

## **2018-2019 Tournament & Cup Report – Angel Hall, Chairman**

The Tournament and Cup Committee is responsible for managing and/or assisting with the following events:

- The US Youth Soccer National Championship Series Indiana State Cup
- The US Youth Soccer Indiana Presidents Cup
- The Indiana Soccer Challenge Cup
- The Indiana Memorial Cup
- Sanctioned Tournaments

2019 Cup Committee members were:

- Angel Hall, Chairman – Carmel
- Jennifer Austin, Staff Support – Fort Wayne
- George Perry, ISL Commissioner – Indianapolis
- Steve Franklin, Director of Education, Indiana Soccer - Indianapolis
- Thom Parks, Member – Zionsville
- Mike Williams, Member - Evansville
- Samir Yasa, SRA – Noblesville

### **Indiana State Cup, Presidents Cup and Challenge Cup**

2019 was the second year that the State Cup ran with a maximum 12 teams in age groups 13U-15U and 8 teams in the 16U-19U age groups. Teams that did not qualify for the Indiana State Cup became eligible for the Presidents Cup. The Presidents Cup has a defined number of brackets offered with a maximum of 16 teams in each age group 11U to 19U. Teams that did not qualify for the Presidents Cup became eligible for the Challenge Cup. A combined total of 605 teams participated in the cup events.

### **Indiana State Cup, Presidents Cup and Challenge Cup Scheduling & Games**

A total of 969 games were played during the 2019 Indiana Cup games. Care was taken during the schedule writing process to limit travel and overnight stays, minimize team expenses, manage coach conflicts for coaches with multiple teams, and to accommodate school activities such as prom and graduation for 17U and 19U teams. 13U-19U State Cup teams and 15U-19U Presidents Cup teams in four (4) team brackets were given the opportunity to self-schedule one game. The remainder of the games were played on the prescribed weekend(s).

### **Indiana Memorial Cup**

The 2019 Indiana Memorial Cup was held at Grand Park on the cup finals weekend. Volunteers from the Indiana Soccer Foundation helped with t-shirt distribution during the event. Special recognition included a moment of silence and a balloon launch to honor/recognize those players & referees we lost too soon. The event hosted 136 teams. 199 games were played without keeping standings. US Youth Soccer partner Target, Inc. also attended the Memorial Cup with their Target United Cup Fun

Zone. NOTE: Target is no longer a partner with US Youth Soccer and will not be available for the 2020 event.

### **Cup Host Sites**

In 2019, the Indiana Cup events were hosted as combined events for the preliminary rounds and finals. Approximately 100 games were played as self-scheduled games to keep participating teams from playing 3 games in 2 days. These games were played all over the state with the higher seeded team earning home field advantage. The remainder of the games were played at the following sites:

- Preliminary Rounds – Westfield– Grand Park Sports Campus – both weekends
- Finals – Westfield – Grand Park Sports Campus
- Memorial Cup - Westfield– Grand Park Sports Campus

### **2019 US Youth Soccer Midwest Region Championships and National Finals**

The US Youth Soccer Midwest Regionals were played in Saginaw, Michigan. Indiana sent champion teams in every age division from 13U-19U (both genders) to the event. No team from Indiana advanced out of Regionals to the National Finals.

### **2019 US Youth Soccer Midwest Region Presidents Cup and National Finals**

The US Youth Soccer Midwest Presidents Cup games were played in Overland Park, Kansas. Indiana sent champion teams in every age division from 13U-19U (both genders) to the event. The Zionsville YSA 02Boys Green team and the Westside United FC 2003 Boys teams both won the Midwest Presidents Cup and advanced to the national level event. Neither team was able to be crowned national champion.

### **2019 Indiana Youth Soccer Sanctioned Tournaments**

During 2019, many club tournaments were sanctioned by Indiana Soccer. Post tournament reports are filed by the tournament host; these reports are reviewed, and copies are maintained at the state office. The Indy Premier Soccer Club was given the Tournament Host award for their Halloween Classic event that was hosted at several sites and is one of the largest tournaments hosted by an Indiana Soccer member club.