

## 2020 - 2021 Indiana State Vice Presidents Report

While this past season was a challenging season, it was also a rewarding season for us in Indiana. We formed the Indiana Youth Hockey Committee. This committee is made up of representatives from each of the associations within the State of Indiana and with Doug Losure representing the High School associations within our state. Each association has a voice at the table and all matters are put up for a vote by this committee to decide on. This committee meets monthly on a conference call to go over items that it needs to act upon.

Tommy Schoegler came to me in the late summer of 2019 about a major concern he had with so many players leaving our state to go play AAA hockey outside our state. We discussed a number of proposals on how to combat this from occurring. Tommy came up with the idea of having a AAA team from all around the State of Indiana at 10U. His idea was for this team was to play on a hand fold of selected tournaments and have several developmental sessions along with several practices. With this the Indiana Elite team was created. The players on this team play on their home association teams throughout the year and then only participate Indiana Elite as described above. A big thank you to Derek Edwardson and his assistant coaches for stepping up and coaching this team. Also thank you Tommy and Heather for their management skills in running this team. This up-and-coming season we will be adding a 11U team for this season.

We saw a number of things occur that we all had to react to. The first was that early on in the season I, along with Tommy Schoegler, saw the possibility of our teams in the state not having a league to play in with the Buckeye league and then later on the Little Caesars league all not operating due to Covid -19. Tommy and I then brain stormed the idea of creating a league within the State of Indiana and have these teams play each other. Early on in the season we held a seeding tournament in Fort Wayne, and we seeded the teams for this league. League play started several weeks after the completion of this tournament.

The next items that we completed within our State was that March 4,5,6, 2021 we held the first annual Governors Cup along with the Indiana State Advancing Tournament. We had a total of 68 teams from all age classifications competing in Fort Wayne and Indianapolis. I would like to thank the tournament directors Tommy and Heather Schoegler for all their hard work along with the Indiana Youth Hockey Committee who spent a number of hours planning and working this event. This tournament will now be an annual event within our state. Next year's dates have already been planned and will be February 4-6, 2022.

In closing. I feel this was one of the best seasons we ever had within our state. All of our associations are communicating with one another. We are all on the same page and working for one common goal in our state and that is to grow the game of hockey.

Respectfully:

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