

The 2015-2016 Executive Director's annual report – Dave Guthrie

It is my pleasure to report on the condition and developments of 2015/16 of Indiana Soccer.

Membership: The Indiana Soccer Association membership, which as you know includes our adult members, remains steady at 63,819 – 60,792 youth player and 3,027 adult players

State Office Staff: The Indiana Soccer members are served by a capable and dedicated staff which consist of Sarah Cantwell – Member Services, Beth Matters – Accounting Services, George Perry – Indiana Soccer League and Adult Services, John Carter – Olympic Development & Indiana Soccer League, Paco Espinosa - Communications and Marketing, Justin Becht – Indiana Futsal, Steve Franklin – Coaching Education, Jen Austin – Indiana Soccer League, and Joy Carter – Olympic Development & Top Soccer. It is my pleasure to report that each of your staff members provided excellent service to the membership in fiscal 2016.

Member Services: Sarah Cantwell, one of your more senior staff members continues to deliver prompt customer service. On a personal note, Sarah lost her mother this past year after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Should you need to reach Sarah, she can be reached at sarah@soccerindiana.org or by dialing 317-975-2009.

Indiana Futsal: Futsal continues to gain traction. More and more adults and youth are discovering the benefits of this game. The game is fast, demands the player possesses a nice touch, requires the player to be in shape, and allows for rapid decision making which ultimately translates into the player's cognitive development. The Mayor's International Futsal Cup which was conducted at CCIF [near Mass Ave. – near east side of Indy] October 7,8 & 9, drew even more players and fans than last year's event. Please allow me to urge you to consider how Futsal can your club by contacting Justin Becht, at justin@indianafutsal.com or by dialing 317-975-2012

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

- White River Sports Club
- Hobart Soccer Club
- Garrett Soccer Club
- Huntington United Soccer Club
- Jeffersonville Spirit
- Midwest Wings

Adult Soccer: There are over 3,000 registered adults playing soccer in Indiana. Many continue to play 11v11. However, there are adults playing walking soccer which is a great game for socializing and getting in shape. It is referred to as walking soccer. This can be organized gender specific, coed, middle school aged kids blended with moms and dads etc. I know it is called walking soccer but a better term would be power-walking soccer. Players definitely get a good workout playing this fun game. Please consider encouraging the parents of your youth players to engage in this fun and effective aerobic exercise. The club and the adult players can enjoy full member benefits for just \$25 annually. The kids registered with Indiana Soccer already enjoy full member benefits when playing walking soccer at your facility. George Perry is always available to discuss adult play options. George can be reached at george@soccerindiana.org or by dialing 317-975-2011.

The Indiana Soccer League [ISL] ISL continues to serve a record number of Indiana member teams. The fall of 2015 saw 839 teams participate in ISL and 1207 participate in the spring of 2016. You staff scheduled 8,220 games; notwithstanding the large number of reschedules that occurred due to weather etc. ISL also promoted 25 teams to the MRL in the fall of 2015 and 93 teams in the spring of 2016.

Tournament and Cup Director: Angel Hall, Indiana Soccer's director of Cups and George Perry, ISL's commissioner, continue to integrate league and cup play. Their efforts result in parity of play as witnessed by the number of close cup matches and an increasing number of matches that required overtime. Recently Indiana Soccer secured US Youth Soccer's Region II event for 2018, 2020 and 2022. This is the first time US Youth Soccer- Region II has awarded a multi-year hosting agreement for this event to any state. Most teams or clubs participating in this event realize how valuable, both monetarily and other, it is to be able to participate in this event when hosted in Indiana. The event is scheduled for Grand Park. US Youth Soccer also announced Indiana as the host site for the National Presidents Cup for 2019.

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 or by dialing 317-975-2007. 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,

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