

President's Report – Alan Brown, President

It is my pleasure to provide my initial report as ISA's president. Your state association continues to expand its member services and offer solid programming. Here are some highlights of the past year.

Region II Events

Indiana Soccer's offices were relocated to Grand Park in part to take advantage of the benefits to the membership created by access to Grand Park. One such benefit was the opportunity to host US Youth Soccer's Region II championship. Hosting this event is an inordinate amount of work for your staff, but the benefits to the Indiana teams are substantial, including reduction in travel costs (as compared to traveling to South Dakota in 2017), and the fact that many of our players get to sleep in their own beds, thus saving thousands on hotel costs. I am pleased to announce that Indiana Soccer will host US Youth Soccer's Region II championships again in 2018, 2020 and 2022. Additionally, Indiana Soccer is scheduled to host US Youth Soccer's National Presidents Cup in 2018.

Futsal

ISA is also the state sanctioning body for futsal. Indiana is hosting US Futsal's prestigious regional event in 2017. As was reported to you last year, futsal is a very fast-growing form of soccer that is played 5 v 5 on a hard surface. A typical futsal court measures 48-81' wide by 81' – 138' long. The goal size is 2 meters high by 3 meters wide. FIFA conducts a Futsal World Cup, similar to its soccer World Cup. The sport is credited for playing an important role in the technical development of Ballon d'Or winners Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi.

Futsal is a great tool to provide access to the beautiful game to those who would not otherwise have access, since futsal courts can be established in a parking lot, on converted tennis courts or basketball courts. This past year, outreach efforts via your state association, in conjunction with Indiana's only professional team, Indy Eleven, Mondelez International, Kroger and the US Soccer Foundation, resulted in a new futsal court at Arsenal Technical High School in inner city Indianapolis. You can view a time lapse video of the construction of that court at <http://www.indianafutsal.org/>.

Mayor's International Futsal Cup

Steve Franklin, ISA's Director of Education, served as the tournament director for the 2016 Mayor's International Futsal Cup held in Indianapolis. The event is designed as a tournament for 32 teams, representing 32 different countries. Bahrain prevailed over Brazil to place their flag at the top of the trophy. A short video of the event can be found at <http://www.indianafutsal.org/>

Membership

The number of registered players continues to be stable as shown by the statistics below:

	TVL	REC+	REC	Total
2015-16	18,457	5633	36702	60,792
2014-15	17,820	6,345	36,948	61,113
2013-14	16,292	5,045	35,971	57,308
2012-13	15,568	5,094	35,917	56,579
2011-12	16,793	5,104	35,670	57,567
2010-11	16,767	4,477	34,001	55,245
2009-10	17,081	3,690	34,543	55,314

Your association also added several new member clubs this past year. We welcomed the following clubs to the ISA family:

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

ISA Cup Competitions

ISA Cup participation promises to be robust as can be seen by the comparative data listed below. Deadlines have not passed for some of the 2017 events. It appears that cup participation will exceed last year.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
State Cup	159 teams	153 to date (U-19s not yet counted)
Pres Cup	206 teams	199 teams
Challenge Cup	249 teams	270 teams
Memorial Cup	<u>131 teams</u>	<u>101 teams</u> to date – deadline not until April 15
	754 teams total	723 teams to date (additional teams expected)

Indiana Soccer League (ISL)

The ISL experienced another robust year. Below is an overview of ISL participation.

Number of Teams

Fall 2015 Total Teams = 839

Breakdown: Premier/First = 69
Second/Third/Fourth = 465
10 & under = 280
ECIYSL = 25

Spring 2016 Total Teams = 1207

Breakdown: Premier/First = 198
Second/Third/Fourth = 665
10 & under = 310
ECIYSL = 34

MRL Teams

Fall 2015 = 25
Spring 2016 = 93

Number of games

Fall 2015 Total Games = 3,400

Breakdown: Premier/First = 284
Second/Third/Fourth = 1873
10 & under = 1131
ECIYSL = 112

Spring 2016 Total Games = 4,820

Breakdown: Premier/First = 758
Second/Third/Fourth = 2692
10 & under = 1225
ECIYSL = 145

Coaching Education

Indiana Soccer continues to recommend that all travel coaches strive, at a minimum, to acquire US Youth Soccer's National Youth Certificate and complete Rene' Meulenstein's 101-201 and 301 courses. Steve Franklin, ISA's Director of Education, developed and makes available a ten-week lesson plan for training ages six through 12 at http://www.soccerindiana.org/education/6u_lesson_plans/. These weekly plans are excellent and can be used by member clubs to assist coaches as they strive to elevate a player's technical expertise and skills. These plans are designed to provide continuity in the player's education from one year to the next. The coaching education tab is rich with a number of excellent coaching education resources. You can access these resources at http://www.soccerindiana.org/education/coaching_resources/

Girls Developmental Academy

The United States Soccer Federation recently expanded the Developmental Academy to include girls. As of this writing, US Soccer is still tweaking just how the girls Developmental Academy will operate.

Indy Eleven

Indy Eleven's owner, Ersal Ozdemir, supported by other investors, submitted an application to be considered by Major League Soccer for one of the available expansion franchises. It is reported as many as two cities may be selected in 2017 with another two cities being announced in 2018. (There are 12 applicant cities.) The competition for these coveted final franchises is stiff but the Indy Eleven's effort is professional and well-organized. It would be a great thing for Indiana to be the home of a MLS team. ISA asks that you lend your support to this effort whenever or wherever possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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