

The Grand Junction Soccer Club



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OFF THE PITCH.... INTO THE FIRE

GRAND JUNCTION SOCCER CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

THE GRAND JUNCTION SOCCER CLUB IS DEDICATED IN PROVIDING YEAR-ROUND SOCCER OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE FUN, POSITIVE, AND CHALLENGING FOR INDIVIDUALS OF ALL AGES, ABILITIES, AND FINANCIAL MEANS.

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IMPORTANT DATES

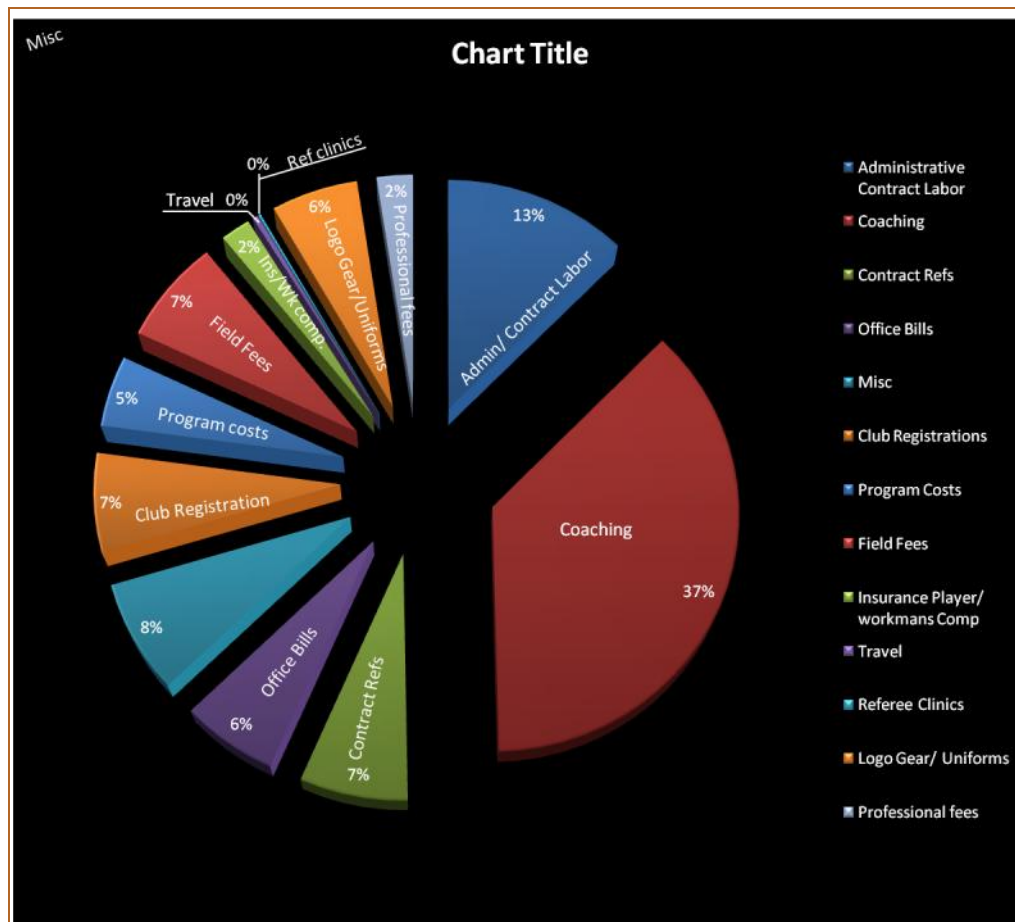
Office Hours
Tuesday— Friday 9:00am- 5:30pm
Closed SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY

November 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 Happy Halloween	1 CYS/WSSL H.S. Boys Coaches Meeting 6:30-9:00pm	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Futsal/Soccer Stars Begin- Winter Registration begins	9 CYS/WSSL H.S. Boys Tryouts U17/18 6pm-7:30pm	10 Board Meeting 7:30pm at GJSC	11	12 Last Day for Registration for Turkey Shoot Out	13 Last Day for CYS/WSSL Games
14	15 CYS/WSSL Spring 2011 Registration Begins	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 Turkey Shoot Out games begin
28 Turkey Shoot Out Games	29	30	31	1	2	3

