



**CHICAGO RED ELEVEN**  
**Women's Amateur Soccer Team**  
**- Announcing: Chicago Red Eleven -**  
**Chicago Red Stars Amateur Affiliate**



Hello Friends, Coaches, and Soccer Enthusiasts:

I am pleased to introduce the **Chicago Red Eleven**.

**Chicago Red Eleven** will serve as the exclusive amateur affiliate of the Chicago Red Stars of Women's Professional Soccer (WPS). The Red Eleven takes over the former Chicago Gaels franchise, and will continue to participate in the W-League—a part of the United Soccer League (USL) network. The W-League is comprised of 37 teams nationally and we will compete in the Midwest Division (featuring teams from Minnesota, Indianapolis, Cleveland, Fort Wayne, Kalamazoo, and Holland, Mich., in addition to Chicago). Of the 152 players on opening day rosters for the seven teams in WPS, 92 have previous W-League experience.

We are looking forward to a very exciting season on the field and will play our home games at the beautiful Village of Lisle-Benedictine University Sports Complex located at 5700 College Rd. in Lisle, Ill. Our roster will include local stars like Michelle Weissenhofer (Neuqua Valley and currently Notre Dame) and Casey Short (Naperville Central, U-20 Women's National Team and Florida State). We will have local college players and coaches like Cynthia Morote-Azira (Two-time Horizon League player of the year with Loyola Chicago), Michelle O'Brien (DePaul assistant and member of Ireland National Team), and Danielle Slaton (Northwestern assistant, silver medal winner in the Olympics and former NCAA National Scholar Athlete of the Year). Finally we will feature international stars like Emi Yamamoto (Japan national team), Monica Gonzalez (Mexico National Team captain 2003-2007, and Gemma Davison (England National Team).

Our **Chicago Red Eleven** season begins May 17 with a trip to Indianapolis. Our first home game is Wednesday night **May 27** against West Michigan. We follow that up with an exhibition game against the Chicago Red Stars on Saturday night **May 30**. I have attached our complete schedule to this email. Please visit our website to learn more about our team at <http://www.chicagoredeleven.com>.

I am asking for your help in promoting awareness of our team and our presence in the Western Suburbs of Chicago by forwarding this email to any soccer families or coaches you know, and I thank you for that help!! We are committed to bringing outstanding entertainment value to soccer fans and aspiring young players of all ages at an extremely affordable price. It will cost less to bring the family to see a **Red Eleven** game than to go to the movies. We are also committed to making our players—all impressive, hard-working female athletes and incredible role models—very accessible to all the young fans that come to our games.

I look forward to seeing all of you at a **Red Eleven** match at Benedictine this season!!

Sincerely,

Ted Gradel, *owner and general manager*  
Chicago Red Eleven

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