

2013-2014 TOPSoccer Department – Joy Carter, Staff Liaison

RECAP

Programs (Clubs Participating)-

- We added a new club to TOPSoccer this year at IFJ putting our total club participation at 12 clubs
- Registration for TOPSoccer is up from last year by approximately 50 players throughout our state
- We are continuing to receive more awareness of our program through Down Syndrome of Indiana and other groups that represent people with special needs
- Butler University (Dynamo) is still going strong and are now incorporating their clothing sponsor (Nike) as well as raising funds to purchase sweatshirts for all athletes and staff
- We have a company interested in sponsoring the entire TOPSoccer program throughout the state
- HCCI (Helping Challenged Children Inc.) purchased and donated equipment for all TOPSoccer programs in our state
- Submitted a regional nomination to US Youth Soccer for TOPSoccer buddy of the year from Greenfield TOPSoccer

Events-

- IFJ TOPSoccer held 3 buddy courses and 1 coaching certificate course and there were over 125 volunteers present between the four opportunities giving IFJ multiple volunteers per TOPSoccer athlete involved in their program
- Northeast TOPSoccer participated in the Ohio South TOPSoccer festival in September (held in Cincinnati) with 12 athletes participating for both the starting group (those with less soccer skills needing one on one help from a buddy) and the most competitive group (8v8 not needing one on one assistance on the field); very successful and they will likely participate again
- Greenfield Area TOPSoccer held a buddy course with 12 volunteers in attendance
- Indiana Soccer hosted a TOPSoccer certificate course on Sunday of the AGM weekend with 15 volunteers in attendance

Going Forward-

Outlook for the next fiscal year-

- Hope to continue our forward progress by adding another TOPSoccer club; Columbus is up next and plans to start a program this spring

- Find ways to continue to promote our program through both state and national awareness via various organizations related to challenged adults/children
- Secure a sponsor for Indiana Soccer TOPSoccer
- Increase numbers at every club
- Build more recognition through Special Olympics Indiana and get more promotion from this group
- Attend the combined Region 2/Region 4 TOPSoccer Symposium in Denver, CO this May

Events-

- Participate in the Indiana Soccer Memorial festival in May/June 2015
- State Cup 2015 for all TOPSoccer teams
- Participate in the Ohio South TOPSoccer festival and increase our numbers to this event in September 2015
- Spring TOPSoccer certificate course in central Indiana