

2014-2015 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 Memorial Cup
- The US Youth Soccer Kohl's American Cup
- Sanctioned Tournaments

2015 Cup Committee members were:

- Angel Hall, Chairman – Carmel
- Sarah Cantwell, Staff Liaison – Indianapolis
- Jennifer Austin, Staff Support – Fort Wayne
- George Perry, ISL Commissioner – Zionsville
- Steve Franklin, Director of Education, Indiana Soccer - 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 16 teams in each age group U11 to U17. Teams that did not qualify for the Presidents Cup became eligible for the Challenge Cup. A combined total of 612 teams participated in the cup events.

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

There were a total of 923 games played for the 2015 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 and to accommodate school activities such as prom and graduation for U17 and U18 teams. Another component of the schedule involves the challenge of accommodating coaches who coach multiple teams in different brackets.

State Cup and Presidents Cup teams were given the opportunity to self-schedule games. Many of the State Cup games were still played on the prescribed preliminary weekend. The Committee has reviewed this process and will be implementing a new procedure for 2016.

Indiana Memorial Cup

The Memorial Cup was added to the Indiana Soccer hosted events in 2015. It was held at Grand Park in conjunction with the cup finals weekend. The Indiana Soccer Foundation established the event to honor all of Indiana's youth soccer players and youth referees that have lost their lives too soon. The event hosts U8-U10 age players for both boys and girls. The 2015 event hosted 130 teams.

Cup Host Sites

In 2015, the Indiana Cup events were hosted as combined events for the preliminary rounds and finals. The following clubs hosted games for the 2015 cup events:

- Preliminary Rounds – Evansville – Goebel Soccer Complex, hosted by SWISA.
- Preliminary Rounds – Westfield– Grand Park Sports Campus, hosted by Westfield Youth Soccer.
- Preliminary Rounds - Columbus - Richard Wigh Soccer Complex, hosted by Columbus Express Soccer Club
- Preliminary Rounds – Elkhart – NIBCO Soccer Complex, hosted by Elkhart Flames.
- Finals – Westfield – Grand Park Sports Campus, hosted by Westfield Youth Soccer.

2015 US Youth Soccer Region II Championships and National Finals

The Region II Championships were played in Wisconsin. Indiana sent champion teams in every age division to the event. No team from Indiana advanced from Regionals to Nationals.

2015 US Youth Soccer Region II Presidents Cup and National Finals

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

U14 Boys FC Pride 01 Elite

The US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup finals were held in Overland Park, Kansas. FC Pride was not successful in winning a national title, but did receive the Fair Play Award as voted on by their peers, referees, and event staff.

2015 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.

2015 Indiana Youth Soccer Sanctioned Tournaments

During 2015, many 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.

The Junior Irish Memorial Day Tournament has been awarded Tournament of the Year for 2014-2015 for their outstanding attention to customer service and the professional manner in which they operate their tournament.

Future:

The 2016 cup play dates will be as follows:

- Presidents Cup U15-U17 teams will play a self-scheduled game to be completed by May 16, 2016.
- All regularly scheduled preliminary round games will be played on May 13-15, and May 20-21, 2016, at Grand Park in Westfield. .
- The finals will be played on June 4-5, 2016, and held at Richard Wigh Soccer Complex, hosted by Columbus Express Soccer Club.
- The Indiana Memorial Cup will be played June 4-5, 2016, and held at Grand Park in Westfield.