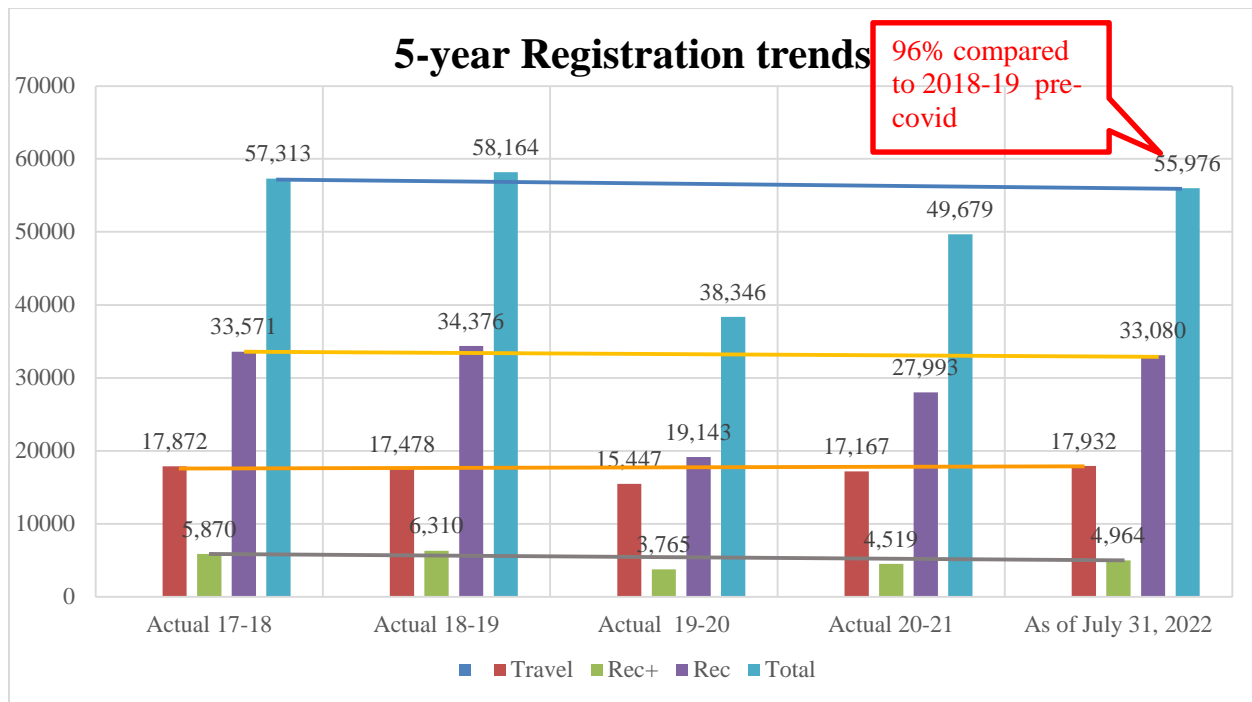


PRESIDENT'S 2023 AGM REPORT

Return to Near-Normalcy: I am pleased to report that ISA returned to full operations in 2022 with regular league and Cup play. Our players are back and Fall 2022 registration numbers were close to pre-pandemic levels. The Indiana Soccer League operated this Fall with a full complement of teams consistent with pre-pandemic numbers. A tip of the cap to George Perry for his continued outstanding work with the ISL program

We are encouraged by the increase in Fall recreation registrations, which were higher than pre-pandemic levels. Our able staff is monitoring this closely to determine if this is a trend or a blip, but preliminary indications are that staff's efforts to communicate more with our rec clubs has been effective.

The graph below shows registration by category over the past 5 years.



Finances: ISA remains financially sound and its finances are well managed. The annual audit of ISA's combined operations (including its wholly owned subsidiary, Indiana Sports Properties) again produced a clean bill of financial health, with no weaknesses or irregularities found. We have accumulated a significant amount of cash over the last several years as a result of reduced expenses, commission income Indiana Sports Properties has earned for Grand Park activities, and PPP money (loaned and forgiven because ISA met all requirements for loan forgiveness). ISA's board believes cash accumulated over the last few years will be needed as programming costs return to pre-pandemic levels, inflation increases costs, and Grand Park

commissions fall away per contracts. ISA is very well-positioned financially to meet these challenges.

