

## 2018-2019 Member Services Department – Angel Hall

### Player Registration

- Summary of actual player registration numbers in chart below shows increase in overall total number of players registered over the past two years.

	TVL	REC+	REC	ADULTS	TOTALS
2018-19	17,478	6,310	34,376	3,043	61, 207
2017-18	17,872	5,870	33,571	2,680	59,993
2016-17	18,456	4,448	34,553	2,729	60,186

- Club registration invoicing continues to be done in each club account in the Indiana Gotsoccer System. Clubs can view and print their registration invoices directly from the club account.

### Risk Management

- **Safe Sports Act** – A federal law was passed in February 2018 that makes it mandatory for youth organizations to provide abuse awareness training for all the adult members. The federal law makes it criminal if an adult fails to comply with the federal requirements. Ignorance of the law or abuse awareness is not a defense. Please allow your state association to assist in achieving Safe Sport Act compliance with coaches, administrators, parents etc.
  - MINISTRYSAFE is the web-based program that Indiana Soccer uses to educate parents and guardians about the SafeSports Act (federal law) and what predators look like. This system relies on the clubs to submit a list of guardian names and email address to the state office for upload in the database. Only 3,325 have taken the course of the over 12,000 names that have been loaded. By law, the organization is required to provide the course, it is up to the guardians to take the course.
  - SAFESPORT COURSE – Gotsoccer, the USSF and the Center for SafeSports combined efforts to make the training/education for coaches and manager specific to their roles and it is accessible through their Gotsoccer account. Currently, 4,252 coaches and managers have completed the course. Compliance is required for recreation programs and your state staff can and will work with all member clubs to implement ways to obtain and remain legally compliant.
  - Both systems allow Indiana Soccer to prove that the state association and the participating clubs are compliant with the federal law.
- **Background Checks** - Approximately 5,162 background checks were performed in 2018-2019 for club officers, coaches, team managers and referees.
  - A background check on an individual is valid for two years.
  - Compliance is built into the travel and rec plus side due to checks associated with game rosters etc. The rec side does not have these built-in checks. However, compliance is

equally required. Your state association staff can assist each member club to painlessly obtain and remain compliant. Failure to comply with the required training can be fatal to the athlete and the organization.

- **Concussion Awareness and Education** - Concussion Awareness training is available from the CDC and can be accessed through coach and manager accounts in Gotsoccer.
  - It is mandatory that all coaches and managers take this training.
  - Approximately 1,125 coaches and managers completed this training in 2018-2019. As of the writing of this report, a total 1,822 coaches and managers have completed this training.
  - Indiana Soccer is working with Gotsoccer to set the system to not allow coaches and managers to be assigned to a team until they have completed this course. This works for travel teams.
  - Recreation programs are equally responsible to provide concussion training for coaches and managers. Your state staff stands ready to assist all member clubs in obtaining federal compliance. Please engage with your state staff to develop ways to effectively and efficiently comply with the state and federal mandates.

### **Insurance**

- The state office oversees the administration of the Directors & Officers insurance, liability insurance, and secondary medical insurance coverage for the membership. K&K Insurance currently provides the insurance for both youth and adult programs.
- Your state staff is available to explain the secondary medical insurance coverage and how to access it. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have insurance related questions.

### **Inclusion in Indiana Soccer's Group Ruling**

- Indiana Soccer offers member organizations the opportunity to benefit from the 501(c)3 group ruling held by Indiana Soccer. Members are required to meet minimum standards defined for use of this benefit.
- Currently 16 Indiana Soccer Affiliated and Allied Members receive inclusion in this group ruling.

### **Meetings and Events**

#### **Regional Meeting**

- To reach more of our members with information about Indiana Soccer, the staff scheduled and hosted four (4) regional meetings in the fall of 2018.
- The meetings were held in Bedford, Warsaw, Greenwood, and Westfield.
- Approximately 15 clubs took advantage of this opportunity.
- While these meetings were meaningful to those that attended, a different approach will be taken for the fall 2019 meetings to better leverage staff resources.

#### **Annual General Meeting and Workshops**

- The 2019 Membership Annual General Meeting was held March 2, 2019 at the Renaissance North Hotel in Carmel, IN. Twenty-five (25) clubs were present for the meeting.

## **2019 Awards Gala**

- Saturday, March 2nd, Indiana Soccer hosted the 2019 Annual Awards Gala which coincided with the Indiana Soccer Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.
- Each year, Indiana Soccer offers the membership an opportunity to recognize people in several categories for outstanding achievement or service. The top four candidates for each award were invited to the 2019 Awards Dinner and received a finalist plaque. The winner for each category was announced and presented with an additional award. The categories and corresponding winners were:
  - Youth Administrator of the Year – Lori Roberts (Westfield Youth Soccer/IFJ)
  - Youth Team Manager of the Year – Greg Young (Carmel FC)
  - Youth Volunteer of the Year – Ryan Milligan (Michiana Echo)
  - Club Director of Coaching of the Year – Howard “Dutch” Vigar - SIU
  - Boys Recreation Coach of the Year – Katie Sommers (USAi)
  - Girls Recreation Coach of the Year – Shawn Hanley (Indy Premier)
  - Boys Travel Coach of the Year – Vangel Nacovski (Millennium SA)
  - Girls Travel Coach of the Year – Brett McIntosh (Indy Premier)
- The following categories are also included with only the winning recipient receiving an award.
  - Young Male Referee of the Year – Ethan Vance
  - Young Female Referee of the Year – Isabel Imes
  - Referee of the Year – Youssef Elmessoussi
  - James Carson Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award – Ann Cline
  - Tournament of the Year - Halloween Classic (Indy Premier)
  - Website of the Year – Tudela Soccer Club
  - Adult Administrator of the Year – Jason Sherman
  - Adult Manager of the Year – Samir Yasa
  - Adult Volunteer of the Year – Ryan Fegan
  - Adult Commissioner’s Award – Williamina “Ina” Carson
  - Jay Fredrich Good of Soccer – Rick Fiege
  - ODP Spirit Award – Male – Ethan Simmons
  - ODP Spirit Award – Female – Daphne Wright
  - TOPSoccer Buddy of the Year – Makayla Stuck (Vigo County YSA)
  - TOPSoccer Coach of the Year – Sean Addison (Indy Premier)
  - Indiana Presidents Award – Murray Clark