

The 2020-2021 Executive Director's annual report – Dave Guthrie

It is my pleasure to report on the condition and developments of 2020-21 of Indiana Soccer.



It is also my pleasure to commend the membership on the successful way you have, recovered to near, pre-pandemic registration numbers.

Purpose: Improve Lives Through Soccer

Vision: Where Soccer is Accessible to All

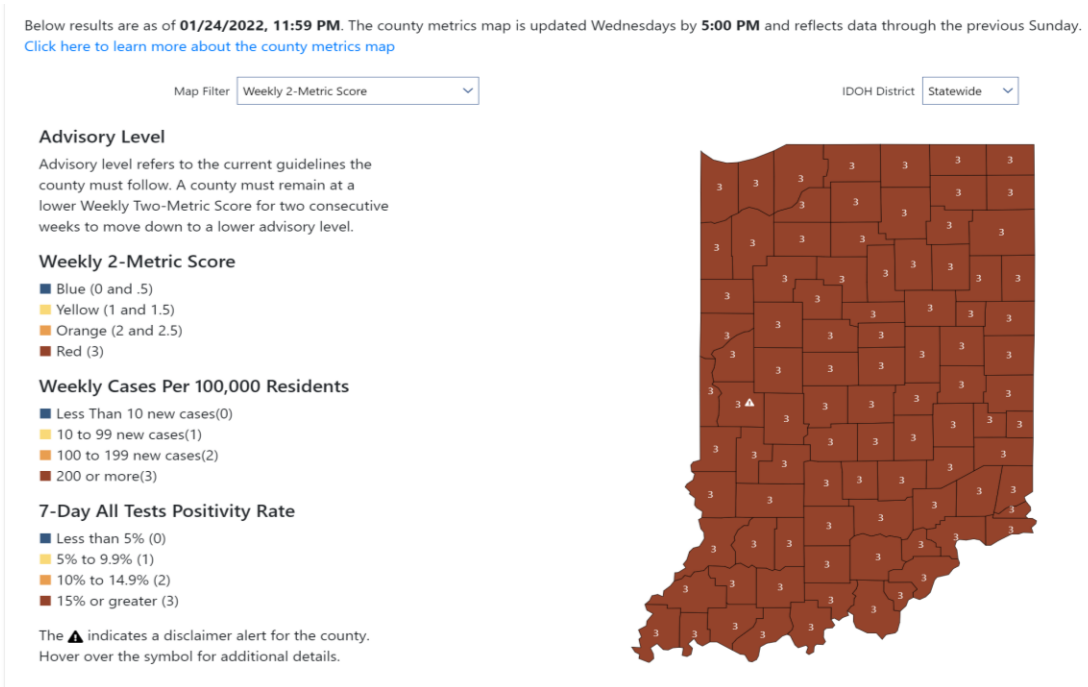
Mission: To remain a premier service organization by providing leadership, organizing play, educating community stakeholders and developing youth and adults through soccer.

Core Values:

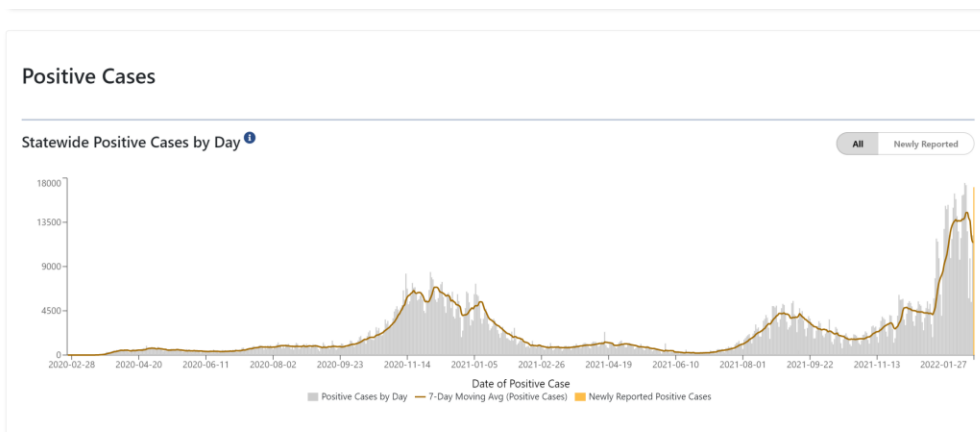
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Integrity & Respect
- Fair & Safe Play
- Leadership & Service

