ISL scheduling meetings January 2012, and the Challenge Cup draw was held in the state office in mid-February 2011. With this accomplished, the committee began the task of assigning games to the various host sites.

Indiana State Cup, Presidents Cup and Challenge Cup Scheduling & Games

There were 852 games and 7 different sites for the 2012 Indiana Cup games. Scheduling such a huge event throughout the state requires a tremendous understanding of logistics and knowledge of bracket complexities. The schedule was adjusted to limit travel, minimize team expenses due to overnight stays and to accommodate school activities such as prom and graduation. Another component of the schedule involves the challenge of accommodating coaches who coach multiple teams in different brackets.

To continue to comply with US Soccer's Best Practices, the Tournament and Cup Committee made provisions for all State Cup teams and the U15-U17 Presidents Cup teams to hold one of their preliminary round games as a self-scheduled game on a different date chosen by the teams. By doing this, the teams played each of their remaining two games in a "one game a day format" on the cup preliminary round weekend. This provided better and safer competition for the teams and players and was well received by the Clubs and coaches.

Cup Host Sites

In 2012, the Indiana Cup events were hosted as combined events for the preliminary rounds and finals. The following clubs hosted games for the 2012 cup events:

- Preliminary Rounds - Fort Wayne - Kreager Park hosted by Citadel FC
- Preliminary Rounds – Zionsville – Zionsville Complex, hosted by Zionsville Youth Soccer Association
- Preliminary Rounds - Evansville - Goebel Soccer Complex, hosted by Evansville SC and SWISA
- Preliminary Rounds – Elkhart – NIBCO Complex, hosted by Elkhart Flames
- Preliminary Rounds - Columbus - Richard Wigh Soccer Complex, hosted by Columbus Express Soccer Club
- Preliminary Rounds - Westfield - Shamrock Soccer Complex, hosted by Westfield Youth Soccer Association
- Finals (Presidents Cup Only) - Westfield - Shamrock Soccer Complex, hosted by Westfield Youth Soccer Association
- Finals – Indianapolis – Lawrence Park, hosted by FC Pride

Additional activities were also added at the finals event including TOPSoccer games, and other festival activities for the participants to enjoy.

2012 US Youth Soccer Region II Championships and National Finals

The Region II Championships were played in Michigan. Indiana sent champion teams in every age division to the event. No Indiana teams advanced to the Regional finals.

2012 US Youth Soccer Region II Presidents Cup and National Finals

The Region II Presidents Cup games were played in Kansas. Indiana sent champion teams in every age division to the event. Four Indiana teams were successful in capturing the regional titles:

U13 Boys	Chicago Fire Jrs NWI 98 Red
U14 Boys	Elkhart Flames 97/98 Boys Dynamite
U14 Girls	Hoosier FC 97/98 Girls Elite
U17 Boys	Indiana Invaders 95B Black

The US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup finals were held in Sacramento, California. Indiana Soccer sent two teams:

U13 Boys	Chicago Fire Jrs NWI 98 Red - (did not attend, no national event for U13)
U14 Boys	Elkhart Flames 97/98 Boys Dynamite - participated
U14 Girls	Hoosier FC 97/98 Girls Elite – (opted out of national event)
U17 Boys	Indiana Invaders 95B Black – participated, finished as national runner-up

2012 Regional Referee Selections

The SRA/SYRA, with the assistance of the State Referee Committee (SRC), selected the top referees who participated in the preliminary and final rounds of the Indiana State Cup and Presidents Cup to participate in the Region II Championship games.

2012 Hoosier Cup

At the request of the rec plus membership, Indiana Soccer planned for a fourth level tournament event for rec plus teams to participate. Only 4 teams from the state applied to participate and the tournament was cancelled. Indiana Soccer will offer the tournament for 2013 in hopes that by providing additional lead time more interest will be generated.

2012 Indiana Youth Soccer Sanctioned Tournaments

During 2012, 24 club tournaments were sanctioned by Indiana Soccer. Post tournament reports are filed by the tournament host; these reports are reviewed and copies are maintained at the state office.

Future:

The 2013 cup play dates will be as follows:

- All preliminary round games played as self-scheduled games will be completed by May 12, 2013.
- All regularly scheduled preliminary round games will be played on May 17-19, 2012 at one of the five (5) sites chosen to host the preliminary round events.
- The finals will be played on June 1-2, 2013.