

## **Indiana Futsal 2021 Book of Reports – Justin Becht**

2021 was a year of measured progress after covid shut down most activity in 2020. The Futsal for All initiative to bring futsal to schools and community centers has taken significant strides and will look to double in impact in 2022. Covid continued to impact both of our major tournaments, Mayor's International Futsal Cup and US Futsal Midwest Regionals were cancelled. Ground was laid to build three more public futsal courts in Indiana that opened after fall of 2021. Finally, a significant amount of time and collaboration was taken to form the first Indiana Soccer member club to serve the Downtown Indianapolis area. Naptown United registered nearly 700 players in its first season and will continue to grow and serve more communities in the coming years.

### **Futsal for All in Indiana Schools**

#### Vigo County

- 21 Elementary Schools
- 1 Middle School
- 18 PE instructors
- 10,000+ students
- >90% free and reduced lunch

#### Elkhart

- 14 Elementary Schools
- 3 Middle Schools
- 14 instructors
- 8,000+ students
- >85% free and reduced lunch

#### Decatur Central - Christamore House - Hawthorne Center

- 7 Elementary Schools
- 1 Middle School
- 1 High School
- 2 Community Center's (Christamore and Hawthorne)
- DC school programs = 5,000 students
- Community Center after school programs = 5,000
- DC free and reduced lunch >75%
- Community Center's free and reduced lunch 100%

Some schools have the equipment, run futsal in PE class, but have not taken the course. Once IPS lifts covid restrictions we will schedule a course for the following:

- Global Prep Academy
- CFI 2
- CFI 4
- IPS School 54
- Brookside IPS School 49 William McKinley (Rhodius Park)
- Wendell Carter school 63

Kipp Indy Steam Academy  
Christel House

### **Futsal Programs**

Hurricane Futsal – Hurricane Futsal enjoyed their third successful futsal season that has seen consistent growth from Ft. Wayne area clubs and participants.

Connersville Futsal – A small futsal league hosted by the Connersville parks department helps introduce youth to the game of futsal and a pathway to the local soccer club.

Rushville Futsal – Rush County Youth Soccer has partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of Rush County to provide futsal to youth 5 – 18. In the summer months the club utilizes the public futsal court that was completed in 2019.

Brookside Community Play – This year was our 6th consecutive year serving the Brookside Community through their play program. Kids aged 5 – 12 are introduced to the game of futsal and participate in conflict resolution and soft skill building exercises.

### **Events and Partners**

Black and Brown Get Down – Indiana Futsal provided open play at this past summer's Black and Brown Get Down in the Haughville neighborhood. We saw over 50 participants from the near west neighborhoods in Indy.

Indy 18 – Indy based artists led by Israel Solomon, who designed the MLS Juneteenth jerseys, has now helped paint logos and murals on two Indy area public futsal courts. They would like to be involved with the Mayor's International Futsal Cup moving forward. Futsal Femenino de Cuba – The momentum continues to build after our two projects in Havana, Cuba. After the success of our women's tournament in 2019 there is now the first ever women's futsal league that has 14 teams and over 120 participants. The goal is to form Cuba's first ever Cuba Women's National Futsal team to prepare for the Pan Am Games.

Urban Soccer Symposium – In the spring of 2021 I attended the Urban Soccer Symposium hosted by US Soccer Foundation which was virtual for the first time ever. I thought it was very insightful, as always, and due to being virtual I was able to share the conference and courses with other Indiana Soccer members.

Midwest Non-Traditional Soccer/Futsal Cohort – In August I attended an ODP event at Grand Park to talk about Futsal for All and other outreach initiatives. In conclusion of my presentation, I was approached by three members of the audience from Missouri Youth Soccer Association and Kansas Youth Soccer Association. Since that date we have had bi-weekly calls to exchange ideas and resources on how we do meaningful work. The goal is to have an annual conference for non-traditional soccer groups located in the Midwest.