Outreach Program: Three years ago we announced an Outreach Program as the signature initiative of Indiana Soccer. The objective of the initiative is to bring the game to underserved communities throughout Indiana. Momentum slowed during the Pandemic, but the program is back on track, bringing soccer and futsal to schools and institutions, converting unused park facilities to futsal courts, and training physical education teacher to incorporate soccer and futsal into class and after-school curricula.

The in-school initiative has to date impacted approximately 50,000 children with plans in place to reach another 50,000 in the upcoming semester. This includes the following school corporations we are scheduled to reach in 2023.

- Fort Wayne—28,293 students
- Valparaiso—6,231 students
- Kankakee Valley—3,230 students
- Washington Township—10,888 students.

Indiana Soccer also has spearheaded the construction of several futsal courts with additional courts planned for development.

We are in contact with a prominent charter school serving our target inner-city community which may be able to provide the outdoor facilities for a pilot program for entry-age players. We hope to report at next year's AGM that this program was launched.

The continuing success of this outreach initiative is heavily reliant on Indiana Soccer's member clubs. There are 300 school corporations in Indiana, and within our 140 member clubs, there surely are contacts with superintendents, principals, curriculum directors, and other school and community leaders. As we did last year, we sincerely ask our members to put us in touch with those school and community leaders so we can bring the great game to their communities and students. Your contact at ISA is Executive Director Dave Guthrie, dave@soccerindiana.org.

Coaching Education. Steve Franklin and George Perry are collaborating with other states to develop a coaching course that would be the equivalent of what used to be the "D" license. This is projected to be a diploma course offered by ISA targeted to those coaching 11 v 11 teams. Steve and George also are in their second year of a monthly ODP Continuing Coaching Education program.

Referee Administration. ISA is in the process of revamping the leadership and administration of its referees' programs. Tony Crush has been appointed the State Referee Administrator (SRA) and Eric Hench has been appointed State Youth Referee Administrator (SYRA) supervised by a six-member board of directors. These appointments, as well as the following steps, should produce a smoother functioning referee program:

- Expansion of the referee leadership team
- Improvements in corporate governance
- Development of a curriculum plan
- Website update
- Improved communications

- Improved financial policies and procedures

Referee Recruitment. We announced at last year's AGM an initiative to address the decline in the referee population related to abusive sideline behavior. We engaged Ball State University to study this issue. BSU's report, "Parent Assessment of Spectator Behavior in Soccer" is nearing completion and Dr. Jerry Reynolds will be presenting the report's findings at the January 28, AGM. You are encouraged to attend this presentation.

ODP. Todd Sheely continues to do a fine job as the leader of Indiana's ODP program, providing advanced supplemental training for ambitious young players throughout Indiana. Our teams will participate in a series of friendlies with Illinois and Kentucky in January. The success of the program is reflected by a large group of players advancing up the rungs of the ODP ladder.

- 11 girls and 9 boys played on Midwest regional teams at the November ODP Interregional event in Orlando
- Three of our girls and one boy advanced to ODP national teams

Your state association will use discretionary money to assist with expenses for our four national team players. Maybe this group includes another Lauren Cheney or Damarcus Beasley?

ISA's Continuing Commitment. ISA continues to be guided by these principles:

- Purpose: Indiana Soccer's purpose is to improve lives through soccer.
- Mission: Indiana Soccer's mission is to remain a premier service organization by providing leadership, organizing play, educating community stakeholders, and developing youth and adults through soccer.
- Vision: Indiana Soccer's vision is to make soccer accessible to all
- Core Values:
 - Diversity and inclusion
 - Integrity and respect
 - Fair and safe play
 - Leadership and service

We pledge to continue to govern and direct Indiana Soccer based on these beliefs and principles.

Respectfully submitted for the good of the game,



Alan Brown, President

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