This year's AGM:

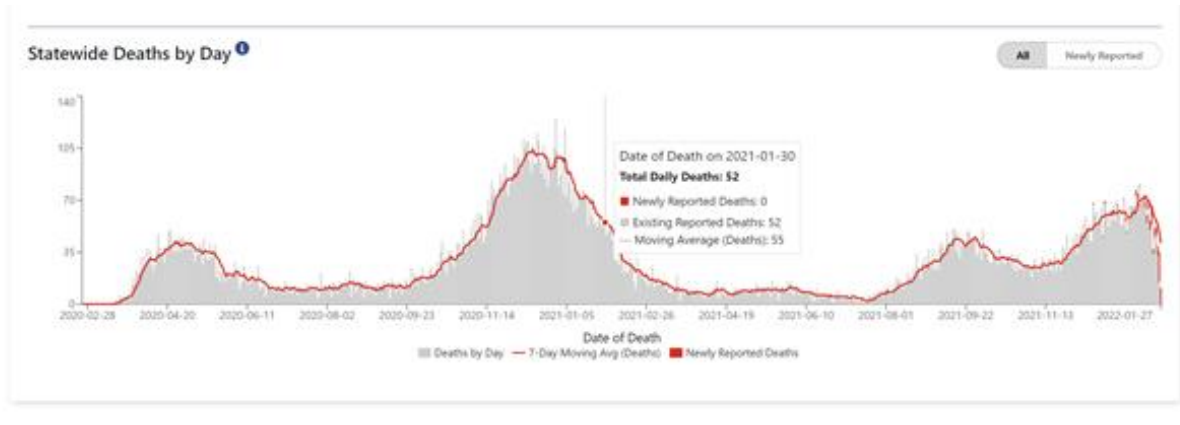
Like most of you, I was disappointed to abandon an in-person AGM format. Unfortunately, the timing of contractual obligations demanded that Indiana Soccer decide in early January, whether to secure an in-person venue or to change course and plan for a virtual meeting. At the time Indiana Soccer was forced to make the decision, all 92 counties were at the highest advisory level (red-3) as can be seen in the chart below.



The positive cases by day also provided cause for alarm as can be seen in the chart below:



The good news is that despite the increased number of positive cases, the death rate is modest compared to this time last year and as compared to the number of positive cases reported at this time last year as can be seen in the chart below:



Current wisdom suggests that the current variant, which produces more modest symptoms in most, causes the immune system to defend against the current as well as previous variants and the speed with which this variant is moving through the population, may move us to the endemic stage of this virus by early spring.

The in-school initiative: Only 5% of school-aged, Hoosier children are registered with a member club. That means that there are 95% available to register with a member club. Indiana Soccer is working with local school corporations to introduce our sport to every school-aged child that is attending a public, charter, or private school with the hope that a portion of those children will opt to pursue more playing opportunities with a member club. Indiana Soccer is providing Professional Growth Point (PGP) qualifying education to any physical education teacher that wants the education, free of charge. In addition to the PGP education, Indiana Soccer is providing futsal balls and portable futsal goals for each gym where these newly educated teachers work. This initiative is dependent upon each member club introducing the Indiana Soccer staff to your school corporation. Please contact Justin Becht at your earliest opportunity at Justin@soccerindiana.org.

Registration Platform Upgrade

Please let me thank you for your patience as we transition from GotSoccer to GotSport. The folks at GotSport decided to roll out GotSport before they were quite ready which challenged all of us. Fortunately, GotSport invested more personnel to expedite the improvements needed with their new platform. It appears that the recent improvements will result in an effective registration management platform by the spring season. As with any new platform, there is a learning curve associated with the user. If you have not secured time to become proficient on the new platform, let me invite you to schedule time with either Amber Cremeens or Angel Hall at your earliest opportunity.

Membership: As mentioned above, the Indiana Soccer clubs have managed this pandemic remarkably. The Indiana Soccer Association membership for this past fiscal year compared to the previous four years is recorded below. Note how quickly the membership and their programing and support recovered from the low point of 2019-20.

