

# ***Indy Burn & Levels of Play Defined***

## **Indy Burn Defined**

Indy Burn is Pike Soccer Club's highest and most competitive level. Indy Burn is the travel and competitive side of the Pike Soccer Club. Players from the Recreational Program feed into the Indy Burn level of play. Indy Burn is for players, both boys and girls, with advanced skills and experience and greater ambition to succeed at the high school level and beyond. Top professionally licensed coaches oversee all the training and teams. Indy Burn strives to offer a team and appropriate level of play for every qualified player.

- Indy Burn fields multiple true age same sex teams, playing at the highest level possible for that team.

### **U9 & U10 age groups**

Teams play August-June. Teams are typically off in November, December, and July

### **Juniors (U11-U14 age groups) Blue and White levels**

Teams play August-June. Junior teams are typically off in November, December, and July

### **Seniors (U15-U19 age groups) Premier, Blue & White levels**

Teams play January - June. Teams are typically off in November, December, and July

Indy Burn forms Premier teams whenever both players and coaches are available. Teams play in the league best suited for the team, including Indiana Soccer League, National Midwest Regional League, GIRLS, and CIYSL. Most games are played in and around the Indianapolis area with 50% of them played at home.

Indy Burn's goal is to field the most competitive teams in the appropriate leagues and tournaments. Indy Burn provides top level instruction to each player from our experienced and licensed staff coaches. Indy Burn strives to raise the bar for each player and team to achieve their personal best.

## **Indy Burn Coaching Philosophy**

Indy Burn is committed to providing the best soccer experience possible for its players and parents and to ***“Teach more than just the game.”*** Pike Soccer Club believes coaching education is a cornerstone to its commitment of providing the best possible environment and key to achieving its goal of developing fine young men and women. Thus the Club has an ongoing effort to assign coaches who are licensed and dedicated and who know how to teach.

All Indy Burn coaches have a wide range of soccer experience ranging from national team players, professional coaching and playing experience, collegiate coaching and playing experience, high school and college coaches, USSF A, B & C licensed coaches, USSF National Youth licensed coaches, NSCAA advanced regional diplomas, state "D" and "E" certificates and ODP Coaches. Indy Burn believes quality coaches, along with dedicated parents and volunteers, teach soccer and fair play at a level that is unparalleled by any other Club.

PSC/Indy Burn believes players should be exposed to several different coaches during, their career with Indy Burn, as it's a healthy approach to training and development for the players to experience different voices, styles and perspectives. PSC staff is on a two-year rotating basis from the ages of U9-U14.

The goal is for the players to have the same coach for 2 years at the U9 & U10 levels, a different coach for 2 years at the 11 & U 12 levels, a different coach for 2 years at the U13 & U14 levels. Once players reach the U15 level, the goal is for that coach to finish with that team through the U18 level. Professional staff coaches will be placed in the proper level to better serve the players in the specific format and offer

the proper age specific learning and progression.

