



CINCINNATI DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

A partnership developed by Cincinnati United Premier and Kings Hammer Academy

Cincinnati Development Academy Q and A

1. What is the Development Academy?

U.S. Soccer started the Development Academy Program to improve long-term player and coach development. After studying player development models domestically and internationally, U.S. Soccer collaborated with elite soccer clubs across the nation to create a program to provide the proper environment by emphasizing quality training and limited meaningful competition. The Academy will be the top program for girls soccer in the country and will serve as the primary pathway to the Youth National Teams.

2. When will the Girls' Development Academy begin and what are the season dates?

The first year of competition for the program will begin in the fall of 2017. The season will likely begin in September and end in June/July.

3. Why did Cincinnati United and Kings Hammer partner to form the Cincinnati Development Academy?

The Cincinnati Development Academy (CDA) is proud to be a founding member of US Soccer's Girls' Development Academy. Cincinnati United and Kings Hammer are recognized for being a leader in player development, quality of coaching staff, history of player production, and overall club infrastructure. These are reasons why US Soccer selected us. The short answer is: we are stronger together than apart.

4. What age groups will participate?

The Girls' Development Academy will feature three combined age groups: U14/15, U16/17, U18/19. The use of the combined age groups will ensure that clubs form teams with a balanced roster of players from two distinct birth years and will also encourage players to play "up" on an older age team within the club to help accelerate development.

5. Who will lead the CDA?

CDA will be run by Bobby Puppione and Tiffany Roberts, along with other highly qualified coaching and technical staff. This staff has been recognized by US Soccer, college coaches, and other soccer professionals for their success and history of player development.

6. Who can play in the DA?

Players from across the city and region are welcome at CDA, and it is not solely for players from CUP and KHA. It is an open program to serve the players of Cincinnati and the surrounding area looking to be a part of the top program for girls soccer in the country.

7. Why should we play in the DA?

A player's daily environment is very important to their development as a soccer player. Cincinnati Development Academy will provide the best environment for players. Some of the benefits include:

- playing with and against the best players locally, regionally, and nationally
- first class environment that will best prepare players for not only national teams but collegiately as well
- better training to game ratio
- more quality training sessions
- an appropriate number of quality matches
- accountability for players and coaches in training and games
- an attention to detail needed to develop as a player
- periodizing the training and games to maximize potential and reduce the chance of injury

As you can see, this environment will give each player the best opportunity to be successful beyond their youth career. Whether it is college, professional, or the national team, playing in the Development Academy will give players what they need to be successful down the road.

8. What about KHA and CUP?

Outside of the DA, CUP and Kings Hammer will still offer players the opportunities to compete in college showcases, cup competitions, National League, MRL, OSSL, Buckeye, TPL, and other competitive environments. The depth of player pools from both clubs will still allow for elite level competition for players not participating in the Girls' Development Academy program. CUP and KHA will operate separately outside of the Development Academy.

Through the top level coaching staff, the quality daily training environment, and focus on player development, players will be able to receive a high quality experience whether a part of the CDA or at CUP or Kings Hammer. The CDA, along with CUP and Kings Hammer, will provide the necessary environment to prepare players for college, professional, national teams, and beyond.

9. Who is in the Development Academy?

Cincinnati Development Academy is one of 25 founding members to the Girls' Development Academy. US Soccer has grown the academy to 53 teams, with more clubs joining during this coming year. As you can see, many of the top clubs in the country are participating in the Girls' Development Academy.

First 25 Clubs Accepted:

Beach FC (Torrance, Calif.)	FC Dallas (Frisco, Texas)	Real Colorado (Highlands Ranch, Co.)
Boston Breakers (Watertown, Mass.)	LAFC Slammers (Los Angeles, Calif.)	San Diego Surf (San Diego, Calif.)
CASL (Raleigh, N.C.)	Lamorinda (Moraga, Calif.)	Seattle Reign (Seattle, Wash.)
Cincinnati Development Academy (Cincinnati, Ohio)		Michigan Hawks (Livonia, Mich.)
Sky Blue FC-PDA (Bernardsville, N.J.)	Mustang (Danville, Calif.)	So Cal Blues (Rancho Capistrano, Calif.)
Colorado Rush (Littleton, Co.)	Orlando Pride (Orlando, Fla.)	Sockers FC (Palatine, Ill.)
Concorde Fire (Atlanta, Ga.)	Penn Fusion SA (Westtown, Pa.)	Solar Chelsea SC (Dallas, Texas)
Crossfire (Redmond, Wash.)	Portland Thorns (Portland, Ore.)	Washington Spirit (Boyd's, Md.)
De Anza Force (Saratoga, Calif.)	Tophat NTH (Atlanta, Ga.)	

Second Set of Clubs Accepted:

Boca United (Boca Raton, Fla.)	FC Stars (Acton, Mass.)	San Juan Soccer (Rancho Cordova, Calif.)
Charlotte Soccer Academy (Matthews, N.C.)	FC Virginia (Chantilly, Va.)	Shattuck-St. Mary's Rev (Faribault, Minn.)
Clay County Soccer Club (Fleming Island, Fla.)		IMG Academy (Bradenton, Fla.)
Sting Soccer Club (Addison, Texas)	Dallas Texans (Plano, Texas)	
Jacksonville Armada Youth Academy (JFC) (Jacksonville, Fla.)		TSC Hurricane (Tulsa, Okla.)
LA Galaxy San Diego (San Diego, Calif.)	Davis Legacy (Davis, Calif.)	LA Premier FC (La Canada, Calif.)
Virginia Development Academy (Woodbridge, Va.)		Eagles SC (Camarillo, Calif.)
Legends FC (Chino, Calif.)	West Florida Flames (Brandon, Fla.)	East Meadow SC (East Meadow, N.Y.)
Lonestar Soccer Club (Austin, Texas)	Weston FC (Weston, Fla.)	
Eastside FC (Preston, Wash.)	Match Fit Academy (Morris Plains, N.J.)	World Class FC (Orangeburg, N.Y.)
Eclipse Select (Oak Brook, Ill.)	Midwest United FC (Grand Rapids, Mich.)	Washington Spirit-Maryland (Boyd's, MD.)

10. What is next in the process? How do I stay informed?

US Soccer and Cincinnati Development Academy will be providing more information during the fall and upcoming year. We will be holding "town hall" meetings to give more information, while also meeting with coaches across the city and region to update them on this world class opportunity for the city. Once we have more to share, we will send information about timelines for the upcoming year. Information will be posted on the club websites, social media, and CDA website (coming soon).

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