



# CHICAGO FC UNITED BOYS ACADEMY: THE ELITE BOYS PROGRAM IN ILLINOIS

ACHIEVE YOUR *INCREDIBLE*



**OUR MISSION**  
Is to develop and  
inspire the elite player.



## WHO WE ARE: AN INSIDE LOOK CHICAGO FCU BOYS ACADEMY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The **Chicago FC United Boys Academy** is designed for the top soccer players in Illinois. The goal of the FCU Academy is to optimize player development through a 10 month year round season that competes against the top boys' clubs in the midwest and the country. FCU Academy is committed to cultivating the most competitive training environment that empowers each player to reach their best potential and **Achieve Their Incredible!**

### FCU BOYS ACADEMY PROGRAM: THE ELITE SOCCER EXPERIENCE

The FCU Boys Academy Program is a year round, 10 month program that produces an exceptional soccer experience in every season.

AUGUST - DECEMBER	JANUARY - FEBRUARY	MARCH - JUNE	JUNE
FALL	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12+ Academy League Games</li> <li>Fall Academy National College Showcase</li> <li>4 Training Sessions Per Week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FC United College Showcase</li> <li>Winter Academy Showcase</li> <li>4 Training Sessions Per Week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12+ Academy League Games</li> <li>Spring Academy National College Showcase</li> <li>4 Training Sessions Per Week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer Showcase / Playoff</li> </ul>

*\*Schedules subject to change*

- ★ **Coaching Staff:** The Best of the Best! All Teams are Coached by Experienced, Elite Level Coaches
- ★ **Exposure to US Youth National Team Scouts** 
- ★ **MLS Next College Showcases** 
- ★ **All Academy League Games & Showcases Are Filmed!**
- ★ **4 Training Sessions Per Week**

### FCU BOYS ACADEMY: BY THE NUMBERS

Number  
of Players  
**130+**

Number  
of Teams  
**7**

2021/2022  
Age Groups  
**U12-U19**



# THE FCU WAY: STYLE OF PLAY

**In possession: "Our aim is to manipulate the positioning of the opponent by creating and exploiting space."**

## Construction:

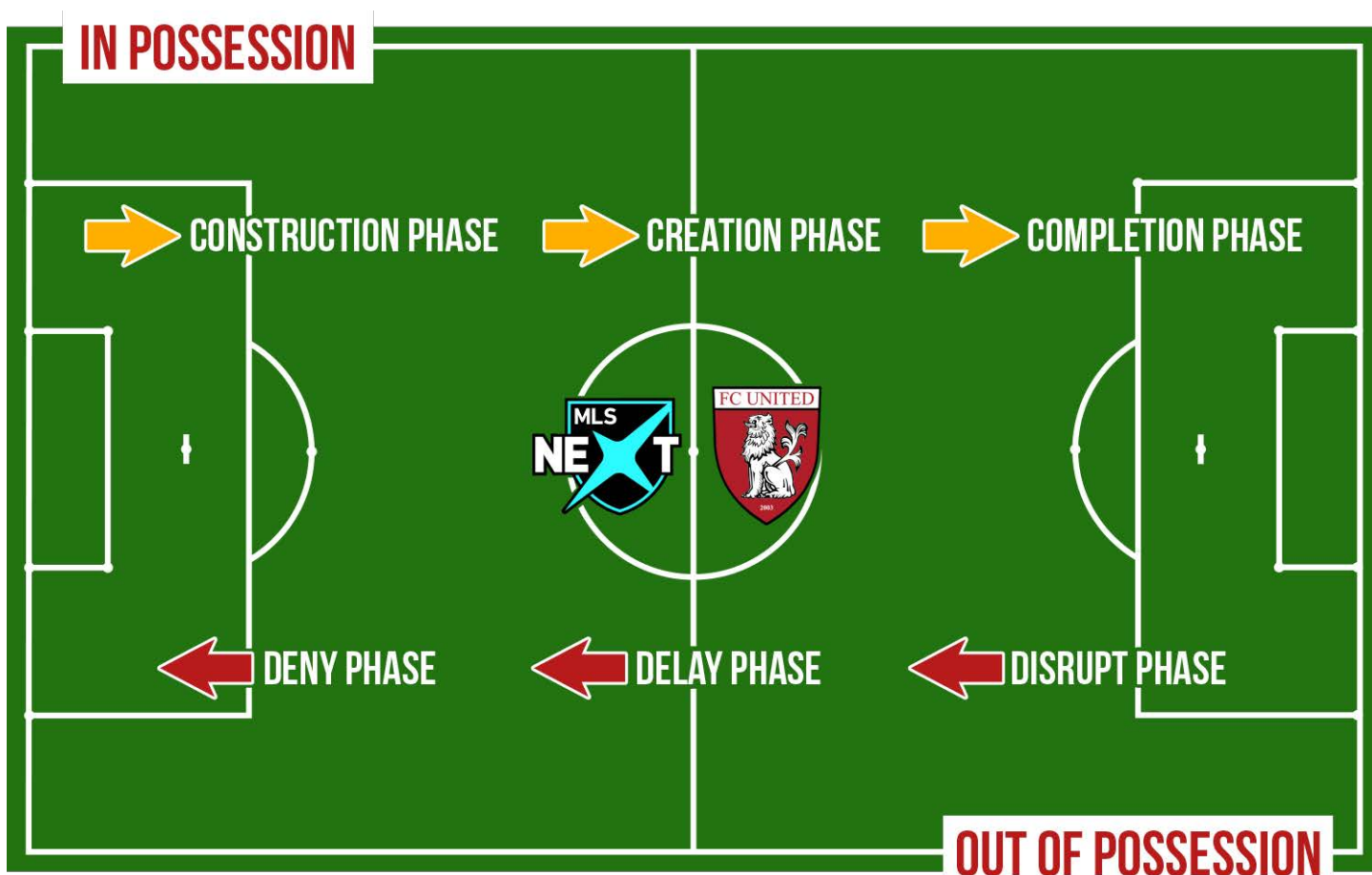
- Player Movement & Rotation
- Attract Pressure

