



Dear CFJ Team Parent,

We are excited once again to be hosting the 5th Annual Gold Cup soccer tournament held over Labor Day weekend in Naperville. This tournament has grown to become a premier event that kicks off the travel soccer season for area clubs. We expect over 140 teams this year with over 30 teams from out of State as well as Canada. The CFJ will have 32 teams represented at the Gold Cup. This tournament provides many benefits to our players and our club, including strong tournament competition without overnight travel, regional exposure, and fundraising opportunities. We are asking for our members' help in making this a successful tournament again this year:

- **Volunteer Help:** All CFJ parents are obligated to fulfill 10 volunteer hours for the Chicago Fire Juniors. The Gold Cup is the first major event of the soccer year and your help is needed. We will be asking for volunteer hours from all who are available for such tasks as registration night, field marshals, parking, information tents, etc. Please, look for the volunteer request email from Vince Kalke later in the week.
- **Raffle Tickets:** We will sell raffle tickets again this year leading up to and during Gold Cup weekend. The CFJ/NSR is waiving the parking fee for CFJ teams and in return is requiring every player on a team participating in Gold Cup to sell \$25 worth of raffle tickets. We will get out the tickets via the managers next week (week of the 17th). We will pay out 50% of the sales 25% for 1st place, 15% for 2nd, and 10% for 3rd (this raffle is different than the annual CFJ raffle). Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the CFJ Tailgate on 8/23 Chicago ! Fire vs. DC Colorado Rapids game through the drawing on Labor Day at the tournament. For more information on purchasing raffle tickets please contact Vince Kalke vkalke@chicagofirejuniors.com 630-245-8502.
- **Silent Auction:** We will hold a silent auction during Saturday and Sunday of the Gold Cup at the main information tent at Frontier Park. We expect to have many exciting items again this year, including an autographed Fire jersey and many great Chicago Fire tickets and memorabilia. If you would like to make a donation of sporting event tickets, products, services, gift certificates, any type of theme basket, etc. please contact Vince Kalke vkalke@chicagofirejuniors.com 630-245-8502. All donations are tax deductible as CFJ is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization.
- **CFJ Sponsorship Packages:** We have various sponsorship packages offering exposure at the NSR Gold Cup as well as on the CFJ website and co-host National

Soccer Ranking.com (NSR) website starting as low as \$250. If your business would like more information on CFJ sponsorship packages please contact Vince Kalke vkalke@chicagofirejuniors.com 630-245-8502.

Thank you in advance for making the 2009 Gold Cup a successful event. This tournament provides an excellent opportunity to show the soccer community that the Chicago Fire Juniors is the premier club in the Chicagoland area. We appreciate all of our parents' help in making that a reality.

Sincerely,

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