GJSC Operating Budget

Some have asked where their soccer registration dues go and what they cover. Hopefully this article will give you a better idea of how your money is used when you sign your child up for the Grand Junction Soccer Club. The GJSC operating budget in 2009-10 represents an overall budget of \$519,201. The budget chart below provides a breakdown by expense categories. As you will notice, the club's biggest expense item is our coaching staff. With 37% of the budget going toward our coaching staff you see our emphasis on providing quality training for our players. 67% of the club's revenue goes toward fixed costs that grow as the club grows. These fixed costs include referees, Colorado Youth Soccer registration, field rental, insurance and workman's comp for employees, administrative costs, etc. Our staff costs have gone up this year with the addition of an Executive Director. This position has many roles, but a key element will be to offset costs in the club by creating revenue generating opportunities like sponsorships, tournaments, camps, clinics, etc.



The Executive Director also has the task of making sure the club expenses do not exceed the total income. It has been 3 years since GJSC has raised registration dues for our members. There has been a conscious effort to keep the cost to play soccer as affordable and as inclusive as possible. GJSC has done a great job of keeping the cost to play soccer as low as possible for the past three years. Unfortunately, as noted, 67% of our expenses are fixed costs that have all gone up considerably over the past 3 years. As you can see clearly, costs going up and registration fees staying the same becomes a problem unless there are other streams of revenue or a great influx of players registering to play soccer. Over the past three years, this has not been the case.

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What this has meant to our members is a registration increase for our recreation players and high school boys this spring, 2011. A similar increase can be expected for all competitive players, u11-14 boys and girls and high school age girls in the fall of 2011 (the high school boys increase was \$25 per player). These increases, in conjunction with cutting measures that do not hurt the quality of the product we offer, will put the club on very solid ground as we finish the year and move into the fall of 2011.

2010 and beyond, the goal of the club has and will be to reduce costs where possible while striving to continually improve our product. Our product first and foremost is our coaching expertise and customer service. Over the next year you will see this money put to use to improve our club in the following ways:

- More training opportunity for recreation players
- Better coaching education for volunteer coaches at the recreation level
- A more consistent curriculum for our recreation players
- More resources for all coaches (from on the field to on-line)
- Improved customer service and communication
- More feedback/evaluation for our competitive players
- An emphasis on cost saving measures for teams who travel
- More training opportunity for our most dedicated players
- Injury prevention education for our coaches, players and parents
- More continuing education offered to our coaches
- Programs to improve athletic performance

As we conclude the fall 2010 season, there are many positive aspects of the Grand Junction Soccer Club. I have been told by many in the community that this is the most progressive and professional youth organization in Grand Junction. I think much of the success of the club can be attributed to an outstanding staff of coaches and administrators. There is no doubt that Josh Pittman and his coaching staff has done an excellent job of pushing this club to the next level and we have seen many of the GJSC teams compete at the highest level in Western Colorado, the state, and region for that matter. This is a credit to a strong recreation program all the way up to the competitive teams. Much thanks also needs to be given to the volunteer board members who have not only had great vision, but have also committed thousands of hours of their time on behalf of the kids in our community. I want to personally thank these volunteers (as well as our volunteer coaches, managers, and referees) for all they have given back to our club and encourage others to get involved in some manner. We are always looking for volunteers and there is no doubt the best clubs in the country also have the most dedicated and proactive volunteer force. If you want to see your club (GJSC) continue to grow and to become the best club in Colorado, we would love your help.

