

## **2016-2017 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
- Sanctioned Tournaments

2017 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 U18. Teams that did not qualify for the Presidents Cup became eligible for the Challenge Cup. A combined total of 613 teams participated in the cup events.

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

There were a total of 908 games played for the 2017 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. U15-U18 Presidents Cup teams were given the opportunity to self-schedule one game. The remainder of the games were played on preliminary weekend.

### **Indiana Memorial Cup**

The Memorial Cup was held at Grand Park on the cup finals weekend. A Committee was formed to assist the Indiana Soccer Tournament and Cup Committee in administrating the event. The committee included: Shannon Stuart, Matt Schlake, Rick Fiege, Danny Kapsalis, and Becky Kapsalis. Others from the Indiana Soccer Foundation volunteered to participate as field marshals, etc. during 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-U12 age players for both boys and girls. The 2017 event hosted 144 teams. (Up 11% from 2016). 218 games were played.

### **Cup Host Sites**

In 2017, 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
- Preliminary Rounds – Carmel – River Road Soccer Complex – first weekend
- Preliminary Rounds – South Bend – Jr Irish Airport Fields – first weekend
- Finals – Westfield – Grand Park Sports Campus
- Memorial Cup - Westfield– Grand Park Sports Campus

### **2017 US Youth Soccer Midwest Region Championships and National Finals**

The Region II Championships were played in Sioux Fall, ND. Indiana sent champion teams in every age division to the event. No team from Indiana advanced out of Regionals.

### **2017 US Youth Soccer Midwest Region Presidents Cup and National Finals**

The Region II Presidents Cup games were played in Overland Park, KS. Indiana sent champion teams in every age division to the event.

### **2017 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 Midwest Region Championship games.

### **2017 Indiana Youth Soccer Sanctioned Tournaments**

During 2017, 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 Indiana Fire Juniors Club has been awarded Tournament Host of the Year for 2016-2017 for the Crossroads of America College Showcase Men's and Women's Tournaments.

### **Future:**

The 2018 cup play dates will be as follows:

- All regularly scheduled preliminary round games will be played on May 4-6, and May 18-20, 2018, at Grand Park, Westfield, Indiana.
- The finals will be played on June 2-3, 2018, and held at Grand Park, Westfield, IN.
- The Indiana Memorial Cup will be played June 2-3, 2018, and held at Grand Park in Westfield.