

2009 Alaska State Cup Tournament Results

JSC teams played well at the 2009 Alaska State Cup tournament in Kenai, Aug. 10 – 15. The U17 Boys Jambaars took second place, narrowly losing 1-0 in an exciting and well-played final game. The result was in doubt to the last second; a Jambaars' free kick was saved by the opposing keeper just before the final whistle.

The U16 Girls Two-Steppers reached the semi-final round and lost to the eventual champions 2-0. The score did not reflect the quality of play by the Juneau girls who played 60 minutes of the game limited to 10 players following a red card for a hand ball in the box. Though short-handed, the Two-Steppers kept it close with some good chances of their own until their opponents scored the final goal in the last 5 minutes.

Juneau teams' experience in the tournament was significantly marred when the U16 Boys Thunder were denied a chance to play in the semi-final round despite having a record in pool play better than 2 teams who did reach the semis. For the second year in a row the AYSA tournament committee had a poorly designed 6-team bracket in which top teams of the 2 divisions got to advance regardless of their overall record. Thunder played very well and tied for second best record in their division with 2 wins and a tie in pool play (defeating or tying all teams in the other division) but placed third on the basis of 1 more goal allowed. No team in the other division won a game, yet 2 advanced to the semi-final round. Despite multiple informal appeals to the teams involved, and 2 protest hearings about the unfairness of the flawed bracket structure, AYSA refused to change the results and Thunder was sent home. JSC plans to continue to protest the treatment of our team, and will also reevaluate our association with AYSA and the State Cup Tournament as a result.

JSC Two-Steppers U16 G

Pool Play

Two-Steppers 0, Full Force (Anch.) 3
Two-Steppers 1, Rush (Anch.) 2
Two-Steppers 1, Snow Storm (Chugiak) 2

Semi-Final

Two-Steppers 0, Full Force 2
Record – 0 Wins, 4 Losses; 4th Place

JSC Thunder U16 B

Pool Play

Thunder 4, Homer 0
Thunder 4, Kenai Snipers 0
Thunder 1, Full Force 1

Record - 2 wins, 1 tie

JSC Jambaars U17 B

Pool Play

Jambaars 3, Phoenix (Fairbanks) 2
Jambaars 11, Anch. YSC 0
Jambaars 0, Full Force 3

Semi-Final

Jambaars 4, Phoenix 1

Final

Jambaars 0, Full Force 1

Record – 3 wins, 2 losses; 2nd Place