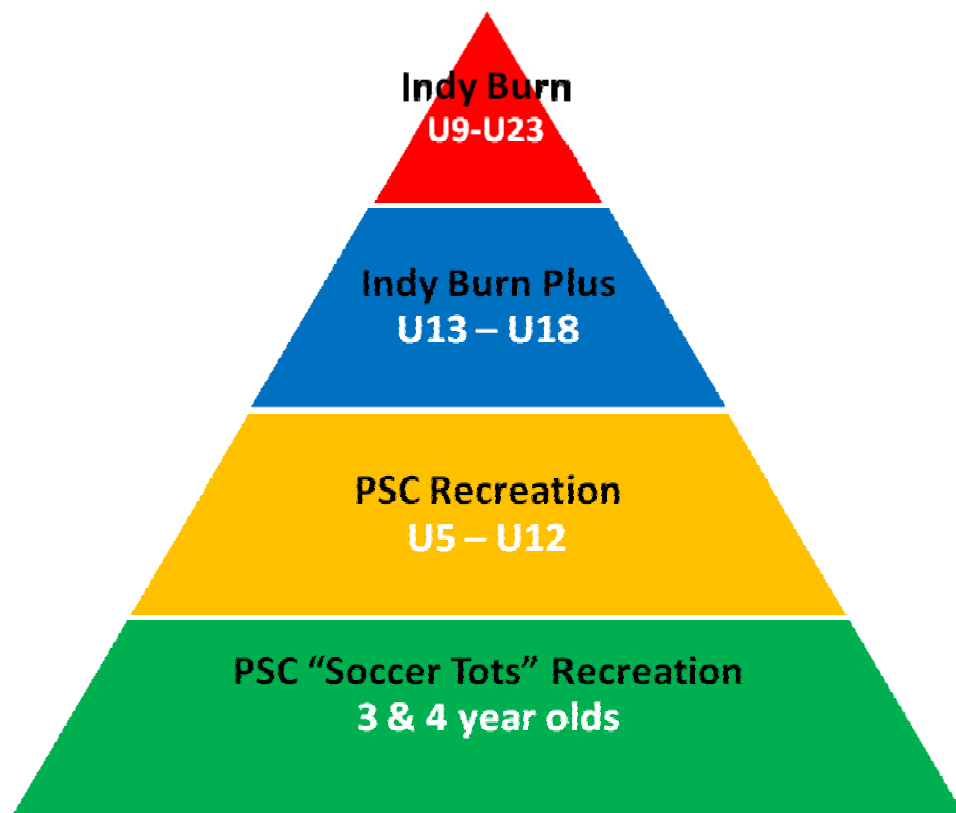
### Indy Burn Player Development Philosophy

Indy Burn coaches challenge each player to work and develop into the finest player he or she desires to be. Indy Burn strives to offer an appropriate level of competition for any player interested in playing travel soccer in a fun, competitive and learning environment. The PSC coaching staff has vast experience in getting players placed in every level of the game including high school, State level ODP teams, all divisions of college, and the professional ranks.

Indy Burn intends to develop your child's soccer skills, build self-esteem, and promote important life skills such as teamwork, respect, work ethic, and sportsmanship to name a few. Players are 8 years to 19 years old.

Whatever your ambition and goals may be, Indy Burn's professional staff will help guide you in every stage of your development.

## **Pike Soccer Club Pyramid Stages of Development**



*Indy Burn trainings are held at both Northwestway Park and the Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex at Eagle Creek. Each coach chooses their location and is assigned a field at either park for the entire season. All home games are held at the **Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex** which is located near Eagle Creek Park.*

### **Premier Level (Most Competitive)**

Our Premier teams will compete at the highest appropriate level within their respective age groups. The top players will be chosen to play on our Premier teams. Premier teams will play and enter top level competitive leagues and tournaments. Premier teams may also travel to out of state and overnight tournaments. (generally located in the Midwest).

Coaching decisions regarding playing time, player positions, and practice will be made in an attempt to field the most competitive team possible while still emphasizing player development. This level is for the very serious soccer player. This level requires the greatest commitment from the player and the family. Players who play on Premier teams consider soccer as their primary sport. Finally, players on Premier teams are expected to make all practices and games, which places a premium on planning for other family activities.

#### **Age Groups**

This level (while not limited to) generally only includes the U15 – U19 age groups

#### **Travel Commitment**

Extensive travel may be involved at this level. Most games and tournaments are played in and around Central Indiana, however, there may be several league games that will require travel to any part of the state on a particular weekend.

#### **Training Commitment**

Teams at this level will train 2-3 times during the week throughout the season. Length of practice is generally 1 ½ hours.

#### **League Play**

Teams will enter to play at the highest level leagues possible to maximize the competition level for every team. 50% of all league games will be played at home. Games will be played on Saturdays, Sundays and an occasional weekday.

#### **Tournament Play**

Teams may play higher level tournaments in and out of state. Generally, teams will compete in 3 tournaments per season above and beyond league play. These may include selected College Showcases throughout the Midwest as well. This may include overnight and out of state tournaments at this level.

#### **State Tournament**

Premier teams will register to enter the highest level of the state tournament, the State Cup. If they win State Cup in their respective age group, these teams will advance to the Midwest Regional Championships and potentially the National Championship.

