

2017-2018 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

2018 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 was changed to reflect a request from the membership. The 13U-15U age brackets will continue to host 12 teams in each division per gender. Beginning in 2018, the 16U-19U divisions were limited to only 8 teams in each division per gender. 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 11U to 19U. (19U was added for 2018.) Teams that did not qualify for the Presidents Cup became eligible for the Challenge Cup. The maximum number of teams are now accepted into Challenge Cup is thirty-two (32) per age and gender. Only the 12U boys division reached the maximum, teams that applied after the maximum was reached were put on a waitlist. A combined total of 592 teams participated in the cup events.

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

There were a total of 961 games played for the 2018 Indiana Cup games. Care was taken during the schedule writing process to limit travel and overnight stays, minimize team expenses, manage coach conflicts for coaches with multiple teams, and to accommodate school activities such as prom and graduation for 17U and 19U teams. 13U-19U State Cup teams and 15U-19U Presidents Cup teams in four (4) team brackets were given the opportunity to self-schedule one game. The remainder of the games were played on the prescribed weekend(s).

Indiana Memorial Cup

The 2018 Indiana Memorial Cup was held at Grand Park on the cup finals weekend. Volunteers from the Indiana Soccer Foundation helped with t-shirt distribution 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. There was a special ceremony held in memory of Bonnie Dale and a bench was donated to Grand Park in her honor. The event hosts 8U-12U age teams for both boys and girls. The 2018 event hosted 162 teams. (Up 12% from 2017). 230 games were played.

US Youth Soccer partner Target, Inc. also attended the Memorial Cup with their Target United Cup Fun Zone. This was a great addition to the event and gave the participants and their family's additional activities in which to participate. An application was filed to have Target return for 2019 and has been granted. Target will be returning for the 2019 Indiana Memorial Cup.

Cup Host Sites

In 2018, 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 – Westfield – Grand Park Sports Campus
- Memorial Cup - Westfield– Grand Park Sports Campus

2018 US Youth Soccer Midwest Region Championships and National Finals

The US Youth Soccer Midwest Regionals were played in Westfield at Grand Park. Indiana Soccer was the host to the 224 teams that arrived to play in this event. Indiana Soccer worked closely with the US Youth Soccer and the Midwest Region NCS committee to deliver an outstanding event for all participants. Indiana sent champion teams in every age division to the event. No team from Indiana advanced out of Regionals.

2018 US Youth Soccer Midwest Region Presidents Cup and National Finals

The US Youth Soccer Midwest Presidents Cup games were played near Cincinnati, Ohio. Indiana sent champion teams in every age division from 13U-19U to the event. The Indy Premier 02 Elite Victory Girls team (16U) won the Midwest Presidents Cup and advanced to the national level event. The team did not win at nationals.

2018 Indiana Youth Soccer Sanctioned Tournaments

During 2018, 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 was given the Tournament Host award for assisting Indiana Soccer in hosting the Indiana Soccer Cup games for many years with excellence.