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News briefs...

Spring 2008 programming is posted on Naperville and Wheaton Park District Websites.

Town of Dyer, Berwyn Park District, and Pleasant Dale Park District add CFT programs!

Did you know we will send your child a birthday card? Make sure to send us his/her birthday or include it on the sign up form.

CFJ tryouts for club teams U8-U14 are in June. Check our website for more information.

Chicago Fire opens its season on 3/29 at Real Salt Lake. The home opener is 4/3 7:30 (ESPN2) vs. New England.

CFJ happenings this past month...

Las Vegas, NV- U18 Girls Red, U17 Boys Red/White, U16 Girls Red, and U14 Boys Red competed in the Coaches Classic. U18 Girls Red advanced to the final losing on late goal to the Region 4 Semi finalist 1-0. U14 Boys Red beat Naperville club Galaxy in group play and advanced to the finals taking 2nd overall ... **Phoenix, AZ-** U16 Boys Red played in the renowned Presidents Day Tournament beating the Colorado state champs and IL club Eclipse Select in on their way to the semi-finals... **Tampa, FL-** U15 Girls Red were semi finalist in the highly regarded Score at the Shore Tournament beating the Florida State Cup runners up ... **Dallas TX-** CFJ product Brian Ciesiulka scored the Chicago Fire Academy's first ever goal in the U16's 1-0 win over Classic's (PA). CFJ product Robby LaRocque scored in a 3-2 win over Sea Coast United after a 3-0 win by the U18s.

Is this soccer?

Ball Mastery101

Players at the elementary ages want to have fun and play. The Cadet and First Touch programs let the game be the teacher. They use activities to introduce and enhance a player's technical ability with the ball. We want to develop creative and playful kids that are not regimented with pre-programmed solutions. Ball mastery is repetition in the form of fun activities that get players comfortable playing, moving, and running with the ball. It's important for players to become confident when handling the ball for faster, creative, and more effective learning over the course of time.

Training Tips

Training Equipment

Players should bring proper equipment to classes. Each player should bring a ball, water or Gatorade, and wear athletic clothes. Cadet players should wear shin guards covered with soccer socks, soccer cleats, and bring a size 4 ball. First Touch players are suggested to wear soccer cleats, wear shin guards covered with soccer socks and should bring a size 3 soccer ball.

Class in Focus

First Touch (Dyer) 1:00 - 2:00



First Touch players in Dyer (IN) discuss the rules of soccer with Coach Ryan before an in-house game.

Parents' Section

"What other opportunities are there for my child at Chicago Fire Juniors?"

Chicago Fire Juniors club teams U8-U14 seasons begin and end in August. Tryouts for teams are the first week in June. CFJ offers two levels of programming; Select and Premier. Premier teams begin at U10 and train 3x per week while Select teams begin at U8 and train 2x per week. Learn more on our website!

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