

## **2015-2016 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

2016 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 639 teams participated in the cup events.

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

There were a total of 989 games played for the 2016 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.

Due to the fact that when given the opportunity to self-schedule games for state cup the teams still chose to stack games on preliminary round weekend, the cup committee resumed writing the schedule in 2016 in a prescribed manner (Fri – 3v1; Sat – 2v3, Sun-1v2). Presidents Cup teams were given the opportunity to self-schedule one game. The remainder of the games were played on preliminary

weekend. This new process of scheduling for 2016 went fairly smooth and will remain the same for 2017.

### **Indiana Memorial Cup**

The Memorial Cup was held at Grand Park on the cup finals weekend. The Indiana Soccer Cup Committee was responsible for the administration of the event. Special recognition events that included a moment of silence and a balloon launch to honor/recognize those players & referees we lost too soon were held during the first day of the event. The event hosts U8-U10 age players for both boys and girls. The 2016 event hosted 129 teams.

### **Cup Host Sites**

In 201, the Indiana Cup events were hosted as combined events for the preliminary rounds and finals. The events sites were as follows:

- Preliminary Rounds – Westfield– Grand Park Sports Campus – both weekends.
- Finals – Columbus - Richard Wigh Soccer Complex, hosted by Columbus Express Soccer Club
- Memorial Cup - Westfield– Grand Park Sports Campus

### **2016 US Youth Soccer Region II Championships and National Finals**

The Region II Championships were played at Grand Park in Westfield, IN. Indiana sent champion teams in every age division to the event. No team from Indiana advanced out of Regionals.

Indiana Soccer hosted the Region II Championships at Grand Park. Indiana Soccer was responsible for all hosting arrangements from setup through awards ceremonies. Two hundred fourteen (214) teams from all over the region were in attendance. Over 300 referees and referee staff were on site. The event hosting was successful so much so that Indiana Soccer has been awarded the bid to host for the years 2018, 2020, and 2022 in an unprecedented change in the Region II hosting procedures/policies.

### **2016 US Youth Soccer Region II Presidents Cup and National Finals**

The Region II Presidents Cup games were played at Grand Park in Westfield, IN. Indiana sent champion teams in every age division to the event. Two (2) Indiana teams were successful in capturing the regional titles:

U16 Boys Boilers FC 00B Gold  
U16 Girls FWSC 00 Strikers U16G

The US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup finals were held in Tulsa, OK. The Boilers FC 00B Gold were successful in winning a national title in the U16B Division.

Indiana Soccer hosted the Region II Presidents Cup at Grand Park. Indiana Soccer was responsible for all hosting arrangements from setup through awards ceremonies. Eighty four (84) teams from all over

the region were in attendance. Over 60 referees and referee staff were on site. The event hosting was successful.

### **2016 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.

### **2016 Indiana Youth Soccer Sanctioned Tournaments**

During 2016, 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 Columbus Express Soccer Club has been awarded Tournament Host of the Year for 2015-2016 for their faithful and excellent service to Indiana Soccer and its members hosting the cup finals.

### **Future:**

The 2017 cup play dates will be as follows:

- Presidents Cup U15-U18 teams will play a self-scheduled game to be completed by May 14, 2017.
- All regularly scheduled preliminary round games will be played on May 5-7, and May 19-22, 2017, locations TBA. (currently Grand Park, and River Road hosted by Carmel FC, one other site TBA)
- The finals will be played on June 3-4, 2017, and held at Grand Park, Westfield, IN.
- The Indiana Memorial Cup will be played June 3-4, 2017, and held at Grand Park in Westfield.