

2015-16 Education Department Report – Steve Franklin, Director of Coaching Education

Coaching Education:

- It is estimated that close to 220+ Candidates took the “F” License online since August 2015.
- 247 Candidates attended the E License Course since July 2015.
- 121 Candidates attended the D License Course since July 2015.
- Held our first US Soccer National “C” License RE-Test course in years with 16 candidates in attendance at Grand Park.
- Indiana Soccer conducted a NSCAA National and Advance National Diploma coaching course in Indianapolis since the fall of 2015.
- The Director of Education traveled throughout the state and giving over two dozen free player clinics since August 2015.
- Updated lesson plans and Full Season Plans for the U6, U8, U1-, U12 and U13+ coach were developed and placed on Indiana Soccer’s website.
- Indiana Soccer in collaboration with Meulensteen North America, brought Rene Meulensteen (former Manchester United 1st team coach) in to Indianapolis for the Meulensteen Method 400 level (3 Day) Coaching Course on the campus of IUPUI.
- Director of Coaching Education took part in the Region II Coaching Symposium in Chicago, IL.
- Over 400+ Indiana coaches have been certified with the curriculum involving the “RMA”. Courses were conducted in conjunction with Zionsville SC; Hoosier FC; South Central Soccer Academy; Bloomington Cutters, Jr. Irish and Vigo County SC .
- DOC Franklin, along with Rene Meulensteen and Erwin van Elst presented at the 2016 NSCAA Convention titled: "Meulensteen Method for Developing Creative, Confident, and Successful Players"

Community Soccer

Community Outreach Programming completed its fifth season. High School and College programs participated. There were two options to participate. The first option is called the “On Site” version in which the host high school/colleges go to a game and also participate in a youth clinic. The second option is called the “Home” version. In this version, the players can still attend college matches for free but they do the “skills” portion of the Community Stars Program at home. 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.

- “HD” Project-This project is based on John Wooden’s pyramid of success. The project consists of activities for coaches with a life skill portion attached. Indiana Soccer piloted this program with many community and recreational age groups. The response was very favorable.
- A “How to host a community soccer day” template was developed and placed on the Indiana Soccer’s Community Soccer section of the website.

- The Director of Coaching Education organized and conducted two free youth soccer clinic for 350 participants celebrating “USYSA National Soccer Month” during the September at Indy Eleven Soccer match against Tampa Bay.
- The Third Annual “Make Your Own Ball” Day went state wide, as more than 5 dozen clubs took part during the month of September – with over 1,000 participating at the Evansville-Butler Men’s soccer match at the Butler Bowl.
- USYSA added it to their National Youth Soccer Month programming.

Sport for Social Change

- In May of 2015, 6 members of “Sport for Social Change” team traveled to Tajikistan and visited over 400+ youth players and 200 + adults and 100+ coaches as part of our final phase. The 11-day training course included: leadership, organizing and running soccer leagues/tournaments, technical and tactical information, and positive youth development (e.g., conflict resolution and healthy living through soccer).
- This phase was to see the effect of how the methods we introduced here in the US in the fall of 2014 are playing out in the various regions.

Additional

- Served as the ambassador for College Coaches in Attendance at the 2016 Region II Championships and Presidents Cup Finals. Coordinated food, logistics and recruiting materials for over 380+ college Coaches.
- State Director served as a National staff Instructor for the US Soccer National C License course in Charlotte, NC; The US Youth License Coaching Course in Woodbury, MN; the NSCAA Advanced National Diploma course in Hershey, PA and another in Indianapolis.
- State DOC took part in the US National Technical Championships in Atlanta, GA. Over 180+ youth from 18 states and 3 countries took part.
- Webinars/Webcasts/Website
 - Community Soccer webinars
 - Hosted a Meulensteen “community” festival in-May 2015 at SCSA. Along with SCSA, Columbus Express, Bloomington, Westfield and St. Francis.
 - Coach Mentor Program
 - A new program designed to assist current coaches on the finer points of their coaching within the practice/game.

Future

- The introduction of the Virtual Director of Coaching Program was offered in January 2015. It was designed to assist clubs who do not have a full or part time DOC or Technical Director.
- College Soccer webinar
 1. The webinar will be designed to assist PSA’s (prospective student-athletes) and parents in the process of recruitment to play college soccer at all competitive levels.
- Education On-Line Library

1. 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.