

2021 Education Department Report – Steve Franklin, Director of Coaching Education

Coaching Education:

Coaching Education offerings were directly affected by Covid-19. For the most part, US Soccer shuttered the in-person option of offering courses both at the Grassroots and National residential courses. Discussion was conducted between the US Coaching Education program and a new Blended format was introduced. Here is the 2020 year in review in terms of offerings:

- Referee Grassroots course was offered to ODP players (Jan)
- 7v7 and 11v11 courses in Zionsville (Jan)
- 9v9 and 11v11 courses in Zionsville (Feb)
- US Futsal Grassroots Coaching Course – Elkhart School District (March)
- USYS Technical Leadership Webinars Every first Friday (Feb – Dec.)
- US Soccer National C Course Performance Center – Carmel (March)
- US Soccer National D License Course – New Albany (March)
- Small Sided Referee Course – Grand Park (April)
- US Soccer National D License – South Bend/Elkhart (July)
- 9v9 and 11v11 Grass Roots License course – (June)
- US Soccer National Coaching Educators webinar (April, May, June, July, August, September, November)
- Co-creator of Indiana Soccer – Ball State Ambassador Cohort (May – Dec)
- 9v9 and 11v11 courses in New Albany (August)
- US Soccer 7v7 online virtual course in New Albany (September)
- Created Monthly meetings with ODP staff to assist with continuing education.

Community Soccer

Community Outreach Programming (Continuation based on State and Local guidelines) made a slight adjustment due to Covid and CDC guidelines.

George Perry, ISL Commissioner and I developed several webinars and online tools to assist with the CDC Guidelines.

Online training activities:

For at home, individual training for players

Team

There is a section on Indiana Soccer's website that guides the children through the "home" skills program. A section devoted to Community Soccer was developed and placed Indiana Soccer's website.

- Joao Couto demonstrated daily at home ball skills for youth membership will at home.
- Former IU Player and current MLS player with San Jose – Tommy Thompson created an on-line web page for youth soccer players to train inside/outside, with additional challenges for individuals to see if they could top him.
- Thompson also hosted on-line webinars with several Indiana member clubs for player development.

Additional

- Indiana DOC was named to the Midwest Regional Championships Committee (4th year).
- State Director served as a National staff Instructor for the US Soccer National C License course in Charlotte, NC; a National C in Mississippi; Seattle, WA and here at Westfield, IN.
- Webinars/Webcasts/Website
 - Community Soccer webinars
 - Meulenstein National Championships were conducted in December.
 - Coach Mentor Programing
 - A new program designed to assist current coaches on the finer points of coaching within the practice/game.

Future

- Education On-Line Library
 1. Establishment of an on-line library resource center for Indiana Soccer youth coaches. Training programs; favorite practices; systems of play; fitness guidelines; etc. will be categorized for assisting members in coaching needs.
- Webinars will be provided for the Youth Module 2, as well as a Parent Education component.