



2023 - 2024

Season In Review

Now that we have successfully completed another full soccer season, we would like to share some of the highlights from the past twelve months. Before we move through this list, we wanted to take this time to say a big thank you to the following:

Board Members	As a small group of volunteers, each person dedicates a great deal of time to assist with the clubs day to day operations which helps create an environment that is professionally organized to foster a positive experience for our players and coaches on the field.
Coaching Staff	These are the direct connections between our club's primary philosophies and each child's experience in developing their soccer skills, understanding of the game, and becoming a better person.
Team Managers	Again as a volunteer position, this is a key role to ensure game day and training sessions are communicated, pre, mid and post-season get-togethers are organized, and even help reschedule games to ensure we can fit our league games around as many people as possible.

SUMMER 2023

Super Y/Force FCLC

TWO teams (2012 Girls & 2009 Boys) make the National Finals in Tampa, FL in December

USA Cup

FIVE teams (2016-2013) competed in the event in Blaine, MN with a combined record of 16-1-3, many lifelong memories, and a great deal of fun.

This July we will be sending NINE teams aged U9 to U15, with this year's tournament boasting teams from 14 countries and 26 states!

FALL 2023

League Success	Tournament Success
 <p>FIRST PLACE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2015/U9B Select 1● 2013/U11G Select 1● 2006/07/U18G Select● 2007-08/U17G Elite NPL (National Premier League) <p>SECOND PLACE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2016/U8B Select 1● 2015/U9B Select 2● 2015/U9G Select 2● 2014/U10G Select 2● 2013/U11G Select 2● 2013/U11B Select 1● 2012/U12B Select● 2011/U13B Select● 2010/U14B Elite● 2007-08/U17G Elite MWC (Midwest Conference)	<p>Crystal Lake Classic</p> <p>Winners: 2013/U11B Select 1</p> <p>Runners Up: 2015/U9G Select 2, 2014/U10G Select 1, 2014/U10G Select 2, 2011/U13B Elite & 2010/U14B Elite</p> <p>Chicago Development Showcase (Naperville)</p> <p>Winners: 2013/U11B Select 1</p> <p>Runners Up: 2015/U9G Select 2, 2011/U13B Elite & 2010/U14B Elite</p> <p>Chicago Cup (Vernon Hills)</p> <p>Winners: 2015/U9B Select 1, 2014/U10B Select 1, 2010/U14B Elite, 2008/U16G Select, 2007-08/U17G Elite</p> <p>Runners Up: 2015/U9G Select 1, 2013/U11G Select 1, 2013/U11B Select 1, 2010/U14G Elite & 2009/U15G Elite 1</p> <p>IYSA Presidents Cup</p> <p>Semi-Finalist: 2007-08/U17G Elite</p>

Chicago Red Stars Club Night

On October 15 we sent a large group of players and parents to watch the Chicago Red Stars vs OL Reign. What an amazing experience watching this professional women's game!!!

WINTER 2024

National Level College Showcase

After sending our highest level high school teams to events in Memphis and Indianapolis over recent years, this past February our 2009/U15B Elite 1 & 2007-08/U17G Elite teams attended the SC Del Sol Presidents Day College showcase in Arizona. All players and parents had a fantastic experience, with our U17G competing against players who were on the U16 & U17 National teams and we're excited to return with more teams in February 2025.



SPRING 2024

League Success	Tournament Success
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CLUB HIGHLIGHTS & NEWS

Top High School Girls To Watch In Lake County

We were very pleased to see that 15 of our past and present players made up a list of the top 25 players to watch in Lake County for their respective high school teams. This really goes to show that our player development pathway is creating an effective progression as players get older and I am not sure there is a better accolade!



Academy Program

New for fall 2024, we were excited to partner with the Village of Antioch to add a brand new location, along with utilizing the fields at the College of Lake County for our Academy Training Program. This puts our footprint in the Grayslake, Gurnee & Antioch communities as a feeder system into our organization.

A total of 190 of players participated across our fall, winter and spring seasons, which made this season our largest attendance to date.

Finally, we welcome 22 graduates of our Academy program who are joining our U8 teams to begin their travel soccer journey's in the 2024-25 season.





Fundraiser & Social Event

Every 18 months we host a Fundraising event to help us generate money for our annual scholarship fund, along with assisting us in the purchase/rental of equipment such as Veo camera systems, goals, nets, field paint and portable lights.

On Friday May 3 we hosted our most recent event and were pleased to welcome over 150 people to First Draft in downtown Grayslake. We had a fantastic evening socializing away from the soccer field and were able to raise \$14,000 which will significantly help us offer more children an opportunity to represent FCLC in the coming seasons.



10 Year Logo



In recognition of our upcoming ten year anniversary we thought it would be a fun idea to create a competition for members of our organization to create a commemorative logo for the 2024-25 season. We received EIGHTEEN submissions and were able to create FOUR finalists. With the help of 254 votes, we were pleased to announce our winning logo (Created by Lindsey Marzano), which will be used on all Spiritwear clothing for the season ahead.

Coaching Education Updates

In our attempt to provide the best coaching possible, the below coaches invested in their personal development by attending various US Soccer coaching courses. Well done to:

- Academy coach (Jeff Semler) completing the USSF D license
 - Director (Matt Bohmann) completing the USSF B license
- Technical Director (Jamie Martin) completing the USSF Director of Coaching license

Development of an FCLC Game Model

Through the work on the Director of Coaching license, it has given me a greater understanding on how to pair my ideas for player and team development in connection with creating a specific style of play into a usable template. Much of the groundwork began over the winter season with all coaches utilizing age group training sessions across all teams. During the spring season, we introduced core activities that are taught on a consistent basis at the beginning of each training session to better develop each player's physical speed and mobility, in addition to key technical competencies of dribbling, passing and ball striking. Further concepts will be implemented into our new curriculums to make each session relevant to the age and ability level of the players involved.

SUMMER 2024

PLAYERS

- Technical Training Program / Ages 2016 to 2012 (Two nights/locations offered)
 - Speed, Agility & Technique Camp (Four days) / Ages 2016 to 2011
 - TWO Academy Camps: Antioch & Gurnee / Ages 2017 to 2020

- Pre Season Club Camp / Eligible to all players born 2016 and above participating in our Fall season

Information & Registration on the above programs can be found at the following link:

<https://fclakecounty.com/summer-2024-camps-training/>

COACHES/REFEREES

We are very pleased to be hosting a US Soccer Grassroots 9v9 License & Referee Certification at the end of July at Alleghany Park, Grayslake.

You should have already received this information and this will be shared on our social media pages in the coming days.



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On behalf of everyone at FC Lake County, we sincerely hope your children had a valuable experience this past season and we very much look forward to taking some time to reflect on all our positives along with areas for improvement, and putting together an even better experience in the 2024-25 season!

BEST WISHES