

## 2025-2026 HIGHLIGHTS



### College Recruiting:

- Concluding the 2024-2025 season, we are extremely excited to announce that we have a record number of players who have committed to playing at the next level. We have 31 female and 14 male players who will start playing college soccer in the Fall.

### National/Post Season Qualification:

- As a result of their performance during the 2024-2025 season, we are proud to share with you that we have (8) teams that have qualified for ECNL and/or ECNL-R National and Regional Playoffs. We would like to congratulate all the players and coaches on this accomplishment.

### Coaching Staff:

- We are honored to welcome Coaches Chris Carter, Eric Guiliano, Eric Im, Josh Frank, Kyle Hodge, Enes Patkovic, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, Artem Shchekunov, Tionna Taylor, David Umaru as new additions to our staff. We are very excited about the knowledge and experience these coaches bring to the club and the positive impact they will have for our players.

### TOCA Football Partner and Continued Focus on TOCA Training:

- We are excited to continue as a TOCA Football Partner! This partnership will provide additional development opportunities and benefits to our players.
- Our U12 Academy teams will incorporate TOCA technical training through an additional night of training during the 2024-2025 season. Specific details will be shared as we get closer to the start of the season.

### Continued Focus on Futsal Programming

- We will continue to use futsal to maximize the development of our younger players. Our U10 and U11 Academy teams will incorporate futsal training program through a 3<sup>rd</sup> night of training during the 2025-2026 season. We will continue to provide futsal leagues during the summer and winter months.
- Members will continue to experience improvements to our programming and facilities we use over the summer/winter as well as optional futsal training programs throughout the season.

### Strength, Conditioning, and Injury-Prevention Programming

- Our U13 through U19 ECNL teams will continue with the strength, conditioning, and injury-prevention/ACL-prevention program as part of their curriculum/training schedule. This training will be led by 2 strength and conditioning specialists and will be a 16-week program starting in August.
- Our U15-U19 ECNL-R teams will also participate in an 8-week program led by our strength and conditioning specialists starting in August 2025.
- Our goal is to continue to expand this training and offer optional training opportunities in the future.

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## Performance Tracking

- During the 2025-26 season our U19 ECNL teams will be equipped with GPS-based tracking devices and software that will allow athletes, coaches to monitor performance across multiple speed and volume metrics.

## Game Film

- During the 2025-26 season we will continue to use a sharing platform/fleet of cameras to allow recording of home games for all our programs.

## Athletic Trainers:

- Trained professionals will be present during home matches to assist with minor medical treatments before, during and after play.



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