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RE: 2013 Year End Report

In 2013, we experienced a historical accomplishment by a 13 year old player who wanted to become a referee. Matthew Burkart believed young people could make a positive influence on Soccer as referees and he wanted to gain the skills of managing the game and not just playing the game.

The Child Labor Laws in Indiana prohibited 12 year olds from becoming referees. Matthew made sure kids at the age of 12 had the opportunity to become referees and he set out to change the laws. Although adults often make the efforts to change the laws, the 12 year old Indiana soccer player from Newburgh, Indiana used his exceptional communication skill (which is a skill set needed to be an effective referee) and made a historical change in the State of Indiana's child labor laws. Thanks to Matthew, now hundreds of Hoosier young players can, and have become, soccer referees.



Matthew wrote, and provided impeccable detailed research and supporting documentation to Senator Vaneta Becker and Representative Suzanne Crouch seeking their help in changing the Child Labor Law in Indiana so that children who are 12 years old are able to improve their leadership skills and meet life's challenges in athletics.

It was impressive to be with Matthew as he testified in front of the Senators and members of the House in responding to their inquiries. His articulation of the matter was impeccable.

On April 13, 2013 Governor Pence signed SB153 into law and hundreds of 12 year olds have now become referees. The Indiana State Referee Committee is thankful to Matthew, Murray Clark, Indiana Soccer President, and Dave Guthrie, Indiana Soccer Executive Director, for the countless hours they spent making sure kids 12 years old are able to participate in the game as referees and to help them in life's skill sets.

The Tournament of Champions

Each year the top Adult teams from each state in Region II participate in a Tournament of Champions to declare a Region II champion. Below is the list of referees, assessor and mentor from Indiana that attended the event in Elizabethtown, KY.

Name	Grade	City
Travis Brady	6	Marian
Kenneth 'Matt' Curtis	7	Carmel
Tim Geis	Assessor	Fishers
Samir Yasa	Mentor	Noblesville

Adult Regionals

The 2013 Adult Region II regionals were held in Overland Park, KS between June 28, 2013 to June 30, 2013. Below is the list of participants that represented Indiana at the event.

Name	Grade	City
Eric Cox	5	Evansville
Matt McIntyre	6	Evansville
Samir Yasa	Assessor	Noblesville

The Cups

The Adult, Youth State Cup, the President's Cup, and the Challenge Cup continue to be very successful events. These events showcase the top teams in Indiana as well as the top referees. There were approximately 400+ referees that participated in all these events. Of these referees, two were selected to the USASA Region II Championships, 15 were selected to the Youth Nationals, and 4 selected to the Presidents' Cup.

ODP Camp

There were four (4) referees selected to attend the 2013 ODP camps in Illinois.

Name	Grade	City
Mohammed Zyadah	8	Evansville
Thomas (TJ) Schuster	8	Noblesville
Ryan Rompola	8	Granger
Kenneth 'Matt' Curtis	7	Carmel

President Cup – Regionals

There were five (5) referees selected to attend the Regionals in Overland Park, KS.

Name	Grade	City
Gustavo Hernandez	8	Goshen
Viridiana Hernandez	8	Goshen
Leonardo Mercado	7	South Bend
Jacob Johnson	7	Evansville
Christine Spradlin	6	Logansport

US Youth Soccer Region II Championship

Each year there are 15-17 referees that are selected from those who participate in the State Cups Semi and Finals to represent Indiana at the Regional championship. The 2013 Regionals took place in Iowa. Below is the list of 15 referees that were selected to participate and represent Indiana in Iowa.

Name	Grade	City
Ali Banane	6	Indianapolis
Daniel Loyal	6	Indianapolis
Gustavo Hernandez	8	Goshen
Viridiana Hernandez	8	Goshen
Eduardo Nieto	6	Fort Wayne
Shaun Hesselbart	6	South Bend
Jacob Johnson	7	Bloomington
Ryan Flora	7	Bloomington
Jeffery Rhymer	7	Evansville
Fletcher Price	7	Muncie
Luis Sixtos	8	Goshen
Oscar Sixtos	8	Goshen
Christine Spradlin	6	Logansport
Kyle Costa	7	Lowell
Collin Luckey	8	Noblesville
Benjamin Trevino	Mentor	Fort Wayne
Shane Foley	Mentor	Indianapolis
Abdu Bensalah	Mentor	Indianapolis
Samir Yasa	SRA	Noblesville



