

## Presidents Report for the 2011-2012 Book of Reports – Murray Clark

It is my pleasure to provide a report on some of the highlights related to the 2011-12 activities of Indiana Soccer. Indiana Soccer, continues to pursue the member approved strategic plan, and as a result, is leading US Youth Soccer on several fronts. Your state association, in spite of the rising player accident and liability insurance costs, continues to offer solid programming and expanding services while remaining fiscally responsible.

**Membership:** Indiana Soccer added several new clubs to the membership this past year. Please join me in welcoming;

- Baptist Soccer Club of Ft. Wayne District 20
- Tri State Futbol Club District 18
- Evansville Youth Soccer Club District 19
- Revolution FC District 1
- Southern Alliance of Indiana District 19
- Schererville Soccer Club District 1
- Score, Inc District 9
- Power Soccer, Inc District 11

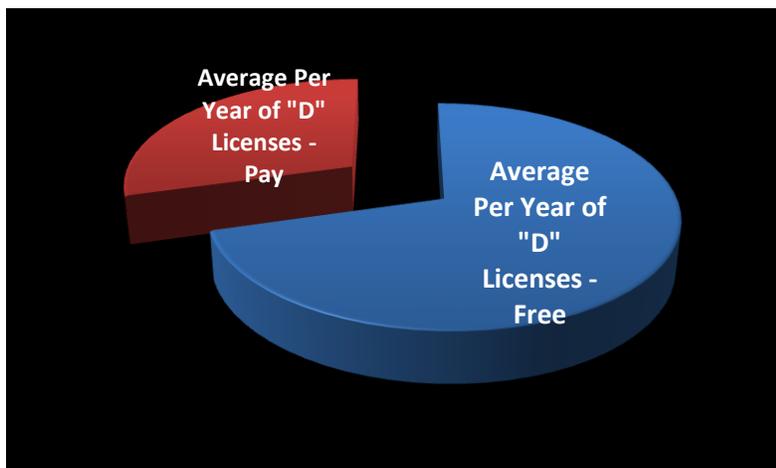
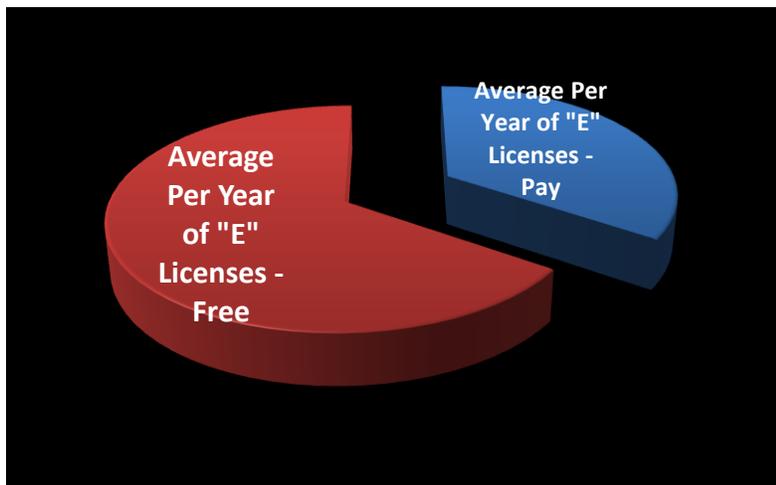
The number of recreation players, recreation plus and travel players continues to grow in Indiana Soccer and your board and staff appreciate the opportunity to deliver service to these new member clubs as well as the long-time member clubs of Indiana Soccer.

**The Indiana Soccer League [ISL]** substantially expanded its service this past fall. As you are already aware, most of the leagues in Indiana combined efforts to better serve the membership. A few of the driving forces behind the compilation were to allow for more homogeneous alignment of teams; to reduce the travel distances for a large number of teams; and to making more common, the rules of play. George Perry was added to the competition department as the league commissioner. George's responsibilities provide ISL with additional administrative support and on the field service as well as coach-to-coach responsiveness. The ISL expansion increased service in the fall from 60 teams to over 560 teams. The ISL expansion is anticipated to increase service in the spring of 2013 from 200 teams to over 900 teams. George continues to respond to the needs of the coaches and club administrators to deliver a high-value playing experience for all players. George and Angel Hall, the director of the competition department, continue to develop more attractive promotion, relegation methods for those teams that have sights set on the Midwest Regional League MRL, National League,

State Cup and or Presidents Cup. If you have questions or ideas or ISL, please contact George or Angel; [george@soccerindiana.org](mailto:george@soccerindiana.org) or [angel@soccerindiana.org](mailto:angel@soccerindiana.org).

**Coaching Education:** The membership of Indiana Soccer decided to elevate and improve the soccer environment through education. One directive was to prioritize coaching education. The Indiana Soccer Membership decided to adjust the financial, registration model in order to remove the financial barrier to coaches gaining access to coaching education. A decision in 2005 resulted in all youth modules, E and D licensing to be available at no cost to coaches coaching Indiana Soccer registered players.

Prior to offering coaching courses at no cost, the annual average number of E and D licenses was 121 and 48 respectively. Since 2005, the annual average number of E and D licenses was 230 and 96. As you can see the membership's investment in education has been notably successful. The chart below indicates the number of coaches after 2000 receiving an E or D license prior to the free coaching model vs after the free coaching model:



**Grand Park Update:** The partnership with the City of Westfield on the Grand Park development is providing a number of opportunities that promise to provide benefit to the membership of Indiana Soccer. The project is on schedule with a soft opening for Grand Park anticipated in late 2013 and a full grand opening targeted in 2014. Most of the planned road improvements are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2014. The current US 31 road improvement plan is scheduled for completion by the end of 2015. The benefit of these improvements will allow the users of Grand Park to gain access to the park from I-65, I-70, I-74 and 465 without the interruption of a stop light or stop sign.

**TOPSoccer** continues to grow in participation, not only in players but also buddies and other volunteers. During last year's State Cup event, the first Indiana TOPSoccer competition was concluded. Several teams participated, and TOPSoccer buddies from a number of clubs facilitated a wonderful day.