



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## **2022 NAUGHTY & NICE LIST**

*By Fuzzy Steeno | December 24, 2022*

What another amazing year for soccer in our community! Hard to believe we are closing up another year. I like to reflect, during the Christmas season, on the past year to see all the things we have done well and where we need help. I like to create a Naughty & Nice list to help highlight some of these things. I could easily list all our Coaches and Training Staff for all their selfless hard work and love they put into your kids. I could list all the Team Managers for keeping the teams organized and active. I could thank our very smart Board of Directors for their leadership and vision, but we all want to get back to our families, the ham and all the presents!

Here is my 2022 Naughty & Nice List:

### **NICE LIST**

**Referees and all volunteers who step up to help referee!** In this weird time of referee shortages, we are relying on many refs to stretch themselves thin, retired refs to come back and many parents/coaches to help run AR during games. We are very lucky to have a helpful community that is always willing to step in to create a better experience for the kids!

**Director Bobby Holden's endless help tank!** Many of our staff put in a large amount of time into helping create a great soccer experience for our players, teams and families. Bobby is our DOC, but beyond running the Club, he has stepped in to ref dozens and dozens of games, attended many Academy, Rec, Impact games or practices and spent long hours attending all the tournaments and showcases our teams participate in and always setting up fields, painting or whatever is needed. BTW-He will hate this public compliment!

**Coaches Mann, Conner, Steeno and Kail are developing success!** Coaches Laura Mann, David Conner, Brandon Steeno and Kris Kail have taken the Junior Girls to a brilliant level. This not only pays homage to the 06, 05, 04's before

them, but also sets the tone for our younger Juniors and Academies. Their passion for developing these young ladies to be fierce competitive players, but also empowers them to lead and be proud. Collectively, these coaches have excelled at not only building great teams and players, but a great program!

**Adult League Turns 20 Years Old!** Not only has been Neal Singco been a staple of youth development for decades with Greenfield Area Soccer Club, Strikers FC Academy and Impact SC, but he also started the Adult League in Greenfield. Every Thanksgiving morning, we have enjoyed playing in the Gobbler Game. This year, the Gobbler Game turned 20! Happy Birthday Gobbler Game and thank you, Neal!

## **NAUGHTY LIST**

**Mother Nature.** Bad weather for the tourneys and showcases were in full effect this year. We had 60 mph winds in the Fall, tornado warnings in the Spring and snow during opening Showcases. We had Championship qualifying altered by rain cancellation, goals scored by strong winds and plenty of frozen parents and broken umbrellas and canopies earlier this Fall. For this, Mother Nature makes the Naughty List!

**Unsportsmanlike Visiting Fans.** For the majority of the time, the fans at our games are fantastic! However, we have had several situations at home, this Spring and Fall, in which the referees have had to warn or card the visiting parent sideline for their actions towards the referees or the players. It is never fun for kids or the game when parents get warned by the referees to settle down or act like grown-ups. We are grateful for our parents and culture that understand how to act at youth events. For this, those unsportsmanlike visiting parents are on the Naughty List!

**Unprofessional Coach.** We had a situation, this past Spring, in which one of our Senior Boys team hosted an important Premier division game here at home. We had several younger boy's teams in attendance to cheer them on. It was a great atmosphere...until the opposing coach started cursing and calling the referee bad names, very loudly, over a call. The referee, a very respectable soccer leader in our community, handled the situation with professionalism and grace (Nice List). For this terrible show of unprofessional behavior by a visiting coach, in front of kids, they earned a place on the Naughty List and a big bag of stinky coal!

**Crooked Field Lines.** If you are at Sugar Creek, McCordsville Sports Park or GC Complex and sometimes Brandywine Park and you see the field lines painted, you can thank our DOO, Brandon Steeno. If you saw Field 2 and 3 at MSP at the start of Fall, you probably saw some craaaaazy crooked sidelines. Coaches poked fun, players were confused and parents shook their heads in major disappointment. For painting lines in windy conditions, Coach Steeno landed himself on the Naughty List!

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In closing, as we cap 2022, it is great to see all our growth and the successes we have enjoyed. From Division titles, tourney trophies, player's achievements or team achievements we champion all aspects of development, including our failures. It's fun to recognize the wins, but failures and challenges are what we learn from the most. This young Club is ever-changing and in order to adjust to the growth and to create more and more positive experiences for our players and families. It really does take a community to make all of this happen. We will have dips in addition to our peaks. As long as we treat them as gifts and learn from both, we will always grow, get better and stronger.

I must take a moment to acknowledge that I can't thank all of our Member Clubs and Affiliate Clubs enough for making Impact SC possible: Greenfield Area Soccer Club, NP United, Sporting Indiana FC and Warriors SC. Thank you all for being part of Impact SC and cheers to an even better 2023!

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