## Creation:

- Create Numerical Overloads
- Exploit Space Between & In Behind Lines

## Completion:

- Threaten Space in Behind
- Create & Utilize Overloads



**Out of possession: "High octane front foot defending, denying opponent time and space to regain possession as soon as possible"**

## Disrupt

- Disrupt & Press the Opponent's Build Out

## Delay

- Recover & Defend in a Compact/ Organized Shape

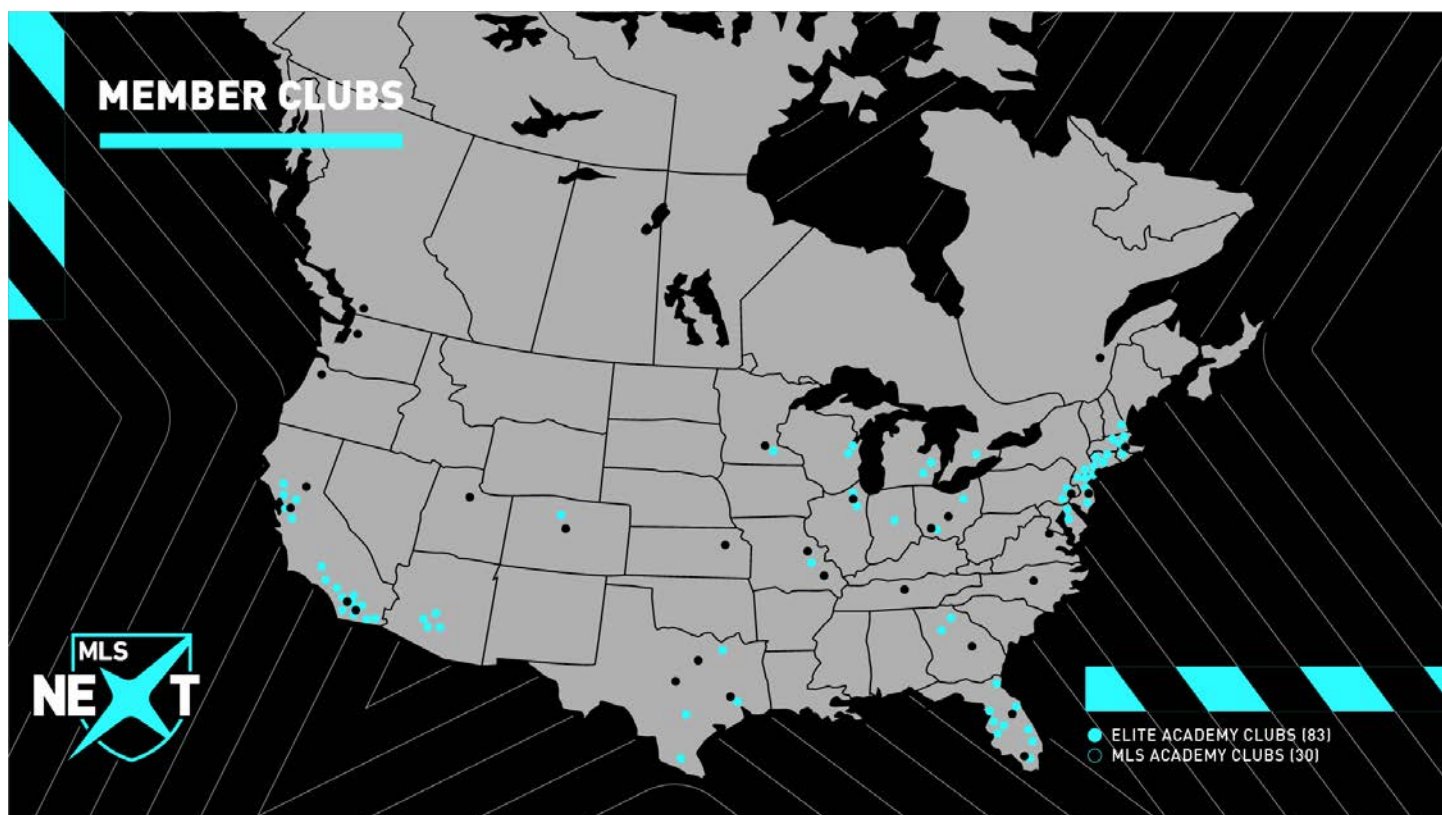
## Deny

- Eliminate Attacking Threat & Deny Goal Scoring Opportunities



# MLS NEXT: COMPETE AGAINST THE BEST!

The FCU Academy Teams Compete Against the Top Teams in the Midwest and the Country!



## MLS NEXT PLATFORM: CENTRAL DIVISION CONFERENCE







“ The exposure that these players receive is incredible. There is no other platform like it! ”

- Parent of '03 Athlete

## REACH THE NEXT LEVEL: COLLEGE RECRUITING & NATIONAL TEAM EXPOSURE

### FCU Academy College Recruiting

### Exposure to College Coaches // Recruiting Process Education & Execution

We prepare our players to compete and contribute at the next level. We provide the knowledge, networks, and exposure to provide our players the best opportunity to play collegiately for a school that best fits their academic, athletic, and personal goals.