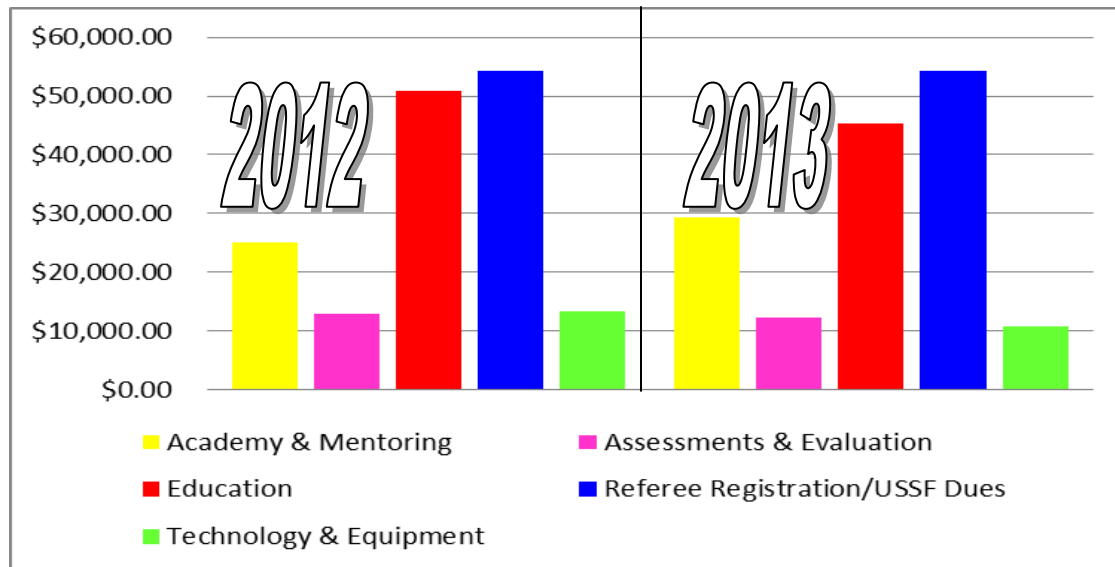
Registration – Numbers

Period	2005 Actual July 1 - June 30,	2006 Actual July 1 - June 30,	2007 Actual July 1 - June 30,	2008 Actual July 1 - June 30,	2009 Actual July 1 - June 30,	2010 Actual July 1 - June 30,	2011 Actual July 1 - June 30,	2012 Actual July 1 - June 30,	2013 Actual July 1 - June 30,
Total Referees	3,695	3,610	3,569	3,730	3,599	3,110	3,031	2,819	2,620
New Referees	1,059	1,152	1,019	1,212	851	1,287	1,153	1,099	945
Entry Level Clinics	30	50	49	42	37	42	31	29	29
Recert Referees	2,636	2,458	2,550	2,518	2,748	1,823	1,878	1,720	1,675
Recert Clinics	30	67	47	48	63	55	46	41	64
Percentage Recert	73%	66.5%	70.1%	70.6%	73.7%	50.7%	60.4%	56.7%	59.4%
Assignors	122	124	106	92	98	91	79	76	61
Instructors	26	28	32	34	33	24	25	25	21
Assessors	29	32	26	26	23	22	17	8	10

The number of referees in the state fluctuate from year to year. We are seeking clubs' assistance in recruiting players that want to become referees. The Child Labor Law may have contributed to the decrease in the number of referees in 2012/2013; approximately 281 referees who were 12 year olds could not participate.

The District Referee Administrators were challenged with contacting DOCs and Clubs to help with parent education of the Laws of The Game and help recruit players and parents to become referees. USAi, Carmel, and Westfield have been great recruiting clubs and we hope we can get more participation from more clubs.

Financial Summary – Major Expenditures



	2012	2013
Academy & Mentoring	\$25,153	\$29,243
Assessments & Evaluation	\$12,966	\$12,152
Education	\$50,863	\$45,266
Referee Registration/USSF Dues	\$54,328	\$54,257
Technology & Equipment	\$13,332	\$10,849

Indiana Referees at the Nationals

Kyle Costa, on the left, and Ali Banane were selected to represent Region II to referee at the US Youth National Championships.



President's Cup National Championship

Jacob Johnson and Leonardo Mercado were selected to represent Region II to referee at the Nationals.

The Award

Each year, three referees are selected based on their performance throughout the year as Young Female Referee of The Year, Young Male Referee of The Year, and John Denkmann Referee of The Year.

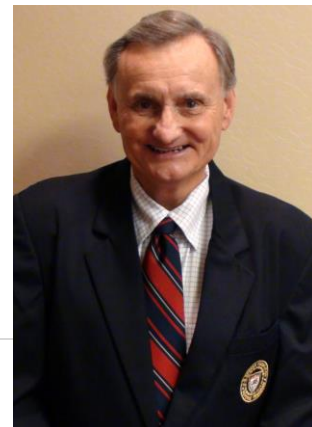
The 2013 award winners are:



- Reyna Williams, Young Female Referee Of The Year
- Kyle Costa, Young Male Referee of the Year
- Ali Banane, John Denkmann Referee Of the Year

The Jimmy Carson Life Time Achievement Award

This award is given to an administrator who exhibited the Jimmy Carson's character and hard work to improve the game and the referee program. Rick Balak is recognized for all his contribution to the game and to the referee program.



Thank Yous

Thanks to Murray Clark, Dave Guthrie, the staff at the soccer office and the League Presidents and Commissioners for their support of the referees and their partnership in improving the game to reach the goal of "Creating A Better Environment" for all kids and adults to enjoy the game.

Thanks to all the referees who participated in the league play, Preliminary Rounds, Finals of the Youth State Cup, Challenge Cup, Region II Championships, the Adults State Cup, the USASA Region II Championships, the TOC and the ODP.

Thanks to the assignors who spent hundreds of hours to ensure that all the games were covered by the most qualified and capable referees available.

Thank you to the assessors, mentors, instructors and District Referee Administrators who made the games and events in 2013 successful.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Samir Yasa', written over a faint, circular stamp or watermark.

Samir Yasa
State Referee Administrator
State Youth Referee Administrator