

## **Indiana Futsal and Outreach 2022 Book of Reports – Justin Becht**

2022 was an exciting year due to the creation of the Indiana Soccer Outreach department. This will allow Indiana Soccer and Indiana Futsal to engage in projects, opportunities, places-to-play, grants, and any other methods of providing more opportunities to play for Indiana residents.

The Futsal-for-All initiative that introduces futsal to schools and community centers has grown exponentially. The goal was to double the scope of the project, and with the help of a significant grant from Dick's Sporting Goods, Indianapolis Public Schools joined the program and tripled the numbers served.

Indiana Futsal was successful leveraging resources and connections to construct public futsal courts at Oscar Charleston Park (Indianapolis), Collet Park (Terre Haute), and Purdue Poly Tech Englewood Campus (Indianapolis).

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

#### **Indianapolis Public Schools**

- 52 Schools
- 64 PE instructors
- 23,000+ students
- City Wide Jr. High Futsal League

There are also 4 community centers and 6 charter schools in Indianapolis participating in Futsal for All.

#### **Futsal Programs**

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

**Brookside Community Play** – This year was the 7th 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.

**Ross Center** – The Ross Center provides after - school futsal play to children in the south side communities of Muncie. Indiana Futsal partnered with Ball State School of Sports Psychology to provide facilitators for the program. Facilitators provide conflict resolution training among other resources.

**Indiana Public Schools Futsal** – IPS developed a 14 team, Jr. High Team league, consisting of over 200 players.

**Grassroots Futsal Referee Course** – 17 referees from Vigo County participated in the first ever Indiana Futsal grassroots referee course. Immediately after the course they refereed an all-day Terre Haute Premier futsal tournament.

#### **Events and Partners**

**Oscar Charleston Park Futsal Court** - The project was led by Indianapolis native and former MLS player Ray Gaddis alongside Black Players for Change and the Black Women's Player Collective.

The mini-pitch features artwork that is a celebration of Black excellence. Artists Ashley Nora, Israel Solomon, Rebecca Robinson, and Matthew Cooper created murals celebrating the contributions of trailblazers such as Oscar Charleston, Briana Scurry, Madam C.J. Walker, and Ray Gaddis.

**Urban Soccer Diploma** – In August Indiana Soccer partnered with Indianapolis Public Schools and United Soccer Coaches to bring a free Urban Soccer Diploma course to Broad Ripple High School. The course was a great chance to exchange ideas and strategies and network with coaches from all over Indiana.

**Latina Welding Guild** – Longtime partner, Latina Welding Guild (LWG), provided locally sourced and designed futsal goals for 6 public courts, including the new court in Terre Haute. LWG recently became a preferred vendor for Indy Parks, cementing their status as the preferred futsal goal manufacturer for Indiana Futsal.

**Indy Pride Academy** – Indy Pride Academy hosts a summer camp every year for youth in the Martindale Brightwood communities. Indiana Futsal assisted with hosting the futsal component of their summer camp. Over 70 kids were introduced to futsal at Oscar Charleston Park over the course of the summer.

**Friday Night Lights at TAB** – Tabernacle Church and Shortridge High School in Indianapolis hosted a weekly event on Friday nights for high school age girls to have free, drop-in play. Friday Night Lights will return in 2023 and expected to enjoy even more enthusiasm than was experienced in 2022.

**Urban Soccer Symposium** – In the spring of 2022, I attended the virtual, Urban Soccer Symposium hosted by US Soccer Foundation. The symposium was very insightful, as always, and due to being virtual I was able to share the conference and corresponding courses with other Indiana Soccer members.

**Broad Ripple Park** – Broad Ripple Park is the home of a brand-new facility with a shared futsal and basketball court that includes futsal markings. In 2023 there will be weekly youth and adult futsal programs at this location.

**Thatcher Park** – Indiana Soccer Outreach assisted Indy Parks with a grant from Dick's Sporting Goods to provide a small – sided soccer field on the west side of Indianapolis.