



CINCINNATI DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

A partnership developed by Cincinnati United Premier and Kings Hammer Academy



The Cincinnati United Soccer Club and the Kings Hammer Soccer Club are excited to announce a new partnership. Together both clubs will run the Girls' U.S. Soccer Development Academy Program in Cincinnati. The "Cincinnati Development Academy" will be a joint 501c3 nonprofit organization run by both Kings Hammer and Cincinnati United and will be one of the country's first Girls' Development Academies. The program's first season will be 2017-18 and it will be open to all girls in Cincinnati and the surrounding areas. Both clubs will continue to operate their club programs independently.

The announcement from US Soccer:

<http://www.ussoccer.com/stories/2016/06/30/19/42/160630-development-academy-us-soccer-announces-first-25-clubs-for-girls-development-academy?sf30035051=1>

Dan Kunkemoeller, President of Cincinnati United, and Tim Bronsil, President of Kings Hammer, released a joint statement: "The decision to join forces was based out of a deep respect for the soccer and board leadership of both clubs. Our philosophies are aligned to provide the best opportunities for our players through strong curriculum, commitment to excellence, and developing the entire player. Both clubs should be proud of their accomplishments which led to this unique opportunity. We're committed to working together on a variety of initiatives to raise the bar for soccer in the Greater Cincinnati area."

Scott Rodgers, Executive Director of Cincinnati United, on the DA appointment: "I am so happy that the players in Cincinnati who like to challenge themselves in the game of soccer will have this exciting new opportunity. Our area has produced so many great players over the years and because of them, a new generation will have this exciting program to challenge their game."

Tiffany Roberts, Women's Executive Director of Kings Hammer Soccer Club: "We are extremely excited to represent U.S. Soccer and bring the Development Academy to Cincinnati. This venture will elevate the level of soccer here in the city and will provide a great environment for players to excel and grow."

Bobby Puppione, CUP Senior Girls Director of Coaching: "We are very excited to be chosen as one of the initial girls clubs to join the U.S. Soccer Development Academy. Developing the top female players in the area while still providing competitive environments in our own clubs is something that will benefit the entire city."

Please check these websites for more updates and information:

Kings Hammer Soccer Club www.kingshammer.com

Cincinnati United Soccer Club www.cincyunited.com