

2012-2013 Tournament & Cup Report –Angel Hall, Chairman

The Tournament and Cup Committee 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 Soccer Challenge Cup
- The Indiana Soccer Hoosier Cup
- The US Youth Soccer Kohl's American Cup
- Sanctioned Tournaments

2013 Cup Committee members were:

- Angel Hall, Chairman – Warsaw
- Sarah Cantwell, Staff Liaison – Indianapolis
- Jennifer Austin, Staff Support – Fort Wayne
- George Perry, ISL Commissioner - Zionsville
- Don Rawson, Member - Westfield
- Diane Blacha, Member - Indianapolis
- Thom Parks, Member – Zionsville
- Mike Williams, Member - Evansville
- 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 510 teams participated in the cup events.

Cup Draws

The Indiana State Cup and Presidents Cup brackets were not filled by a seeding/blind draw process. The participating club DOC's petitioned the cup committee to have both events seeded in their entirety. The Cup Committee approved this change. The Challenge Cup brackets were filled by a double blind draw held in February 2013.

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

There were a total of 721 games played over 2 weekends at 5 different sites for the 2013 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. An additional 110 games were played as self-scheduled games prior to preliminary weekend. 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 continued to be well received by the Clubs and coaches.

The total number of games played for these 3 events combined was 831 games.

Hoosier Cup

In 2013, Indiana Soccer added the Hoosier Cup to the list of events held at the end of the season during finals. The Hoosier Cup is a Recreation Plus tournament. Rec Plus teams from all over the state are invited to attend. The cost of the event is kept to a minimum to make the event attractive to these teams. The event is held only on Finals weekend. The first Hoosier cup hosted 13 teams and champions were declared in three divisions; U12 Coed, U14, Coed, and U19 Coed. A total of 21 games were played for the Hoosier Cup.

Cup Host Sites

In 2013, the Indiana Cup events were hosted as combined events for the preliminary rounds and finals. The following clubs hosted games for the 2013 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 – Terre Haute – Springhill Soccer Complex, hosted by Vigo County Youth Soccer
- Preliminary Rounds – Elkhart – NIBCO Complex, hosted by Elkhart Flames
- Preliminary Rounds - Columbus - Richard Wigh Soccer Complex, hosted by Columbus Express Soccer Club
- Finals – Columbus - Richard Wigh Soccer Complex, hosted by Columbus Express Soccer Club

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

2013 US Youth Soccer Region II Championships and National Finals

The Region II Championships were played in Iowa. Indiana sent champion teams in every age division to the event. Carmel United U14G Elite team advanced to Regional Finals, but was not successful in winning the final game.

2013 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. Two Indiana team were successful in capturing the regional titles:

U13 Boys	Goshen Stars
U15 Girls	SWISA Mutiny

The US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup finals were held in Auburndale, Florida. Indiana Soccer sent our two regional champions. Neither team succeeded in winning a national title.

2013 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.

2013 Indiana Youth Soccer Sanctioned Tournaments

During 2013, 25 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 18, 2014.
- All regularly scheduled preliminary round games will be play on May 16-18, 2014 at one of the four (4) sites chosen to host the preliminary round events.
 - Terre Haute – Springhill Soccer Complex – Vigo County Youth Soccer
 - Fort Wayne – Hefner Soccer Complex – Ft Wayne United Soccer Club
 - Westfield – Grand Park – Westfield Youth Soccer Association
 - Columbus – Richard Wigh Soccer Complex – Columbus Express Soccer Club
- The finals will be played on May 31 – June 1, 2014 and held at Grand Park, Westfield.