

## **2020 Education Department Report – Steve Franklin, Director of Coaching Education**

### **Coaching Education:**

Coaching Education offerings were directly affected by Covid-19. For the most part, US Soccer shuttered the in-person option of offering courses both at the Grassroots and National residential courses. Discussion among the US Coaching Education folks ensued and as a result, a new blended education format was introduced. Below is the 2020 year-in-review in terms of coaching education offerings:

- Referee Grassroots course was offered to ODP players (Jan)
- 7v7 and 11v11 courses in New Albany (Feb)
- 9v9 and 11v11 courses in Mooresville (Feb)
- USYS Technical Leadership Webinar (Feb)
- US Soccer National D – New Albany (March)
- IPS League Grassroots Instruction: Harshman Tech; Northwest Middle School; and School 510 (March)
- US Referee course @Lucas Oil (with Indy Eleven) (April)
- US Soccer National Coaching Educators webinar (April, May, June, July, August, September, November)
- Webinar on Goalkeeping and Coach Education with former US International, MLS GK (June)
- US Futsal webinar with Andreau Plaza – FC Barcelona (June)
- 9v9 and 11v11 courses in Batesville (August)
- US Soccer National D License in New Albany (September)

### **Community Soccer**

Community Outreach Programming made a slight adjustment due to Covid and CDC guidelines. George Perry, ISL Commissioner and I developed several webinars and online tools to assist with the CDC Guidelines.

Indiana Soccer – Return to Play Guidelines Phase 1-4.

Online training activities:

At-home, individual training for players

Team trainings

There is a section on Indiana Soccer's website that guides the children through the "home" skills program. A section devoted to Community Soccer was developed and placed on Indiana Soccer's website.

- Joao Couto demonstrated daily, at home ball skills for youth membership that can be implemented at home.
- Former IU Player and current MLS player with San Jose – Tommy Thompson created an on-line web page for youth soccer players to train inside/outside, with additional challenges for individuals to see if they could top him.
- Thompson also hosted on-line webinars with several Indiana member clubs for player development.

### **Additional**

- Indiana DOC was named to the Midwest Regional Championships Committee.
- State Director served as a National staff Instructor for the US Soccer National C License course in Charlotte, NC, and a National C in Mississippi.
- Webinars/Webcasts/Website
  - o Community Soccer webinars
    - Due to Covid the Meulensteen ODP Regional Qualifier and National Championships were postponed.
  - o Coach Mentor Programing
    - A new program designed to assist current coaches on the finer points of coaching within the practice/game concept.

### **Future**

- The continuation of the Virtual Director of Coaching Program was offered in January 2017. It was designed to assist clubs who do not have a full, or part time DOC or Technical Director.
- Education On-Line Library
- Establishment of an on-line library resource center for Indiana Soccer youth coaches. Training programs; favorite practices; systems of play; fitness guidelines; etc. will be categorized for assisting members in coaching needs.
- Webinars will be provided for the Youth Module 2, as well as a Parent Education component