*(In the spring of 2009, Indy Burn's U19 boys won the State Cup, Midwest Regional's and advanced to the National Championship becoming only the 2<sup>nd</sup> boys team in state history and the 1<sup>st</sup> in over 22 years to accomplish this feat)*

#### **Winter Training**

Teams at this level will participate in a once a week 8 week winter training program beginning in the middle of January and ending in early March. All trainings are run by the respective assigned and licensed staff coaches for each team. Coaches may also schedule additional winter trainings in area

gyms during this time as well. The Club does not officially organize any indoor activity prior to this training.

### **Blue Level (Highly Competitive)**

When possible, Indy Burn will offer a second team that will typically play one division or more under the Premier team. Our Blue teams will play competitive travel soccer, but with emphasis on player development and not winning soccer games. Coaching decisions on Blue teams regarding playing time, player positions, and practice intensity will be made to field a competitive team that focuses on developing its players for the next level of competition. While Blue Team players are expected to make as many practices and games as possible, more flexibility will be allowed for other commitments than with the Premier team.

#### ***Age Groups***

This level may include all age groups U11-U18. Teams will be formed as necessary.

#### ***Travel Commitment***

Travel will be involved at this level. Most games and tournaments are played in and around Central Indiana, however, there may be several league games that will require travel to any part of the state on a particular weekend.

#### ***Training***

Teams at this level will train 2 times during the week throughout the season. Length of practice is generally 1 ½ hours.

#### ***League Play***

Teams at this level will enter to play in leagues below the Premier level leagues which will include lower divisions of the ISL, CIYSL or GIRLS leagues. 50% of all league games will be played at home. Games will be played on Saturdays, Sundays and an occasional weekday.

#### ***Tournament Play***

Teams may play higher level tournaments in and out of state. Generally, teams will compete in 3 tournaments per season above and beyond league play. This may include overnight and out of state tournaments at this level.

#### ***State Tournament***

Teams at this level may decide to enter and compete at the state's lower level tournament, the Challenge Cup.

#### ***Winter Training***

Teams at this level will participate in a once a week 8 week winter training program beginning in the middle of January and ending in early March. All trainings are run by the respective assigned and licensed staff coaches for each team. Coaches may also schedule additional winter trainings in area gyms during this time as well. The Club does not officially organize any indoor activity prior to this training.

## **White Level (Competitive)**

When possible, Indy Burn will offer a third team for players still developing their soccer skills. The White teams will typically compete one level below the Blue teams, and the emphasis will be on player development. Winning soccer games will be a secondary focus while teaching the game will drive most coaching decisions.

For those age groups with only one team, the PSC Soccer Director will select the appropriate level of competition based on the team's overall skill level and commitment. For all Indy Burn travel soccer teams, it should be understood that travel soccer is a step up from recreational soccer in terms of competitiveness and time and financial commitment. Anyone unwilling to commit to making all possible practices and games should consider whether recreational soccer may be a better choice for them.

### ***Age Groups***

This level may include all age groups U11-U18. Teams will be formed as necessary.

### ***Travel Commitment***

Travel will be involved at this level. Most games and tournaments are played in and around Central Indiana, however, there may be several league games that will require travel to any part of the state on a particular weekend.

### ***Training***

Teams at this level will train 2 times during the week throughout the season. Length of practice is generally 1 ½ hours.

### ***League Play***

Teams at this level will enter to play in leagues below the Blue level teams which will include lower divisions of the ISL, CIYSL or GIRLS leagues. 50% of all league games will be played at home. Games will be played on Saturdays, Sundays and an occasional weekday.

### ***Tournament Play***

Teams at this level will participate in 2-3 Central Indiana tournaments. Teams at this level will not enter any overnight tournaments or travel out of state.

### ***State Tournament***

Teams at this level will not participate or enter any State level tournament.

### ***Winter Training***

Teams at this level will participate in a once a week 8 week winter training program beginning in the middle of January and ending in early March. All trainings are run by the respective assigned and licensed staff coaches for each team. Coaches may also schedule additional winter trainings in area gyms during this time as well. The Club does not officially organize any indoor activity prior to this training.

