



# Chicago Empire FC Club Newsletter



**SPRING 2020  
TRAINING  
SCHEDULE  
ANNOUNCED  
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**PUMA WINTER  
CLASSIC FUTSAL  
TOURNAMENT  
BOY'S SCHEDULE  
IS LIVE!**

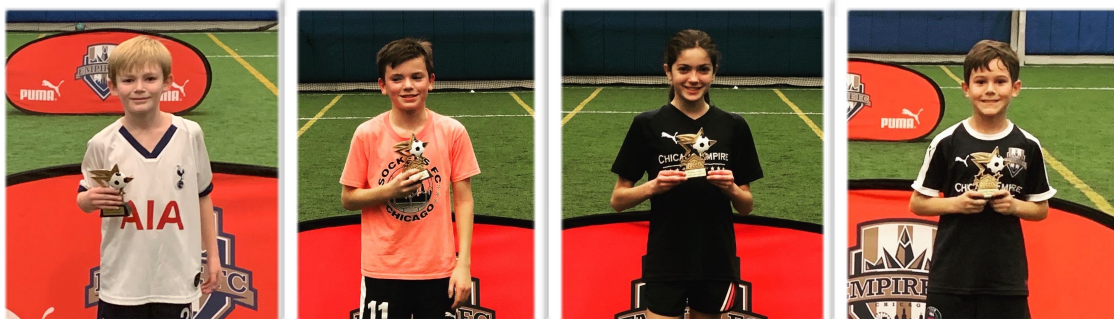
**ANNOUNCING  
EMPIRE PLUS-  
SPRING 2020  
ADDITIONAL  
TRAINING  
OPPORTUNITY**



**CHICAGO RED  
STARS 2020 HOME  
OPENER: SATURDAY  
APRIL 25TH VS.  
PORTLAND  
THORNS!**

## 2004 & 2006 Boys Teams Make a Statement at Las Vegas Mayor's Cup

Over President's Day Weekend, the 2004 & 2006 Boys teams made their way out to sunny Las Vegas for the world renowned Las Vegas Mayors Cup and College Showcase. Both teams achieved great levels of success, with the 2006 Boys making it to the Semi Finals and the 2004 Boys finishing as Finalists! Both teams progressed through group stages with an undefeated 3-0 record, while displaying a fantastic style of play that has come to define their teams in the past few seasons. Congratulations on a strong showing boys!



### Inaugural Friday Night Footy Champions!

(Left to Right) Caden Piesticker, Chase Pielsticker, Laila Miceli, Nolan Korn



## CHICAGO EMPIRE FC WINTER 2020 COLLEGE FORUM AND ID SESSION

Early this February, Chicago Empire FC hosted a college soccer forum and ID Session. After an informative 1 hour recruiting question and answer session, the players took the field vs local rival Evolution SC and played in front of some great college programs. As these players enter the vital years for college recruiting Chicago Empire FC will continue to provide avenues for college exposure and aid our players in reaching their dreams of playing beyond High School.

### College Programs Committed Attendance - Winter 2020 Showcase

University of Illinois Chicago (D1) Loyola University Chicago (D1) Northwestern University (D1)  
 Western Illinois University (D1) Purdue Northwest (D2) Loras College (D3)  
 North Central College (D3) Illinois Wesleyan University (D3)

## CHICAGO EMPIRE FC TOURNAMENT SERIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE  
WEEKENDS / EVENTS



**BOYS FUTSAL TOURNAMENT -  
SATURDAY 2/21 U8-U14**

**GIRLS FUTSAL TOURNAMENT -  
SUNDAY 3/1 U8-U14**

**CHICAGO EMPIRE FC'S INAUGURAL  
OUTDOOR TOURNAMENT**

**HELD AT STUART SPORTS COMPLEX  
U8-U12 BOYS AND GIRLS**

**OVER 60 TEAMS ALREADY COMMITTED!**



## ANNOUNCING OUR NEW FRIDAY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SPRING 2020



### CHICAGO EMPIRE FC PLUS

**-Friday's 4:30-6:00pm April 17th - June 5th-  
-Oak Brook Polo Fields-**

**-Open to all 2006-2013 Birth Years-**

**-Registration Fee of \$50 covers 7 sessions and Free  
Empire FC Plus T-Shirt!-**

**-Format will Include Combination of Technical Work  
and Small Sided games, Guided by our Directors-**

The following exert is taken from our coaching colleague, Todd Beane's TOVO blog. You may recall the Cognitive Process circle that we shared a few months back. This process in knowledge and skill acquisition drives us as a club, as we are in constant pursuit of defining what it means to be an "Empire Player". Please read below for a bit more from coach Beane as he highlights his background and experiences in childhood cognitive development as it relates to soccer.

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We can line them up and pretend that children learn by us barking out instructions to execute thoughtless drills. It will feed our ego for sure. It may even appear to the parents that we are in charge of learning. If this is our aim, I suggest that we buy the latest training toys, put on colorful bibs and give onlookers the impression that deep learning is underway. Just to reinforce our authority, we may even want to shout out the word "hustle" every other breath just for effect. But it will not nourish our young players.

If we want learning to take place, we must ask our players to do what they do best and do naturally. We must ask them to build prototypes of the game and to think their way through the iterations required to build more sophisticated models. Activities that are self-regulating and self-evident will give our players just the right feedback they need to rethink their models and to seek out the skills and knowledge required to build the next, better version. We may intervene as guides to challenge their assumptions and to applaud their discovery.

After all, we are in the business of player development. And if that still rings true, we have an opportunity to facilitate the learning process for every unique player in our charge.

We encourage everyone to take few minutes to read through the entire article on Coach Beane's website:

[Surfing, Soccer, and Prototypes](#)



**CHICAGO EMPIRE FC PLAYERS OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to our Empire FC Players of the month for February 2020!

**Chicago Red Stars Female POTM** - Isabelle Panveno U9 Gold Girls  
**Puma King Male POTM** - Nicholas Karawan U8 Gold Boys



Isabelle was recently the golden boot winner with 7 Goals in 4 Games at the Patriot Games Tournament where her U9 Gold Girls finished as Finalists. Her ability on the ball and desire to take players on 1v1 makes her a dangerous force for defenders to deal with every day. A member of Empire for 2 years already, we can't wait to see what the future holds for this special talent!

Nicholas, a member of the U8 Gold Boys team has made the indoor season his personal playground. As a young player, he possesses fantastic ability on the ball, always making defenders miss. His effort and overall competitiveness in trainings and games has been contagious across the age group. A player with a bright future ahead of him, Nicholas continues to impress our coaching staff each day!