

## The 2014-2015 Executive Director's annual report – Dave Guthrie

It is my pleasure to report on the condition and developments of 2014/15 of Indiana Soccer.

**Membership:** The Indiana Soccer Association membership continues to increase. The total number of registered players increased 6.2% to 61,113 players

**State Office Staff:** The office staff expanded to accommodate a director of Futsal on August 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2015. Justin Becht was added to the staff as the first director of Indiana Futsal.

**Member Services:** Sarah Cantwell continues to develop methods to increase customer service. She remains available to assist in the process of using this most valuable tool. Sarah can be reached at [sarah@soccerindiana.org](mailto:sarah@soccerindiana.org).

**Indiana Futsal:** There are a number of adults playing 11 v 11. However, there is a growing number of players looking to play small-sided. Futsal is a viable alternative for adult and youth. Recently, over 300 adults participated in the inaugural Mayor's International Cup that was conducted on Pan Am Plaza, in downtown Indianapolis this past September. More recently, Indiana Futsal hosted US Futsal's Midwest regional event where more than 55 Futsal teams participated in their quest of a national title. Please allow me to urge you to consider how Futsal can help expand your clubs service footprint. Justin Becht, director of Indiana Futsal can be reached at [justin@indianafutsal.com](mailto:justin@indianafutsal.com).

**Membership:** Indiana Soccer added member clubs this past year. Please join me in welcoming the clubs into the Indiana Soccer family:

- Valpo Soccer Club re-activated
- St. Philip Neri

**Adult Soccer:** There are nearly 3,500 registered adult playing soccer in Indiana. Many are playing 11v11 and a number are playing small sided. Walking soccer is another iteration of the game that can assist clubs in expanding their membership and service footprint. Walking soccer is a great way to provide a venue where kids and parents can play and compete together. George Perry is always available to discuss adult play options. George can be reached at [george@soccerindiana.org](mailto:george@soccerindiana.org)

**The Indiana Soccer League [ISL]** ISL expanded again this past year. George Perry, ISL commissioner along with a formidable staff served 849 teams in the fall of 2014 and 1256 teams in the spring of 2015 for a total team count of 2,105. ISL, with the help of the ISL staff and the hundreds of team administrators scheduled well over 12,000 games this past year.

**Tournament and Cup Director:** Angel Hall, Indiana Soccer's director of Cups and George Perry, ISL's commissioner, continue to streamline and integrate league and cup play. This continued effort resulted in cup play results last year that produced a large number of very close matches and a record number of overtime matches. As you are probably aware, Angel, along with Don Rawson are serving as co-chair of the local organizing committee for US Youth Soccer's Regional event scheduled from June 24 through June 28, 2016. The event will be hosted at Grand Park. Angel will also be running point on 2016 Presidents Cup Regional competition which Indiana Soccer is also hosting at Grand Park from June 16 through June 20.

**TOPSoccer** continues to grow and thrive under TOPSoccer's Joy Carters guidance and contribution of the many wonderful buddies, coaches and clubs that have embraced this initiative. If you do not offer a TOPSoccer program in your club, please allow me to invite you contact Joe Carter at [joy@soccerindiana.org](mailto:joy@soccerindiana.org). Joy is knowledgeable, capable and extremely passionate about kids with special needs. She will do all she can to help you develop a successful TOPSoccer offering.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Guthrie, Executive Director, Indiana Soccer Association