

2009 Chicago Fire Juniors Fire Fest General Information

The 2009 Chicago Fire Juniors Classic is an approved tournament of the Illinois Youth Soccer Association – affiliated with USYSA, USSF, and FIFA. The 2009 Chicago Fire Juniors Tournament is sanctioned to host teams from the US only.

Due to the recent policy change with USYSA, Canadian teams fall under the jurisdiction of international teams and therefore do not qualify for entry into the tournament.

AGE GROUPS AND LEVELS OF PLAY

The following age groups and flights will be offered for the 2009 event:

U8	(August 1, 2000 and younger)
U9	(August 1, 1999 and younger)
U10	(August 1, 1998 and younger)
U11	(August 1, 1997 and younger)
U12	(August 1, 1996 and younger)
U13	(August 1, 1995 and younger)
U14	(August 1, 1994 and younger)

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

- U8-U11: First come, first serve basis as team count and competitive balance allows. These teams will then be flighted based on competitive ability.
- U12-U19: Teams will be selected based on competitive ability for flighting requirements, multiple flights u12-u14
- Clubs and teams in good standing with the Chicago Fire Juniors and their respective league and state organizations.

TEAM PARTICIPATION AND GUEST PLAYERS

Maximum Roster Size:

U-8	10 players
U-9/U-10	14 players
U-11/U-12	16 players
U13-U14	18 players

Playing Numbers:

U8	5v5
U9-U10	7v7
U11-U12	9v9
U13/U14	11v11

The team or teams must be entered for competition in a league affiliated with the USSF or national equivalent and sanctioned by the appropriate State or National Association. State and National Select teams are not eligible. Prior to competition, teams must present proof of affiliation and permission to travel (out of state teams). **Validated, laminated State player passes, as well as parental medical release forms, are required for all players participating in the tournament.**

All coaches on the bench must be licensed and carrying valid passes.

A maximum of three guest players is allowed. Teams need no prior approval for guest players. Forms for guest players can be attained through state association. Questions regarding guest players should be directed to the Tournament Director.

AWARDS

Individual Participation Awards will be presented to all participants at the U8 and U9 age level. Team and individual awards will be presented to Champions and Runners-up, for U10-U14 age divisions, in all flights. After Championship matches, please have teams report to stage area for awards presentation. All players will receive a tournament program guide and patch commemorating the event. In addition, the traditional exchange of club pins or patches among teams is strongly encouraged.

APPLICATION PROCESS

If you wish to participate in the 2009 Chicago Fire Juniors Fire Fest
Please complete an application in its entirety and return it with the entry fee of:

U-8	\$395.00
U-9/U-10	\$435.00
U-11/U-12	\$465.00
U-13/U-14	\$495.00

The application MUST BE IN THE HANDS of the Tournament Director by **March 27, 2009**
Please make all checks payable to: **Chicago Fire Juniors Soccer Club**

Mail applications to:
Chicago Fire Juniors Office
Attn: Tournament Director
1250 E. Diehl Rd.
Naperville, Illinois 60563

- *Post Dates will not be accepted.*
- *Applications without application fee will not be accepted.*
- *Faxed applications will not be accepted.*
- *Email applications will not be accepted.*

Notification of acceptance will be posted on the website no later than **April 6, 2009**

Those teams not accepted into the tournament will have their entry fee returned with their letter of nonacceptance. Should a non-accepted team later be granted entry into the tournament, the team will be required to re-submit the entry fee. Any team that withdraws from the tournament after being accepted will forfeit their fee.

FLIGHTING INFORMATION FORM

The Chicago Fire Juniors Fire Fest Tournament Staff prides itself on creating an environment that is both fun and competitive for the Midwest soccer youth. In order for the staff and Committee to continue to further this standard of excellence, it is imperative that they have accurate and specific information on all teams wishing to participate. To achieve the appropriate level of competition, the Flighting Information must be completed, in detail, in its entirety. With everyone's cooperation we can ensure that all teams participating will meet only the finest competition level.

GAME DURATION AND PLAY

AGE	BALL	PRELIMINARY	SF/FINALS
U8	3	40 minutes	n/a
U9	4	50 minutes	n/a
U10	4	50 minutes	50 minutes
U11	4	60 minutes	50 minutes
U12	4	60 minutes	50 minutes
U13	5	70 minutes	60 minutes
U14	5	70 minutes	60 minutes

**2009 Chicago Fire Juniors Fire Fest
Application/Flighting Information
May 1-3, 2009**

Official Team Name _____ Age Division _____ B / G

Contact Information: Name _____

Email _____ Phone (H) _____ (C) _____

Coach Information: Name _____

Email _____ Phone (H) _____ (C) _____

(You will receive tournament via email only, please print or type clearly)

Team Information:

How many teams are there in your club at this age/gender? _____

If multiple teams at this age/gender in your club, which level team are you?

What are the other teams in your club at this age/gender?

