



Date: December 18, 2014

To: All Indiana Soccer Members' Presidents

From: Indiana Soccer Board of Directors and Staff

RE: The 2015 Annual General Meeting notice

**Please be advised that the 2015 Indiana Soccer Annual General Meeting of Members will be on Saturday, January 31, 2015**

Additional details and your digitized book of reports will be available on line after January 20<sup>th</sup>. The documents can be obtained by visiting Indiana Soccer's website at [www.soccerindiana.org](http://www.soccerindiana.org);

A hard copy of the book of reports will be available for your convenience between 1:00 pm – 2:00am on Saturday during AGM registration.

Please allow me to encourage you to invest a day with your Indiana Soccer Board of Directors and Staff. A number of things have changed in the coaching education area that are very much worth noting.

Steve Franklin, your Director of Coaching Education, will be providing a comprehensive update and overview along with the introduction of the "Virtual DOC".

- Many Indiana Soccer Member Clubs are currently without a Director of Coaching or Technical Director. Relatively new coaches to the game of soccer can use a guide to assist them in their new adventure of coaching youth soccer. This newly developed "Virtual DOC Guidebook" should help prepare the club coach for the enjoyment and rewards associated with their new position.
- First time or relatively new coaches, such as youth playing parents, will gain insight into the characteristics; myths; sample training sessions; season long training menus; and even video demonstrations of what to expect and how to succeed.

Youth Soccer has grown into a multi-billion dollar industry. Has your club kept up with the demands associated with such growth i.e.....how your club is governed, funded, manages its financial records, etc.?

- Dave Guthrie, your Executive Director, will be providing an outline on what each club can do to enhance the performance demanded by this maturing market.

The competition model has changed drastically in recent years. George Perry [ISL Commissioner], Steve Franklin [State Director of Coaching Education] and John Carter [Director of Olympic Development] will conduct a "Town Hall" meeting. Directors of Coaching, Technical Directors, and Age Group Directors, as well as any administrators who wish participate, are strongly encouraged to attend. The draft agenda for this session is as follows:

- Discussion and rule interpretations on ISL Relegation and promotion;
- Playing small sided matches and player numbers (i.e. US Soccer will be offering a new directive in 2015 as to small-sided age group playing numbers);
- The NSCAA Club Membership benefits (i.e. Special Topics clinics. Etc.) for ISL club members and Club Members;
- Discussion on U-10 play (what is to be accomplished, and how the league is structured to support this effort);
- Rule(s) modifications/discussion for ISL and State Cups play;
- ISL Divisions of play;
- The introduction of the NEW "F" License being offered by US Soccer (eLearning)
- Introduction to the New Digital Coaching Center that US Soccer will unveil in January, 2015.
- Updates on the Educational Programming and Licensing (US Soccer; NSCAA; RMA and Technical Championships).
- ODP programming and Jr. Olympians Program.

I invite you to call for more information if you have questions. You can contact me, Dave Guthrie at 317-975-2010, or on my mobile at 317-590-8517. It would be my pleasure to speak to you regarding any matter you would like to discuss. I look forward to seeing you at this year's Annual Meeting events.

Warm Regards,

Dave Guthrie, Executive Director, Indiana Soccer