

Indiana Adult Soccer 2023-2024

Mark Webber, Adult Commissioner

This past season brought some changes to the landscape of IN adult soccer. The biggest being the retirement of IN Hall of Famer and significant US soccer contributor John Mitchell. The breadth and depth of John's contributions starting in 1979 and culminating in December 2024 are too numerous to list! We thank John for his contributions to Indiana and US soccer over his 50-year involvement as player, coach, club administrator, IN State administrator and National contributor. To honor his contributions and legacy Indiana Soccer is pleased to present the inaugural John P. Mitchell Adult Commissioners award at this year's Indiana Soccer Gala.

Indiana Soccer was pleased to see CIASA end their affiliation with US Club and return to competition under US Youth Soccer. A combination of CIASA teams in the over 50 age group combined players from multiple teams to form the tournament team Indy Hooday. Indy Hooday competed in the Bourbon Cup in Louisville and the Beer City tournament in Nashville- bringing home hardware and winning the Bourbon Cup. Special mention to Ed Balda, Gabe Reynolds, and Jimmy Carson for putting the teams and travel schedules together.

USASA's Annual General Meeting was held in Frisco, TX September of 2024. Jim Sadowski was elected as national president and David Altesleben was elected as Region II Deputy Director; Karissa Richardson is Region II Director. Rob LaVielle, Fritz Murth and Cezar Wasecki-Wislocki were inducted into the USASA Hall of Fame

USASA was pleased to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the Amateur Cup in 2024 and announced qualifying details for 2025 would be coming out soon.

USASA also changed the name of Adult Soccer Fest back to its original name- The Veterans Cup. The Veterans Cup will take place this year from July 9-13 in Traverse City, Michigan.

US Soccer continues to make plans and ramp up for 2 large events coming to the USA- the FIFA club world cup in 2025 and the world cup in 2026. It appears that FIFA will control all staffing, volunteers, and ticket sales for both events. In the past USASA has provided support for international events in the USA.

In March of 2023 Kentucky withdrew from hosting the July Tournament of Champions for Region II. Fort Wayne Sport Club stepped up with an offer to host. With short notice the club did an excellent job. It was done professionally with excellent volunteers. The Region added Over 50 to this event for the first time. Indiana provided two teams. Fort Wayne will host the TOC in 2024 and 2025.