## **Academy Level (U9 – U10)**

Indy Burn U9 Developmental Academy keeps a collection of players, both boys and girls, within the U9 and U10 age groups together as a group as opposed to placing them on individual teams. Indy Burn Academy does NOT "cut" or "tryout" players and all children that want to play can. The Academy is being used throughout the United States and the world. There are no "Premier, Blue or White" teams in the Indy Burn Academy as players stay in pools and may be moved back and forth, according to their progress and development throughout the year. Indy Burn Academy emphasis is on developing players and FUN! It recognizes that putting these young players in an environment where they will receive more training than matches is more developmentally appropriate. This approach will allow Indy Burn to keep players in a pool, foster development over winning, and allow these young players to freely play. Indy Burn Developmental Academy will compete against other Clubs who also have an U9 & U10 Developmental Academy teams." The four major objectives for the Indy Burn U9 & U10 Developmental Academy are to create a better environment (FUN) for player development, coaching education, parent education, and referee development.

### ***Age Groups***

U9 & U10 Only

### ***Travel Commitment***

Minimal. Teams at this level will play in and around the Indianapolis area.

### ***Training***

Players at this level will train 2 times during the week. Length of practices will be no longer than 1 ½ hours.

### ***League Play***

Teams at this level will compete with other area. Academy programs may play friendly games as well. Games will be played on Saturdays, Sundays and an occasional weekday.

### ***Tournament Play***

Teams at this level will participate in 2-3 Central Indiana tournaments. Teams at this level will not enter any overnight tournaments or travel out of state.

### ***State Tournament***

Teams in this level do not compete for any State tournament play.

### ***Winter Training***

Teams at this level will participate in an 8 week winter training program beginning in the middle of January and ending in early March. All trainings are run by the respective assigned and licensed staff coaches for each team. The Club does not officially organize any indoor activity prior to this training.

## **Indy Burn Rec Plus**

Indy Burn offers this level of play each season and features U13-U14 and High School U15-U18 divisions competing in an Indianapolis area "Recreation Plus" league. Teams travel to close by Clubs to play some matches. Practices are generally held twice per week. Matches are generally played on Saturdays and some weeknights. This level features no Sunday activity.

### Indy Burn Try-Outs

Indy Burn forms true age, same sex, teams for each year.

Fair and open tryouts are held each June and October for the following soccer year (August through July).

During try-outs the Indy Burn coaching staff will evaluate players based on technical ability (receiving, passing, shooting, and dribbling), physical ability (athleticism), tactical level (understanding of game situations), and psychological aspects (coachability, desire, dedication, commitment, etc.). Coaches evaluations, completed at the end of the previous soccer season, will also be considered for all returning travel players. However, the coaches evaluations are not a substitute for try-outs, and all players must try-out for any Indy Burn team or level. Any player not placed on our least competitive travel teams will be referred to our recreational program. Teams will be chosen by grouping players based on their try-out, previous season evaluation (where applicable), level of commitment, and desired competitiveness.

Teams form each June, in accordance with IYSA rules, for the Fall to Spring soccer year. Additional call outs for High School age Indy Burn teams are held in October for the following Spring soccer season. Teams occasionally add a player or two during the year. PSC Rec and Indy Burn (Rec) Plus players may directly contact the Indy Burn coach. IYSA registered travel players with another Club: please consult IYSA Registration Rules before you contact the Indy Burn coach. There is an open transfer period during June. Indy Burn questions and answers is a must read for parents. Additional question email PSC Soccer Director.

**Whatever your ambition and goals may be, Indy Burn's professional staff will help guide you in every stage of your development. Youth soccer is not about winning or entertainment.**

**It is about LEARNING and EDUCATING.**

***"Winning and success will come as a result of preparation, training, the learning process and how you define true success."***

**Summary of Financial Commitment to Play at Indy Burn**

You may pay any amount online and you may make multiple credit card payments throughout the preseason. You may also sign a credit/debit card authorization to have Pike Soccer Club automatically charge your account each month until balance is paid.

