

The 2019-2020 Executive Director's annual report – Dave Guthrie

It is my pleasure to report on the condition and developments of 2019-20 of Indiana Soccer.



It is my pleasure to commend the membership for the professional, intentional, and successful way you have, and continue to address and manage the Pandemic. The registration numbers were depressed as a result of the Pandemic but much less than our neighboring states. Congratulations to each of you for the way you are responsibly managing these unprecedented times.

Purpose: Improve Lives Through Soccer

Vision: Where Soccer is Accessible to All

Mission: To remain a premier service organization by providing leadership, organizing play, educating community stakeholders and developing youth and adults through soccer.

Core Values: Diversity & Inclusion
Integrity & Respect
Fair & Safe Play
Leadership & Service

Membership: The Indiana Soccer Association membership for 2018-2019 is as follows:

- Youth players 38,346 [403 of which are out of state players]
- Adult players 1,764

Total registered players **40,110**

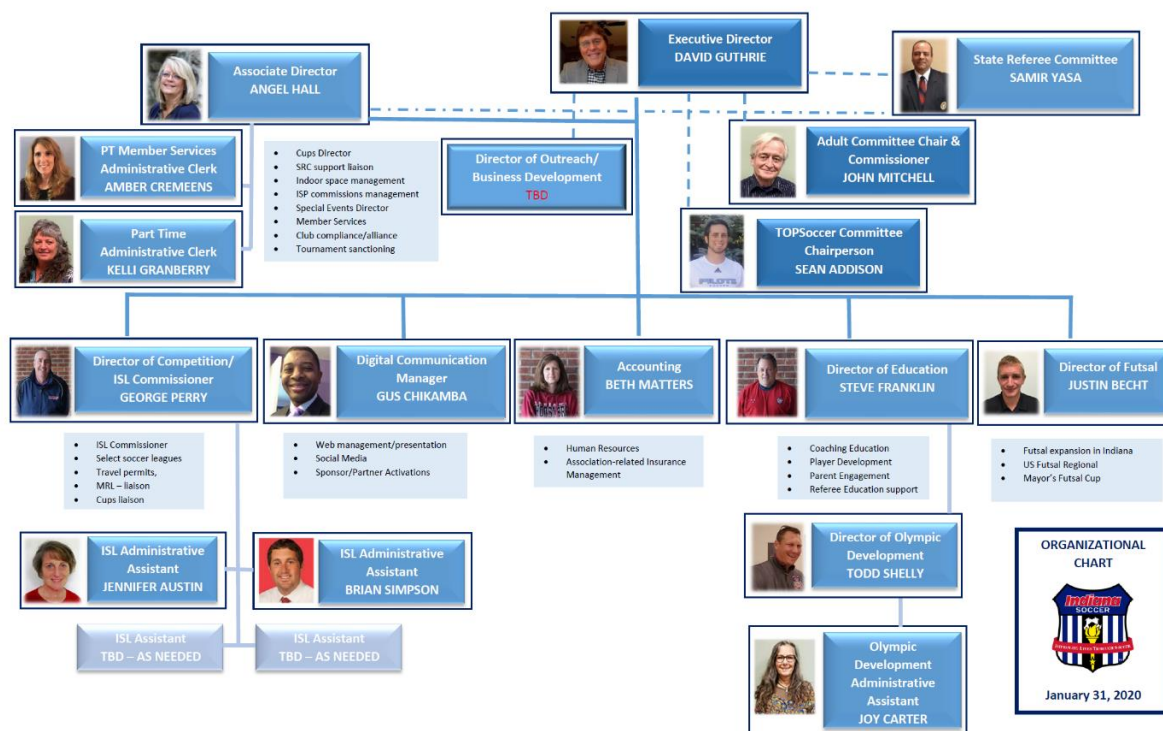
There was a decrease of 19,818 registered youth players from the previous year and a decrease of 1,461 registered adult players from the previous year. There was an overall decrease of approximately 35% in the total registered players over the previous year due to the cancellation of programming caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic.

New Members:

- The City FC (youth club in Columbia City, Whitley County)

Adult participation: last year we announced a program that was a collaborative effort with The United States Adult Soccer Association USASA and the US Soccer Federation USSF that created a bridge for youth players as they matured and were age appropriate to enter the adult ranks. This initiative provided youth player registered with Indiana soccer an adult player-pass when that youth player ages out of the youth game. The USSF, who was a funding-partner in this collaborative effort placed Indiana Soccer and USASA on notice that they are suspending there funding due to pandemic-related budget constraints. As of the writing of this report, the “Build a Bridge” initiative is suspended until further notice.

State Office Staff: The organization chart below provides your staff detail. I am happy to report that your staff is stable and there are no changes to the organizational structure from a year ago.



TOPSoccer: I want to thank Jasper Youth Soccer, Cutters Soccer Club, Hobart Soccer Club, Vigo County Youth Soccer Association, Indy Premier, Dynamo F.C., Zionsville Youth Soccer Association, Columbus Express Soccer Club, Fort Wayne Sport Club, Michiana Echo Soccer Club, South Central Select Association, and Jr. Irish for their continued support of our special needs community. You can see more about the TOPSoccer program the participating clubs by visiting [TOPSoccer Clubs | Indiana \(soccerindiana.org\)](https://www.soccerindiana.org/topsoccer-clubs)

May I strongly encourage you to develop a TOPSoccer offering if you don't current offer a program for the special needs children in your community. Joy and Sean are ready to assist your effort to serve this worthy population. Joy can be reached at joy@soccerindiana.org and Sean can be reached at sean@soccerindiana.org.

e-sports/gaming: Last year Indiana Soccer introduced esports/gaming. The initial launch involved approximately 500 players from several member clubs using FIFA 2019. This offering is safe place for kids to engage with other same-age players on-line. Indiana Soccer will be offering more esport/gaming titles in 2021. Gus Chikamba is your contact to explore esport/gaming for your club or team. You and contact Gus at gus@soccerindiana.org

Respectfully submitted by your Executive Director

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Dave Guthrie