

## **PRESIDENT'S 2018 REPORT**

ISA enjoyed a successful 2018 and looks forward to a successful 2019. Here's a summary of some of your association's activities during the past year.

### **5-Star Program**

We hope you have read or heard about the 5-Star program that is the centerpiece of Indiana Soccer's initiatives for excellence. This initiative was launched to provide a template for improving your club's quality and service at all levels. We challenge each club to identify a 5-Star champion from your organization who will be assigned the task of "working on" your organization instead of just "working in" the organization. The staff of Indiana Soccer is committed to working with your designated champion to assist in the development of elements necessary to earn all five stars. The 5-star program has been in development for many years and the ISA staff is excited to assist each member organization to strive to achieve this designation.

To earn 5-Star designation, your club must demonstrate commitment and proficiency in these areas:

- Governance: The way an organization manages its affairs, stewardship
- Alignment: Shared purpose, mission, and visions
- Marketing & Communication: Creating demand and exchanging information
- Risk Management: The identification and mitigation of threats
- Education: The transfer of knowledge

Earning 5-Star designation will distinguish and stamp your club as one committed to excellence in the development of players in a safe and healthy environment. ISA is committed to helping all of its member clubs achieve 5-Star status.

### **Sarah Cantwell's Retirement**

Many of you are aware that Sarah Cantwell, ISA's longtime Director of Member Services, retired at the end of 2018. Sarah, with 20 years of service, was the longest-tenured employee in ISA's history, including our predecessor, ISYA. While Sarah's contributions are too numerous to list, these numbers speak volumes about her accomplishments as our clubs' primary point of contact at Indiana Soccer.

- Registered over 1,260,000 players
- Served on cup committees that guided over 9,200 teams
- Produced and directed the annual Awards Gala seating and serving over 10,000 guests
- Oversaw more than 85,700 background checks

Her assistance and guidance to our clubs cannot be measured by statistics alone. Many of you benefited from Sarah's gracious support over the past 20 years. Her institutional knowledge cannot be replaced; it is an understatement to say she will be missed.

Sarah's final gift was to spend significant time training her very capable replacement, Amber Cremeens. Amber served as the registrar for USAi for a number of years and is very familiar with GotSoccer. She has joined the Indiana Soccer staff and will be performing many of

Sarah's duties. These are big boots to fill but Amber is off to a great start. You may contact Amber at [amber@soccerindiana.org](mailto:amber@soccerindiana.org), office phone number 317-975-2009.

### Player Census

Youth registrations for 2017-18 showed growth from the previous year. Fall 2018 player registrations were approximately 1,000 players more than the Fall of 2017. Adult registrations for calendar year 2018 were similar to calendar year 2017.

Youth registrations:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Total</b>
2016	37,625	19,832	57,457
2017	37,928	19,385	57,313
2018	38,874	TBD	

2018 Adult registration were 2,680 – down 49 players from 2017.

### Safe Sport Act

A continuing and important obligation of ISA and its member clubs will be compliance with the new federal Safe Sport Act, passed by Congress in 2017 and signed into law on February 14<sup>th</sup> of 2018. The criminal provisions of the legislation extend “the duty to report suspected child abuse, including sexual abuse, within 24 hours to certain adults who are authorized to interact with minor or amateur athletes at a facility under the jurisdiction of a national governing body.” “An individual who is required, but fails, to report suspected child sexual abuse is subject to criminal penalties.” The statute also provides for civil. This legislation encompasses ISA and its member clubs.

The United States Center for SafeSport has been designated by the legislation “to serve as the independent national safe sport organization, with the responsibility for developing policies to prevent the emotional, physical and sexual abuse of amateur athletes.” Relevant policies and procedures call for organizations serving amateur athletes under the age of 18 to provide sexual predator awareness education/training to adults who might be involved in one-on-one encounters with a minor. The broad definition of who must receive sexual predator awareness education/training makes it prudent to include all adults associated with the organization.

Indiana Soccer has partnered with US Youth Soccer, Pullen Insurance and Ministry Safe to assist your compliance with the law's mandates, an overview of which is attached to this report. The value of this training is \$10/adult. Through the partnerships described above, member organizations will have free access to the training as part of their member benefits.

Angel Hall, Indiana Soccer's Associate Executive Director, is the staff contact who will assist you in complying with the Safe Sport Act. Angel can be contacted at [angel@soccerindiana.org](mailto:angel@soccerindiana.org) or via her direct dial office number at 317-975-2022.

