ALL MEMBER MEETING

Changes in the Youth Soccer landscape and how these and future changes will allow **Indiana Soccer** and **US Soccer** to better serve your needs.

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Why We Are Here

Welcome and thank you for attending!

The purpose of this meeting

- To provide an update on recent changes
- To share other anticipated changes to the youth soccer ecosystem
- Convey how this affects Indiana Soccer's membership
- Provide assurance that Indiana Soccer has a strong balance sheet and remains committed to providing unmatched service to its members
- If you have questions, please put them in the chat. Angel is monitoring the chat and will bring questions forward
- Changes are marked as Confirmed, Pending, Anticipated, or In Development

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US Soccer is designated as the National Governing Body of Soccer by the United States Olympic/Para-Olympic Committee.

US Soccer consist of 119 organizational members, 109 of which are state associations, each of which have voting rights in US Soccer's affairs.

- 54 of which are youth state associations, of which Indiana Soccer Association is one.
- 55 adult state associations – of which Indiana Soccer Association is one.

Some of the other voting organizational members of US Soccer are:

- US Youth Soccer
- AYSO
- SAY
- USSSA
- US Futsal
- Pro Leagues
- Several Organizations serving the disabled player
- Others

Member Clubs and their membership are connected to the Olympic movement through an organizational member of US Soccer.

Congress established and has periodically revised the Ted Stephens Amateur Sports Act.

Congress established the Center for Safe Sport that has jurisdiction over any kind of athlete abuse.

Why is US Soccer Making Changes



- The US Soccer Federation is 113 years old and, for most of those 113 years, was financially unable to engage with its members in a meaningful way until recently.
- The lack of strong and meaningful national governance allowed for the development of the current disconnected and confusing landscape.
- For the past few years, US Soccer has made a concerted effort to study and understand the youth space and how US Soccer could engage to create positive change for all stakeholders.

A Major Change

US Youth Soccer has 54 state association members

CONFIRMED

- On August 29, 2026, US Soccer became the single voting member of US Youth Soccer - the largest youth sports organization in the world.

PENDING

- US Soccer is in discussions with US Club Soccer regarding an agreement that is similar to the USYS agreement

CONFIRMED

- US Soccer is in discussion with the MLS.

PENDING

- US Soccer is in discussion with other organizational members.

What Changes are Being Planned and Implemented

IN DEVELOPMENT	• US Soccer intends to issue a single US Soccer player pass. The details of which are still pending – the goal is to have an accurate, single player, coach & administrator data base.
CONFIRMED	• The state associations will become the local arm of US Soccer - responsible for oversight, management, operations and administration of "all things" soccer. The State Associations will be assuming a much larger role in US Soccer's "future state."
CONFIRMED	• US Soccer has assumed responsibility for the National Championships and Presidents Cup and have established a new youth competition department within US Soccer.
CONFIRMED	• The Indiana Soccer League (ISL) will continue to operate.
PENDING	• US Soccer will integrate competing leagues into a single US Soccer National League structure.
PENDING	• US Soccer will integrate competing cups & competitions into single events

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CONFIRMED	• Local recreational leagues will continue to operate.
CONFIRMED	• Indiana Soccer will continue to provide services and support to members.
CONFIRMED	• Indiana Soccer services will continue to be delivered by the current staff.
ANTICIPATED	• US Soccer will eventually begin to encourage/implement minimum club standards.
ANTICIPATED	• All Player registration will be processed through the state associations/local arms of US Soccer
IN DEVELOPMENT	• US Soccer will begin to deploy player retention tools.
ANTICIPATED	• Estimated completion is 2031.

Why Does This Matter to Clubs, Players and Their Communities

IN DEVELOPMENT	• Simplicity and cost saving of having a single US Soccer player pass.
IN DEVELOPMENT	• Begin to manage competitions to mitigate costs.
ANTICIPATED	• Begin to clarify and make playing environments easier to understand
ANTICIPATED	• Begin to work with the NCAA to make player access to college coaches more affective.
CONFIRMED	• US Soccer is revamping coaching education and licensing requirements.

Succession Planning

The Indiana Soccer Board of Directors has initiated a formal succession planning process to identify and evaluate candidates to serve as Indiana Soccer's next Executive Director. Find details here:

https://www.soccerindiana.org/job-opportunities/

THANK YOU

for dedicating your time to serving your community and helping shape a stronger future for the players and the families that participate in youth soccer in Indiana. As you can see, a lot has changed and more changes are anticipated.

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