

## **Chili Soccer Association Wins Multiple Sportsmanship Awards from Rochester District Youth Soccer League**

Chili Soccer Association is one of 34 member clubs within RDYSL that have had enough of trash talking players, coaches who “work the referee” trying to gain an advantage and spectators who taunt opposing players or worse. Chili Soccer Association in cooperation with the RDYSL league has taken action to return local youth soccer to an earlier era when all involved had a lot more fun with a lot less tension.

The 522 RDYSL teams with 8,000 plus players in local travel soccer clubs were given new incentives in the 2009 season to eliminate the behaviors that are not intended to be a part of the game. Parents and guardians were required to sign a new minimum standard “Zero Tolerance Policy” document that specified their behavior expectations on the sidelines. The clubs, including Chili Soccer had an opportunity to obtain a partial refund of the fees they paid to RDYSL if the teams in their club achieved pre-specified levels of conduct. Finally, each individual team was eligible for a team sportsmanship award at the end of the season.

Teams could qualify for one of three levels of award:

**Gold Award:** awarded to any team that was issued zero yellow cards or red cards during the 2009 RDYSL season.

**Silver Award:** awarded to any team that was issued five or fewer yellow cards and zero red cards during the 2009 RDYSL season.

**Bronze Award:** awarded to any team that was issued six to ten yellow cards and zero red cards during the 2009 RDYSL season.

The following Chili Soccer Association Travel teams have won the 2009 RDYSL Team Sportsmanship Gold Award. These teams were issued zero yellow or red cards during their league games. Teams that win the Gold Award may use the attached logo on your website or other media in recognition of this achievement.

Chili FC	Boys	U9
Chili Crew	Boys	U11
Chili Cougars	Boys	U12
Chili Chill	Boys	U13
Chili United	Boys	U14
Chili Thunder	Girls	U9
Chili Wildcats	Girls	U10
Chili Cheetahs	Girls	U12
Chili Jammers	Girls	U13
Chili Lightning	Girls	U14

The following Chili Soccer Association Travel teams have won the 2009 RDYSL Team Sportsmanship Silver Award. These teams were issued five or fewer yellow cards and zero red cards during their league games. Teams that win the Silver Award may use the attached logo on your website or other media in recognition of this achievement.

Chili Storm	Boys	U15
Chili Elite	Boys	U16
Chili Fire	Girls	U11
Chili Herricanes	Girls	U15
Chili Crushers	Girls	U16
Chili Blaze	Girls	U17

***Jeffrey Perkins, Vice President of Chili Soccer Association, said: “I am glad to see that all involved in the games; a player, coach, parent, or spectator can all be of good character and nature on the field. We have seen great sportsmanship this past year and we look forward to another year of fine sportsmanship.”***

***Loren Shipley, President of Chili Soccer Association, said: “I am very proud of these Chili Soccer teams and their commitment to the highest level of sportsmanship represented by these Awards. The Chili Soccer Association continues to strive to be a leader in Sportsmanship, Integrity and Fair Play”***