Sincerely,
Shaun Howe

2010-11 GJSC Board Members

Kevin King ——— President	Shari Speer ——— Director
Bruce Talbott ——— Vice President	Tony Bradshaw ——— Director
Curry Newton ——— Secretary	Dave Brillhart ——— Director
Tom Lillpop ——— Director of Referees	Todd McClaskey ——— Director
	Henry Stoffel ——— Director

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winner right there.
By Venus Williams*

On- Line registration for Recreational Spring Soccer began October 18, 2010

- January 31, 2011– first day for late registration fee of \$5.00
- February 11,2011- \$15.00 late fee starts. Placement is not guaranteed- Wait Lists will be formed at this time.
- Season Begins March 19, 2011
- Season Ends May 7, 2011

On-Line registration for Winter 2011 Indoor Futsal U9– Adult begins November 8, 2010

- Registration ends December 10, 2010
- Games begin January 3, 2010
- Games will end approx February 18, 2010
- Bookcliff Activity Center– 540 29 1/2 Road
- Team Registration only-\$360.00 per team

On-Line registration for Winter 2010 Soccer Stars begins November 8, 2010

- Sessions begin January 3, 2011
- Sessions end February 3, 2011
- Taught by Mesa State Players or Coach
- \$60.00 for 5 sessions– 1time per week
- Soccer Plex, Located at the GJSC office

WSSL– On-Line Registration for Spring 2011 begins November 15, 2010

- Games begin first part of April
- Games to be completed June 1, 2011
- Coaching fee \$ 1500.00 Per team per season Player portion due by February 4, 2010. Please pay directly to team manager. Team manager will then give GJSC one check for total amount
- Cost \$210.00 per season
- Those who played Fall 2010 \$185.00

CYS– On– Line Registration for Spring 2011 Begins November 15, 2010

- Games begin March 12, 2011
- Games to be completed June1, 2011
- Coaching fee \$3000.00 Per team per season– Player portion due by February 4, 2011. Please pay directly to team manager. Team manager will then give GJSC one check for total amount.
- Cost \$ 240.00 per season- High School Boys
- Those who played Fall 2010 \$ 215.00
(cost will go up in Spring)

Winter Training 2011

Registration is available on our website at www.gjsoccer.com

1. Cost is \$80.00 Per session
2. \$10.00 discount if attending more than one session.
3. Bookcliff Activity Center– 540 29 1/4 Road

Monday Sessions

U11 Boys 5:30-6:30pm Gym1
U12 Girls 5:30-6:30pm Gym 2
U11 Girls 6:30-7:30pm Gym1
U12 Boys 6:30-7:30pm Gym 2
U13/14 Boys 7:30-8:30pm Gym 1
U13/14 Girls 7:30-8:30pm Gym 2
High School Boys 8:30-9:30pm Gym1
High School Girls 8:30-9:30pm Gym2

Thursday Sessions

U9Boys 5:30-6:30pm Gym 1
U9 Girls 5:30-6:30pm Gym 2
U10 Boys 6:30-7:30pm Gym 1
U10 Girls 6:30-7:30pm Gym 2
Soccer Fitness U11-14 7:30-8:30pm Gym 1
Keeper Training U11-14 7:30-8:30pm Gym 2
Soccer Fitness U15-18 8:30-9:30pm Gym 1
Keeper training U15-18 8:30-9:30pm Gym 2

Log onto www.grandjunctionsoccer.org to register. Please remember if you have played soccer within the past year, you already have a profile and do not need to set up a new one. Use the e-mail address that you provided us during your last registration and have your password sent to you if you do not know it.

~ Player Pictures~
Picture of the month is awarded to Nick Currier
(U-11 Boys Premier)- Congratulations!



Picture of the Month Contest

Send in your favorite picture every month to Ley-raee@gjsoccer.org and watch to see if your picture is chosen! If your picture is chosen, you will win a free grey Fire FC T-shirt. This is going to be a fun and exciting page for our players! Start taking pictures.



Pictures sent to GJSC will become the property of GJSC. Pictures will not be returned and can be used for potential materials. Winner of the "Picture Of The Month" contest has 30 days from posting to pick up their t-shirt.

Tournament Talk

GJSC and the "99" Girls Premier Team will be hosting the 1st annual "Turkey Shootout" Indoor soccer tournament on November 27th and 28th. Come out after your turkey feast and enjoy playing in the 5v5 indoor soccer tournament.

