

2015-2016 TOPSoccer Department – Joy Carter, Staff Liaison

RECAP

Programs (Clubs Participating)-

- We added one new program: Indy Premier
- Registration for TOPSoccer is up from last year by approximately 30 players throughout our state; we have also added more volunteers and the programs we have are growing stronger each month
- Indy Premier is getting stronger and stronger with each season and they have now added the women's soccer team from IUPUI as volunteers; they have more than doubled in size
- Holy Cross College at Notre Dame Men's Soccer continues to support and help with the Michiana Echo TOPSoccer group
- HCCI (Helping Challenged Children Inc.) that donated equipment last year has agreed to continue these donations any time we have a new program that joins Indiana TOPSoccer

Events-

- Northeast TOPSoccer again participated in the Ohio South TOPSoccer festival in September (held in Cincinnati) with 10 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)
- Butler University women's soccer hosted a TOPSoccer certificate course taught by Steve Franklin and Joy Carter; there were over 30 participants

Going Forward-

Outlook for the next fiscal year-

- Try to add at least one more TOPSoccer club in the southern part of our state
- Reach out to Down Syndrome/Indiana, Best Buddies, special education programs at schools
- Increase numbers at every club
- Continue to work with Special Olympics to become more involved with their programming and encourage them to add soccer through Indiana Soccer TOPSoccer to their programming
- Try to meet with others in Region II to find the best possible avenue for marketing and promoting this fantastic program
- Make connections with other regions and share ideas to again improve our programs throughout our state

Events-

- Participate in local tournaments to help promote TOPSoccer; this can be accomplished through contacting the clubs directly when they are having a tournament and asking to use field space
- State Cup 2017 for all TOPSoccer teams
- Participate in the Ohio South TOPSoccer festival and increase our numbers to this event in September 2017
- Spring TOPSoccer certificate course in central Indiana
- Reach out to other TOPSoccer programs in our region to see if we can form teams to play against each other
- Try to find a way to add more competitive teams to our TOPSoccer group and start forming a TOPSoccer “league”