

2023-2024 – Outreach/Futsal Department – Justin Becht

Futsal for All

During the 2024 spring semester from January through May, Futsal for All provided free two-hour training seminars to physical education teachers and donated futsal equipment – two collapsible futsal goals and six futsal balls – for 64 schools from grades K-12 spanning ten unique school districts.

These efforts helped facilitate the sport of futsal for over 38,000 students over the course of four months, marking one of the most successful semesters for the outreach program since its launch in 2019.

As the flagship outreach program for Indiana Soccer, our Futsal for All in-school initiative has now been implemented in 38 school districts, getting balls at the feet of more than 230,000 children in 380 schools in every corner of the Hoosier State. This represents about 22% of Indiana Soccer's overall goal for Futsal for All – to put a ball at the feet of all of Indiana's 1.1 million school children.

Indiana INShape Conference

The main highlight of the fall semester was our success at the INSHAPE 2024 Convention, the state's largest annual gathering of Physical Education teachers for grades K-12, that took place at SportsZone Indy in early November. Coordination with the organizers of the convention in the months leading up to the event resulted in the registration of over 60 teachers for our Futsal for All training course that took place the morning of the second day of the convention and the distribution of 54 pairs of goals and 340 balls to teachers for use at their schools.

Evansville Futsal Court

Indiana Soccer's multi-year advocacy effort for a public court in Evansville paid off with the opening of perhaps the preeminent public-use futsal court in the Midwest, a \$340,000 professional-sized facility at Evansville's Stockwell Park that marked a successful collaboration alongside the Evansville Parks Foundation, Evansville Parks and Recreation, the Welborn Baptist Foundation, Latino Indiana-Kentucky Soccer League (LIGA LINK), and the Evansville Police Department.

Greensburg Futsal Court

In Greensburg a grassroots effort spearheaded by the city's Mayor's Youth Council helped raise more than \$22,000 in funds, some of which helped to convert a dilapidated basketball court in North Park into a small-sized, dual purpose futsal-basketball court, for which Indiana Soccer provided space-appropriate goals, place-making guidance, and manpower throughout the summer to stain, stripe, and paint the court.

IPS Futsal

Indianapolis Public Schools futsal program continues its steady success serving 55 teams with over 600 kids. The leagues consist of boys' and girls' divisions for elementary and junior high schools. Utilizing Indiana Futsal trained referees and coaches who have participated in Futsal for All training, the education of the game continues to grow.

Indy Parks Futsal

The first full year of partnership between Indiana Soccer and Indy Parks was an enormous success. Hundreds of futsal players across the Indianapolis area have participated in any of the seven different park's "drop in" programs. Having seven different park locations to play has led to the first ever City Wide Futsal League. Futsal players, both youth and adult, can represent their community park in this one-of-a-kind futsal league.