### New to 2021/2022! Player First Recruiting Platform

FC United is proud to offer **PlayerFirst Recruiting** to our FCU club members. PFR is a personalized recruiting software that provides a step-by-step guide for navigating the complicated recruiting process. This software is available to current 8th through 12th-grade Girls and Boys FC United members interested in playing collegiate soccer. More details will be provided after final team formations.

## COLLEGE PROGRAMS WITH FCU BOYS COMMITMENTS SINCE 2019





## CLASS OF 2021

**Mateo Acosta**  
University of Notre Dame

**Chaz Bond**  
New York University

**Michael Chavez**  
Air Force Academy

**Charlie Crockford**  
UCLA

**Nate Crockford**  
UCLA

**Dalton Hass**  
University of Maryland

**Blaine Mabie**  
Georgetown University

**Tommy Mihalic**  
Indiana University

**Henrik Nelson**  
Middlebury College

**Isiah Parker**  
Saint Louis University

**David Poreba**  
Loyola University Chicago

## CLASS OF 2020

**Axel Alejandre**  
University of North Carolina

**Bryce Blevins**  
University of Michigan

**Gio Boulet**  
North Central College

**Brett Chrisman**  
Colgate University

**Bryan Dowd**  
University of Notre Dame

**Jack Finnegan**  
University of Wisconsin

**Juan Gutierrez**  
University of Illinois Chicago

**Krystian Kresso**  
University of Pennsylvania

**Aiden Pape**  
Middlebury College

**Alex Salvino**  
University of Notre Dame

“ The FCU Academy Program provides the recruiting education and the exposure opportunities needed for the boys to play at the collegiate level. If you want to play at the next level, this is the program for you. ”