League Information:

Spring Season- Division _____

Place _____ W _____ L _____ D _____ GF _____ GA _____

Fall Season- Division _____

Place _____ W _____ L _____ D _____ GF _____ GA _____

Tournament Information

Please include any additional information about your club, team, players, or coach that may help us in the selection process. Include any scheduling requests you might have (coach conflicts) or foreseeable scheduling difficulties you may run into (graduations, dances – provide details.). Local teams must be able to play Friday. **No requests will be heard after the schedule has been made - no exceptions.** The Tournament Staff cannot guarantee all scheduling requests will be met.

**NOTE: THIS APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT IN ITS ENTIRETY IN
ORDER FOR
YOUR TEAM TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ACCEPTANCE**

For Official Use Only:

Fees Paid _____ Check Number _____ Date Received _____

2009 Chicago Fire Juniors Fire Fest Rules and Regulations

May 1-3, 2009

All games shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as issued by FIFA/USYSA and Illinois Youth Soccer Association. The following rules supplement the Laws of the Game.

REGISTRATION

- All teams are required to check in at the registration site, Commissioners Park,
- You are required to have a medical release form filled out for each player on your roster.
- All out of state teams must have a travel permit.
- All teams with guest players must have a USYSA tournament guest player roster form.
- Your Tournament Roster may be changed up to the point of registration, at this point it is final and cannot be altered for the tournament.
- All rostered players must have a laminated player pass card.
- AYSO or recreational teams must register with the IYSA as a tournament team in order to participate.

ELIGIBILITY

All players are born in the year of their age group classification, or in a later group. Each player must possess a valid USYSA/AYSO player pass and a current medical release form. Each team is allowed three (3) guest players. Maximum roster size is 12 players for U8-u10, 16 players for U11-U12, 18 players for U13-U16.

*****No player shall be allowed to register for more than one team or switch from one team to another during the course of the tournament.*

LENGTH OF GAMES

- Game duration
 - U-8 2 x 20 minutes
 - U-9/U-10 2 x 25 minutes
 - U12-U12 2 x 30 minutes
 - U-13 and older 2 x 35 minutes
- There will be a five-minute halftime.
- The tournament does not require the referee to add time to any game. Referee or Tournament Staff decisions in these matters are final.

GAME PROCEDURES

- All parents and spectators are required to sit on one side of the field opposite the players.
- Teams are allowed 3 passed coaches on bench. All coaches on the bench area must be licensed and passed.
- In the event of a uniform color conflict, the home team changes jerseys.
- No coin toss - Home team sits on north/west bench, defends north/west goal and has kick off in the first half, teams switch at half-time.
- Teams must have an alternative set of jerseys.
- Teams should be prepared to provide a "club linesman" if necessary.

- Off-sides rule will be enforced at all ages.
- The home team is responsible to provide a game ball.
- U8 divisions shall use a #3 ball, U9 - U12 divisions shall use a #4 ball. U13 - U14 divisions shall use a #5 ball.
- U8 games will be played 5v5 on small fields; U9-U10 games will be played 7v7 on small fields; U11-U12 games will be played 9v9 on Intermediate fields, U13-U14 games will be played 11v11 on full size fields.

TOURNAMENT SCORING/TIE BREAKING

- Games in the preliminary rounds will be scored as follows:
Win - 3 points, Tie - 1 point, Loss - 0 points
- In the event of a tie in deciding group positions, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:
 1. Head to head competition
 2. Goal Differential (max 4 per game)
 3. Most goals scored (max 4 per game)
 4. Fewest goals allowed
 5. Penalty kicks

In the event 3 teams are tied, the tie-breakers will be applied until one team is eliminated. We will then go back to the first tie-breaker and apply the rules again with the two remaining teams in sequence until a winner can be determined. The tournament staff may change the semi-final bracketing of teams, so that two teams that have already played will not have to play again until the final.

OVERTIME PERIODS

- During group competition, no overtime will be played.

In the event of a tie in semi-final, third place and championship games, the following will occur:

- Teams will play two 5 minute overtime periods (no golden goal).
- If still tied after overtime periods, teams will designate five players to take alternate penalty kicks: the best of five is the winner. Only those players on the field of play at the end of the second overtime period are eligible to take penalty kicks.
- If teams are still tied after 5 kicks, the remaining players will take alternate penalty kicks in sudden death fashion to determine a winner.

EQUIPMENT

- In accordance with the IYSA, Rule 007, which endorses FIFA Law 4, "A player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to himself or another player." Therefore, no prescription glasses are permitted, only sports goggles.
- Casts are not permitted, even if padded. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- No jewelry may be worn by any player (earrings, watches, necklaces, etc.)
- Shin guards must be worn by all players at all times.
- All players must have an individual number on their jersey, no duplicate numbers.
- In case of a jersey color conflict, the designated home team will change.
- All players' equipment is subject to referee approval.

FORFEITS

- Five players constitute a team for U8-U12, seven players for U13-U19. Games will commence on time if the minimum numbers of players are present. A forfeit shall be awarded if a team is not present and prepared to play with five minutes of the scheduled time.
- In the event of a forfeit, the winning team will be awarded a 3-0 win.

- Any team that forfeits a game may not advance to the semi-final or final round.
- Any team that forfeits a game may receive up to a three-year ban from GLSA events, and may incur club repercussions, as well.

