

## **Indiana Adult Soccer 2021-2022 John Mitchell Adult Commissioner**

2021 brought us back to an attainable level of competition. The Region II Tournament of Champions was held in Iowa. Indiana had one representative in spite of the deterrents related to the distance and fuel costs associated with the Iowa location.

USASA's September Annual General Meeting was held virtually due to Covid 19 precautions. Richard Groff was elected Vice President. Governance was the main area of discussion in a meeting lasting less than three hours.

NWIOBFC, FWASL, CIASA, CIWSL and Cultural Rise were back in full competition. Participation numbers are down from the highest level of participation but increasing over the previous year. Fort Wayne Sport Club's Octoberfest was a success. All member recreational leagues were back up and running. While registration numbers have yet to fully rebound, there is growth that reflects recovery from 20-21 Covid Seasons.

All leagues are reporting a severe shortage of game officials. The attrition of older referees due to Covid19 is very apparent.

Adult State Cup was absent from the competition this year. The proposed adults state cup date was moved to the week following the youth state cups as a result of polling the adult membership. Unfortunately, this change in the date did not produce an adequate number of participants and the event had to be cancelled. I accept full responsibility for this and will continue to work with the membership to find a date and time that best aligns with the competition cadence of the adult players.