- Parent of a 2021 BA Player



# AHEAD OF THE CURVE: PEOPLE, INNOVATION, & FACILITIES

## OUR LEADERSHIP



**Steve Morris**  
**Boys Academy Director**

- USSF A Youth License
- 16 Years Professional Playing/Coaching Experience
- Syracuse University All-Time Leading Scorer



**Kevin Gowrie**  
**Boys Academy Coach**

- USSF National A License
- USC Premier Diploma
- Former Team Chicago Director



**Greg Hennelly**  
**FCU Boys Director**

- USSF National B License
- USSF National Youth License
- Former NCAA Division 1 and USLII Assistant Coach



**Stan Anderson**  
**FCU GK Coach**

- 24 years D1 College coach
- 2014/15 DA National Champ with Chicago Fire Academy
- 2018 IL Soccer Person of the Year



**Baer Fisher**  
**Sporting Director**

- Loyola Academy Head Coach
- USSF B License
- DIII National Champion (Middlebury College)



**Andy Parry**  
**Director of Operations**

- USSF National A
- USC Premier Diploma
- USSF National Youth



**David Roth**  
**Executive Director**

- Northwestern University All American
- Northwestern Athletic Hall of Fame
- New York Red Bulls '09-'10



The Academy Coaches are best in class. The knowledge they share with the players and thought process behind what they do is why we love this program.

- Parent of '05 Athlete

# INNOVATION: CHANGING THE PLAYER & FAMILY EXPERIENCE

FC United Academy is always evolving and innovating our program to provide the best player and family experience in youth soccer.



**PlayerFirst App:** PlayerFirst is the club proprietary app that drives the club schedules, rosters, and team communications.



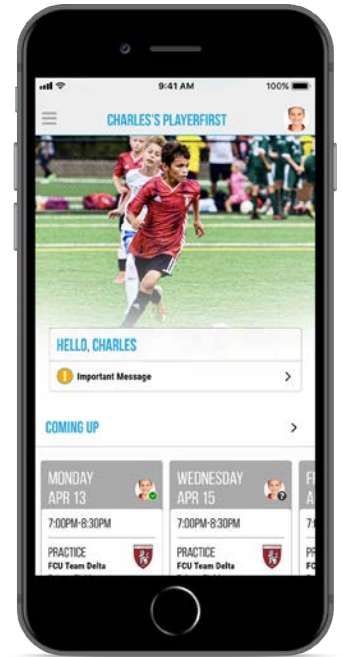
**@Home Training Program:** The FCU @Home Training Program includes a library of individual exercises designed to promote the player's *Commitment to Self Improvement*.



**InStat:** Powerful online video platform that will provide coaches with game analysis reports, and give individual player clips and statistics

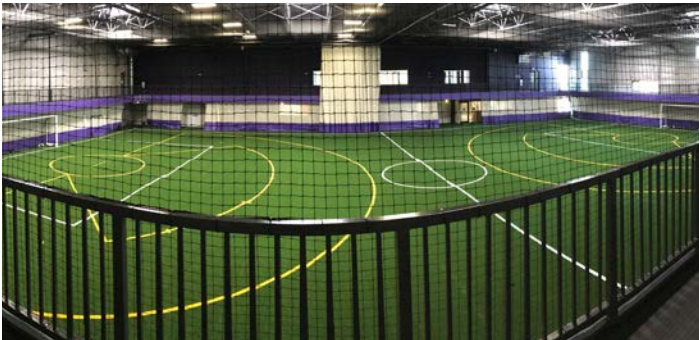


**VEO Game Film:** All Boys Academy Games are Filmed! All League Games & Showcase Games are Filmed using VEO technology. Game Films are used for internal game analysis and for the player recruiting purposes.



## ELITE TRAINING FACILITIES: TRAIN ON THE BEST!

### HOME INDOOR FACILITIES:



**Falcon Indoor Fields**

3090 N. Lake Terrace, Glenview



**Highland Park Fieldhouse**

2205 Skokie Valley Rd, Highland Park

### HOME OUTDOOR FACILITIES:



**Vernon Hills Turf Fields**

300 Nike Pkwy, Vernon Hills



**Winnetka Turf Fields**

540 Hibbard Rd, Winnetka





# INTERESTED IN THE BOYS ACADEMY?

## DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO PLAY AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL?



**Upcoming I.D. Clinics:** Be part of a team at the highest level of play! Register for an FCU Boys Academy I.D. Clinic to experience our program!

**[Click Here to Register for I.D. Clinics](#)**



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