All youth (U7-U18) games will be held at the Bookcliff Activity Center and Bookcliff Middle School gym floors.

Adults, you can get in on the fun as well with a bracket for Coed teams as well as Men's teams. Adult games will be held at Pear Park Elementary School. This event is a fundraiser for the Club as well as the U12 Girls Premier Team as they are looking to travel this summer to California for additional training and games. Registration opens up on September 13th for teams. Cost to play is \$175 for youth teams and \$215.00 for adult teams. Additional Information will be available on our website at

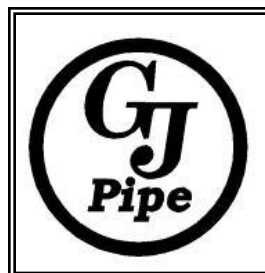
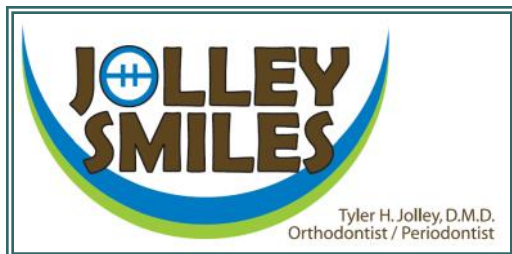
www.grandjunctionsoccer.org on September 3rd. Age brackets will be limited to a certain amount of teams. If you are interested in playing, don't hesitate getting registered early.

If you have questions about this event, please call Larry-Johnson in the office.



THANK YOU TO OUR "GO FOR THE GOAL"

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10 Benefits of Playing Soccer for GJSC

There is a plethora of research that points to the benefits of kids playing youth soccer. We have looked at much of the literature and put together a compilation of the ten most compelling reasons for your children to play soccer for GJSC.

1. Playing soccer is fun. It gives your child something positive to do and a group they belong to (sense of identity). It also puts them in a peer group with similar goals and interests.
Soccer players in general come from families who value education. If you look at the roster of any u18 boys or girls teams in the country, you will typically see grade point averages well above 3.0.
2. Research shows that kids who play sports, especially girls, are more likely to have a positive body image and high self esteem.
Soccer players are less likely to be overweight.
3. Kids involved with sports are less likely to take drugs or smoke because they are goal driven and are very aware that these activities will hurt their performance.
Girls who play sports are less likely to become pregnant.
4. Physical activities are a great way to reduce stress and depression.
5. Soccer can help kids develop discipline. Players learn to set goals and then work to achieve these goals. They learn that by working hard they can accomplish anything they want in life.
6. Kids who play soccer quickly learn that sometimes you win and sometimes you lose. They learn the value of sportsmanship in both situations. They also learn the power of perseverance. Athletes must learn to pick themselves up and try again.
7. Statistics show that kids who are involved in sports while in high school are more likely to experience academic success and graduate high school.
8. Soccer helps to develop teamwork and leadership skills. Kids learn that they have to work together as a team to win games.
9. Motor skills, strategic thinking, and even math skills are learned by playing soccer.
10. Regular exercise increases the quality of life. Children who exercise are more likely to continue the practices into adulthood. Adults who exercise are far more likely to live healthy and productive lives.

High School Boys Spring -2011 Tryouts

When: November 9, 2010

Where: MSC Walker Stadium

What to wear: plain t-shirt, no club or team affiliation

What to bring: Water bottle, cleats, ball, shin guards.

Times: U17-18 Boys—5:30-6pm registration, 6pm to 7:30pm— Tryouts

U15-16—7pm to 7:30pm registration, 7:30pm to 9:00pm— Tryouts

Caitlyn's  Caring & Sharing

Warm Hearts Project

Please join us
in collecting clean
coats and blankets
that are in good condition
for those in need
in our community!!

Drop off Locations

Fruita Monument H.S. (Commons Area), Absolute Dance

True Chiropractic Health Center, Kidzplex

Glow Salon, Judy's Restaurant, other locations TBA

Contacts: Kathy D. 970-250-5707 & Cathy S. 970-858-8048 or 270-2702