

CHICAGO BEACH SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Sun (a little rain), Fun & Soccer

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After severe storms rolled through Chicagoland on the evening of July 23 and the morning of July 24, players were eager to hit the beach for the 2010 Chicago Beach Soccer Tournament at Montrose Beach.

Nearly 90 youth teams participated in the 5 v 5 tournament held along Lake Michigan with the beautiful Chicago skyline in the background for a day of sun, fun and soccer.

"Despite some early weather problems the event was a great success again," said Gus Bender, Illinois Youth Soccer President. "This is such a great event, that despite the weather everyone still had a fun time and enjoyed what turned out to be two pretty beautiful days at the beach."

Besides for the obvious equipment changes; no shoes or shinguards, unlike other tournaments, the Chicago Beach Soccer Tournament offers players the opportunity to form teams with their friends and parents can act as coaches.

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The tournament is filled with teams that have fun, creative names such as The Giant Ground Sloths, Beach Bombs, Veg Heads, Soccer Chix, I'll Drop You and Soccerlicious as opposed to the standard club name. Many teams even create their own jerseys.

"We return every year because its very organized and it's a more free way to play," said Gary Fuller, coach of Soccerlicious. "The creativity of the names and the shirt designs also adds to the fun. But, I would have to say that game itself is the reason we go. The girls have no pressure on them and we all have fun win or lose."

With the time commitment of club soccer and players moving teams, the Chicago Beach Soccer tournament offers old teammates and friends the chance to reunite and play in a competitive, but relaxed and fun event.

"This year was a very special year for our girls," Hellen Fuller, Soccerlicious Team Manager and parent of a player. "They all played on the same team for years and this year some went to different clubs. Beach Soccer will always be the tournament for the girls to reunite once a year and play together."

Details about the 2011 Chicago Beach Soccer Tournament will be available soon, you can see more details about this year's and past events at www.illinoisyouthsoccer.org/Events/chicago-beachsoccerinvitational.htm.



2010 Chicago Beach Soccer Champions & Finalists

Champions	Finalists
U12 Boys: Round Lake United	U12 Boys: Calumet Park
U12 Girls: Soccer Chix	U12 Girls: Grove United Revolution
U12 Coed: Veg Heads	U12 Coed: Chicago Pride/ Chicago Girls Soccer League
U14 Boys: Real FC New Castle	U14 Boys: Zacatecas
U14 Girls: Soccerlicious	U14 Girls: Giant Ground Sloths
U14 Coed: Windy City Pride	U14 Coed: Kickers
U16 Boys: Elk Grove Storm	U16 Boys: WC United
U16 Girls: FC Drive	U16 Girls: I'll Drop You
U19 Boys: Garda FC	U19 Boys: Round Lake United
U19 Girls: Beach Bombs	U19 Girls: Warriors



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