	TVL	REC+	REC	ADULTS	TOTALS
2020-21	17,167	4,519	27,993	2,308	51,987
2019-20	15,447	3,765	19,134	1,764	40,110
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

New Members: This past year, the association extended membership to four clubs of which only three are currently viable. The three viable clubs are listed below:

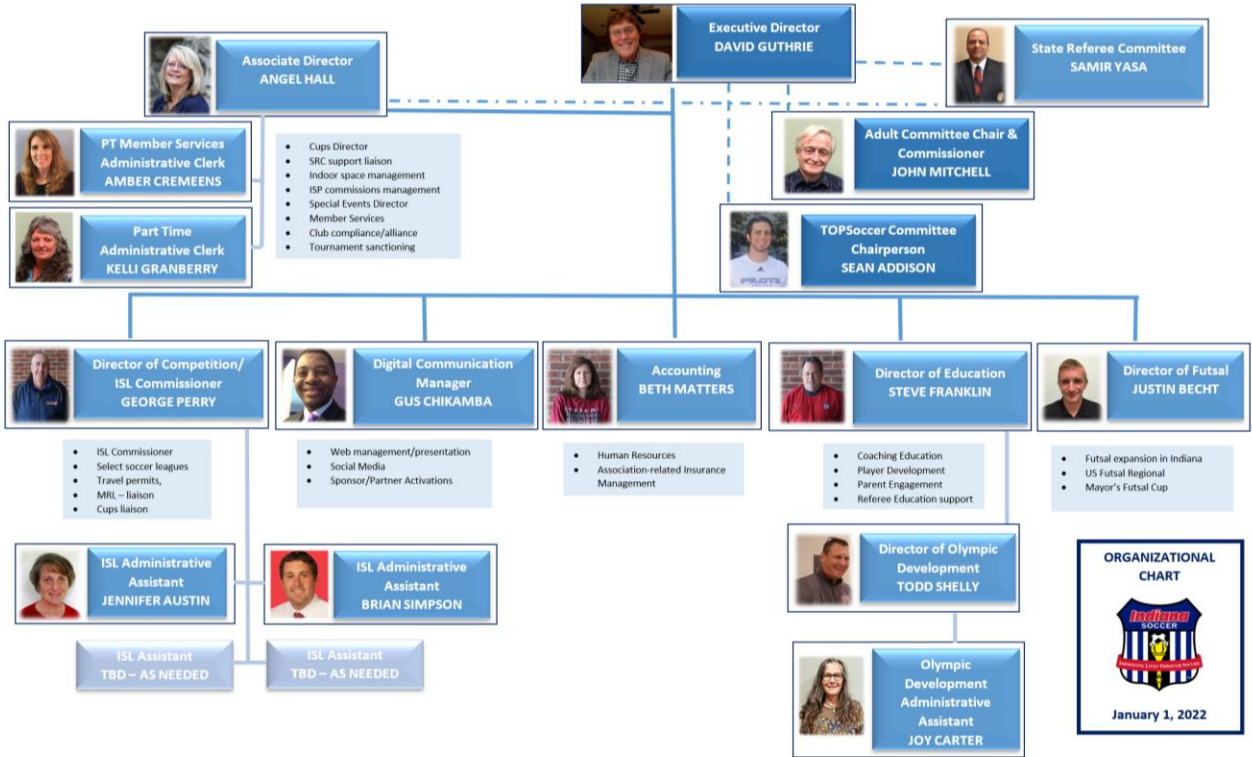
- Breakfast Optimist of Clinton Soccer Club
- Hebron Soccer Club
- Naptown United

Adult participation: The bridge initiative that is intended to create a bridge for the youth players to cross over into the adult space “Build a Bridge” initiative was suspended by US Soccer. It is our hope that we can re-launch this initiative in the very near future.

TOPSoccer: TopSoccer is an initiative that completes us as Indiana Soccer. This initiative brings real value to a club – both those being served but more importantly, those providing the service. 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 learn more about the TOPSoccer program the participating clubs by visiting [TOPSoccer Clubs | Indiana \(soccerindiana.org\)](https://www.soccerindiana.org/topsoccer-clubs/)

Joy and Sean are ready to assist you in developing a way for you to serve this worthy population. Joy can be reached at joy@soccerindiana.org and Sean can be reached at sean@soccerindiana.org.

Your 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.



Respectfully submitted by your Executive Director

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