



Charlotte SA joins Southeast Pre-Academy League, a US Club Soccer National Premier League

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Charlotte, NC (April 7, 2011) – Charlotte Soccer Academy is pleased to announce its participation in the newly-formed **Southeast Pre-Academy League**, one of US Club Soccer’s **National Premier Leagues (NPL)** for boys. The Southeast Pre-Academy League includes the U-14 boys age group beginning in fall 2011.

The National Premier Leagues are leagues throughout the country with the highest level of competition in a given area, offering a platform for long-term player development by providing consistent and meaningful games between the region’s top players. The NPL also provides opportunities for players to be scouted by U.S. Soccer national staff. Winners of each league within the NPL will qualify for US Club Soccer’s inaugural **National Premier Leagues Champions Cup** in July 2012.

Leagues within the NPL currently include the Midwest Developmental League, NorCal Premier League, Northeast Pre-Academy League, Northern Illinois Soccer League, Oregon Premier League and Texas Pre-Academy League. Several other National Premier Leagues across the country will be announced shortly.

Ten clubs from the U.S. Soccer Developmental Academy will be participating in the Southeast Pre-Academy League:

- Atlanta Fire (GA)
- Birmingham United (AL)
- CASL (NC)
- Charlotte SA (NC)
- Concorde Fire (GA)
- North Meck (NC)
- Richmond Kickers (VA)
- Richmond Strikers (VA)
- South Carolina United (SC)
- Virginia Rush (VA)

The Southeast Pre-Academy League will kick off in September 2011, and participating teams will play up to 18 total regular-season games over the fall and spring season, depending on their division placement.

“We are very excited to be a member of the Southeast Pre-Academy League,” said Brad Wylde, Charlotte SA Executive Director of Coaching. “This league provides an avenue for our top young boys to compete against the best players and clubs in the region every year. We expect the Southeast Pre-Academy League to be an important part of improving player development and opportunity for our players.”

The Southeast Pre-Academy League and NPL websites are currently under construction and will be launched in the near future.

About US Club Soccer:

US Club Soccer is a non-profit organization whose mission is to develop competitive club soccer in the United States. A member of the United States Soccer Federation since July 2001, US Club Soccer has grown to include member clubs and leagues in all 50 states. In addition to sanctioning and administering tournaments, leagues and other competitions as well as offering a range of programs for its members, US Club Soccer annually conducts the *National Cup*. US Club Soccer also directs its own player identification and development program – *id*².

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