SUBSTITUTIONS

- U8-U11 substitution is on the fly.
- U12 and older, substitutions shall be unlimited, but made only at the following times:
 - Goal Kick - both teams.
 - After a goal - both teams.
 - Half time - both teams.
 - At the beginning of an overtime period - both team.
 - Throw - in, both teams may sub if the team in possession of the throw is subbing.
 - After a yellow card, for carded player only.
 - An injured player may be substituted for at the discretion of referee. If a substitution is made for the injured player, the opposing team may also make a "one-for-one" substitution.

PROTESTS

- All referee decisions are final. No protests will be heard on any judgment calls by the referee.
- All protests must be written to the tournament committee within one hour after completion of the game, along with a check for \$100. If the protest is not upheld, the protest fee will not be refunded.

EJECTIONS

- A player, who receives a red card, will receive a minimum of a one game suspension. The tournament committee can increase that suspension if it is warranted.
- The throwing of a punch is an automatic removal from the tournament.
- A coach who receives a red card will receive a minimum of a one game suspension plus possible intervention by the tournament committee and their state association.
- No substitution can be made for a disqualified player for that game.

DISCLAIMER

The tournament committee reserves the right to:

1. Reschedule, relocate or terminate games due to weather conditions. If ½ of the game has been played before termination for weather conditions or tournament director decision, the game stands as a completed match and is scored accordingly.
NOTE: the referee or Tournament Director may suspend a game without necessarily being terminated.
2. Reduce by up to half, the duration of the game.
3. Cancel a preliminary game that has no bearing in deciding the group winner.
4. Decide the final tournament standings, trophy winners.
5. Move penalty kicks to another field or area in order not to hold up other games.

The tournament director has the right to change any of these rules or make a decision that would be in the best interest of the participants. Neither the

Tournament Committee nor the GLSA are responsible for any expenses incurred by any team in the event games are discontinued or canceled due to inclement weather or adverse field conditions. No refunds will be made unless the tournament is cancelled, in which case refunds will be disbursed on a pro-rata basis with a full refund if the event is cancelled before it starts. The tournament Committee reserves the right to decide all matters pertaining to the tournament. **The judgment of the Tournament Committee is final.**

Please remember that the Libertyville Cup is dedicated to the development of all the young men and women participating in the tournament, to good sportsmanship and to the "good of soccer." The Tournament Director may suspend, without recourse or appeal, any players, coaches, or spectators who demonstrate anything less.

Emergency Medical Release & Liability Waiver

Participant's Name _____ Birth date _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Father's Name _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Mother's Name _____ Home Phone (____) _____

In an emergency when parent/guardian cannot be reached, please contact the following:

Name _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Name _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Allergies _____

Other Medical Conditions _____

Physician _____ Home Phone (____) _____ Bus Phone (____) _____

Medical/Hospital Insurance Company _____ Phone (____) _____

Policy Holder's Name _____ Policy Number _____

THIS AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE PARTICIPANT (PLAYER/COACH/REFEREE) CAN PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES. TREATMENT FOR INJURY WILL BE BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED HEREIN.

I the undersigned (if participant is 18 years of age or older) or parent/guardian of the above listed minor participant acknowledge and fully understand that each participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability or death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from their own actions, inactions or negligence, but action, inaction or negligence of others, the rules of play, or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used and further, that there may be other unknown risks not reasonably foreseeable at this time, assume all the foregoing risk and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability or death, hereby release, discharge, covenants to indemnify and not to sue Illinois Youth Soccer Association, its affiliated organizations and sponsors, their coaches, managers, employees and associated personnel, officers, directors, agents, including the owners and leasers of premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as 'releases', from any and all liability to each of the undersigned, his/her heirs or next of kin for any and all against any claim by or on behalf of the applicant as a result of the applicant's participation in the Programs and/or being transported to or from the same, which participation, after careful consideration I hereby authorize, and which transportation I hereby authorize. The applicant/participant has received a physical examination by a physician and has been found physically capable of participating in the Programs. I hereby give my consent to have an athletic trainer, coach and/or doctor of medicine or dentistry or associated personnel to provide the applicant/participant with medical assistance and/or treatment and agree to be financially responsible for the cost of such assistance and/or treatment. I, also agree to save and hold harmless and indemnify each and all parties herein referred to above as release from all liability, loss, cost, claim or damage whatsoever, including death or damage to property, which may be imposed upon said release because of any defect in or lack of such capacity to so act or caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the release. I have read the above waiver/release and understand that (I) we have given up substantial rights by signing this release and sign below voluntarily. I understand that this document may not be altered in any manner and that any alternation without the express written consent from the Illinois Youth Soccer Association will cause the participant to be removed from the Program. (revised 11/01/04)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

(Parent/Guardian's Signature is required if participant is under the age of 18)

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

(Participant's Signature is required if participant is 18 years of age or older)

NOTE: ATTACH COPY OF YOUR INSURANCE CARD, FRONT AND BACK, TO EXPEDITE MEDICAL TREATMENT.