

# Lots of sun & fun at the '09 Chicago Beach Soccer Tourney

For the second straight summer, Illinois Youth Soccer partnered with the Illinois State Soccer Association to bring the Chicago Beach Soccer Tournament to Montrose Beach along Lake Michigan on July 25-26. The over 60 youth teams that participated were treated to sunny blue skies and cooling lake breeze all weekend, the perfect setting for a day at the beach.

With 20 more teams than 2008, the youth tournament was filled with close games in both group play and championship matches. The most exciting may have been the Under-14 girls championship between the Beach Bandits and the Hot Tamales took over 20 penalty kicks to decide the winner.

With a collection of amusing team names including the Giant Ground Sloths, Sand Storm and Matalaka, (pronounced Metallica like the band) and creative homemade jerseys, the Chicago Beach Soccer Tournament offers the teams the opportunity to not only play some challenging beach soccer but also have lots of fun.

"This year's event was better than ever - more teams, more excitement and more fun," said Mary Jane Bender, Illinois Youth Soccer Executive Director. "We are already working to include co-ed teams to make next year's beach soccer tournament bigger and better."

Congratulations to the champions and finalists of the 2009 Chicago Beach Soccer Tournament.

## Under-12 Boys

Champions: Zacatecas  
Finalist: Gameboys

## Under-12 Girls

Champions: Giant Ground Sloth  
Finalists: Matalaka

## Under-14 Boys

Champions: Joga Crew  
Finalists: Deportivo Zacatecas

## Under-14 Girls

Champions: Beach Bandits  
Finalists: Hot Tomales

## Under-16 Boys

Champions: Elk Grove Storm  
Finalists: Springfield Fire

## Under-16 Girls

Champions: Changas  
Finalists: Milan FC

## Under-19 Boys

Champions: Elk Grove Garda  
Finalists: Mexico

## Under-19 Girls

Champions: Manchester United  
Finalists: Sand Storm

For details about the 2010 event go to the Chicago Beach Soccer page of [www.illinoisyouthsoccer.org](http://www.illinoisyouthsoccer.org).



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