**All balances must be current at all times or player will be placed on probation and will not be able to participate until payment is received or a payment plan is arranged and kept current.**

**Player Fees may be paid in installments.**

#### **Fall 2009 U9-U14 teams**

\$200 non-refundable Club Fee Deposit due by July 8, each season. (\$100 for U9-U10 Academy).

Team Fee due in July, 2009, paid to Team Manager.

Club Fee Balance payment due by August 1, each season.

**(For U9-U14 Spring 2010 play:** \$200 is due by January 1, each season; Club Fee Balance due by February 1, each season; Team Fee due in January, each season, paid to Team Manager.)

#### **Spring 2010 U15-U19 teams**

\$200 non-refundable Club Fee Deposit due upon acceptance to team. This payment secures your spot on a team

Team Fee due in January, 2010, paid to Team Manager.

Club Fee Balance payment due by February 1, each season.

#### **Payments Options**

Credit or Debit Card payments can be made online

Check: Please include your player's *name and team* on the check and mail to: Treasurer, Pike Soccer Club, P.O. Box 532472, Indianapolis, IN 46253

#### **Payment Plans**

If you are unable to pay the entire balance before August 1st/February 1st, you may make multiple credit card or check payments throughout the preseason. Credit or debit cards are preferred. To setup authorized recurring monthly credit / debit card payments, please complete and return the [Credit / Debit Card Authorization Form](#). All authorized payments will be charged on the 1st of each month until balance is paid in full. (For example, 1/3 on 7/1, 1/3 on 8/1 and 1/3 on 9/1.)

If you don't have a credit/debit card, you may pay with a series of post dated checks. Please mail all checks at one time. (i.e. checks dated 7/1, 7/15, 8/1, 8/15, 9/1). Please call with any questions.

#### **Uniform Kit**

Is about \$80 for two jerseys, shorts, socks, training T's and full amount is paid with order. Coaching gear is purchased using Adidas merchandise credits from accruals with each purchase.

**Club Fee:** *(Club fees do not include uniforms, tournament fees, nor referee fees)*

All U11-U19 players must pay a non-refundable \$200 deposit to confirm a position with the team (\$100 for U9-U10 Academy players and PSC Fee Assistance applicants). This portion of the Club Fee covers Indy Burn administrative overhead (goals, paint, Club salaries, website, fields maintenance, supplies). This may be paid online (above) or via check to PSC Treasurer.

**ESTIMATED** Club Fees per player. (Each player is invoiced the exact Club Fee.)

U9 & U10 Academy \$300.

U11-U14 \$350. - \$400.

U15-U19 \$400. - \$500.

Most Premier teams have additional expenses. Although Club Fees are announced at Team Formation, please see your personalized Club Fee invoice for the total Club Fee due. **If circumstances warrant, Indy Burn may adjust each player's Club fee based on the team's total budgeted cost.**

#### **Team Fee**

Is what each player pays to the Team Manager for team based expenses including: referee fees, all tournament expenses, other team IYSA and registration fees not included above, coach out of town tournament expense and any other expenses incurred by the team. Each team determines its own Team Fee budget. Please note that some team budgets may require adjustments during the season, i.e. decision to play in an additional tournament. This amount is paid via check to your Team Manager.

#### **Winter Fee**

Each player's winter training fee includes indoor facility space rental, admission charge, and coaching stipend and is usually included in the Club Fee.

#### **Fee Assistance Opportunities**

If you are not able to pay over time, the Club has limited Fee Assistance opportunities. Each family must complete an application, posted on the Forms page. Each family must pay the non-refundable deposit in order to be considered for Fee Assistance. Fee Assistance grants are partial amounts and are not guaranteed. Additional volunteer time is expected from grantees. Note PSC offers Ref courses four times per year. Earn \$50 each Saturday during Rec season.

**Indy Burn Injury Policy**

Injury prior to August 1, full Club Fee refund, less deposit.

Injury between August 1- September 15, 50% of Club Fee (less deposit)

After September 15, No refund.

Injury prior to March 1, full Club Fee refund less deposit.

Injury between March 1- April 15, 50% of Club Fee (less deposit)

After April 15, No refund.