## **Indiana State League**

The Indiana State League, under the diligent and able leadership of George Perry, continues to serve the Indiana travel soccer community and provide promotion opportunities into US Youth Soccer's National League structure. The league offers competition designed to place players and teams at their optimal competitive levels with seeded placement into the Presidents Cup and the Indiana State Cup/ US Youth Soccer National Championship Series. We invite your input regarding league play and structure during the coaches' meeting at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Renaissance Hotel in Carmel.

## **Coaching Education**

Indiana Soccer's coaching education program, under the guidance of Steve Franklin, ISA's Director of Coaching Education and Player Development, underwent substantial changes in 2018, both in curriculum and method of delivery. The main curriculum now offered through ISA is US Soccer's Coaching Education Pathway. US Soccer now manages all federation courses on their Digital Coaching Center (DCC), a state-of-the-art online educational platform. The DCC allows coaches to create a personal profile, register for appropriate courses, communicate with technical staff, participate in online courses, create session plans with assistance of an online graphics tool, and access an archive of US Soccer training sessions, among other features and functionalities.

Offered curricula include the Grassroots Coaching Pathway, utilizing US soccer's coaching education philosophies, which include Play-Practice-Play, the Six Tasks of a Coach, and training in specific game models (4v4, 7v7, 9v9 and 11v11). The DCC now allows coaches to obtain licenses either online or in person, greatly increasing the accessibility for coaches to licensing, especially for novice coaches. The efficacy of the system has been demonstrated by an increase in the number of novice coaches seeking licenses in the last ten months.

In addition to the DCC offerings, Indiana Soccer continues as a State Club Partner with United Soccer Coaches Association (USCA, the rebranded National Soccer Coaches Association of America). This provides Indiana Soccer members with access to coaching education and certifications from USCA. Indiana Soccer also partners with the Meulensteen Method and hosted its United States Technical Championships at Grand Park in December.

## **AGM General Session**

You'll notice some changes to the format of this year's annual meeting, designed to establish a more open forum to discuss relevant issues regarding the direction of Indiana Soccer. I urge you to make every effort to attend and actively participate in that meeting, which is scheduled for 1:00 pm at the AGM. Our tentative agenda includes the following items:

- Changes to ISL and ISA Involvement at Grand Park
- 5-Star Program
  - Risk Management
    - Sexual predator awareness
    - Concussion protocol and management
- U.S. Youth Fee Increases

- USYS Leadership and Relationship with ISA
  - Future of the DA and Player Development
- Changing Player Demographics
  - Futsal Urban Outreach

This is an ambitious agenda. We'll do our best to cover all of these items, time permitting.

I hope to see you on March 2.

For the good of the game,

Alan Brown, President  
Indiana Soccer Association, Inc.



## Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017

On February 14, 2018, [S. 534](#) was signed into law and became effective immediately.

The bill amends two federal statutes: (1) the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 and (2) the Amateur Sports Act of 1978.

### **(1) Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990** ***(a) Extended reporting duties***

The bill amends the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 to extend the duty to report suspected child abuse, including sexual abuse, within 24 hours to certain adults who are authorized to interact with minor or amateur athletes at a facility under the jurisdiction of a national governing body. A "national governing body" means an amateur sports organization that is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee.

An individual who is required, but fails, to report suspected child sexual abuse is subject to criminal penalties.

### ***(b) Civil remedies***

Additionally, the bill amends the federal criminal code to revise civil remedy provisions. Among other things, it changes the civil statute of limitation to 10 years from the date the victim discovers the violation or injury (currently, 10 years from the date the cause of action arose). The bill also extends the statute of limitations for a minor victim of a federal sex offense to file a civil action to 10 years (currently, 3 years) from the date such individual reaches age 18.

### **(2) Amateur Sports Act of 1978**

The bill also amends the Amateur Sports Act of 1978.

### ***(a) Designation of United States Center for SafeSport***

It designates the United States Center for SafeSport to serve as the independent national safe sport organization, with the responsibility for developing policies and procedures to prevent the emotional, physical, and sexual abuse of amateur athletes. These policies and procedures developed by the Center must include:

- A requirement that (a) all adult members of a national governing body or a facility under the jurisdiction of a national governing body or at any event sanctioned by a national governing body, and (b) all adults authorized by such members to interact with an amateur athlete, immediately report an allegation of child abuse of an amateur athlete who is a minor to: (i) the Center, and (ii) to law enforcement