



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

ACHIEVE YOUR *INCREDIBLE*



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



# WHO WE ARE: AN INSIDE LOOK

## CHICAGO FCU GA PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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

## FCU GA PROGRAM: THE ELITE SOCCER EXPERIENCE

The FCU Girls 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
<b>FALL</b>	<b>WINTER</b>	<b>SPRING</b>	<b>SUMMER</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· 10+ 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>· 10+ 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:** All Teams are Coached by Experienced, Elite Level Coaches
- ★ **Exposure to US Youth National Team Scouts** 
- ★ **National GA College Showcases**
- ★ **All GA League Games & Showcases Are Filmed!**
- ★ **4 Training Sessions Per Week**



## FCU GA: BY THE NUMBERS

Number  
of Players  
**100+**

Number  
of Teams  
**5**

2022/2023  
Age Groups  
**2010-2004**

# THE FCU WAY: STYLE OF PLAY

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

**Construction:**

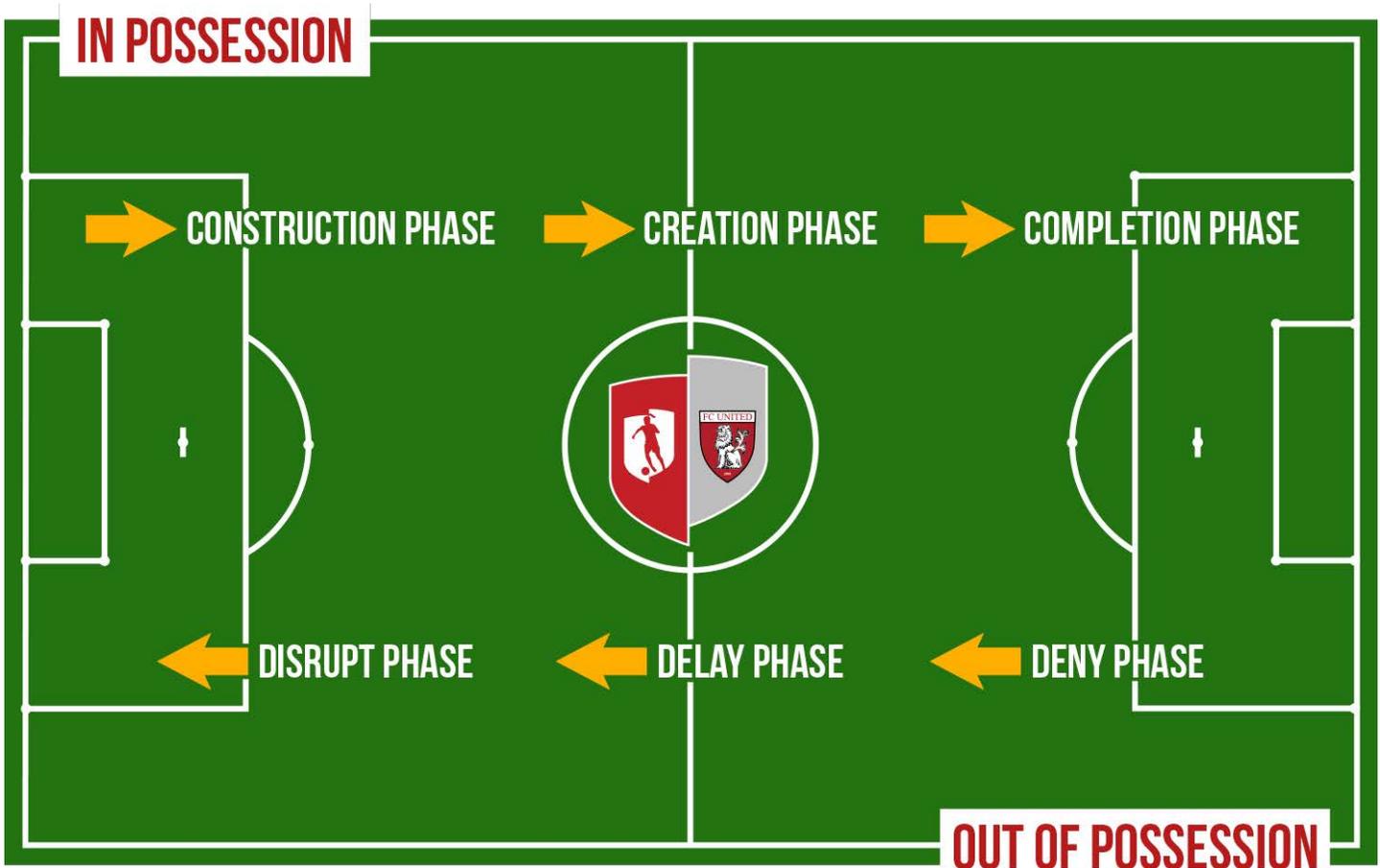
- Player Movement & Rotation
- Attract Pressure

**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

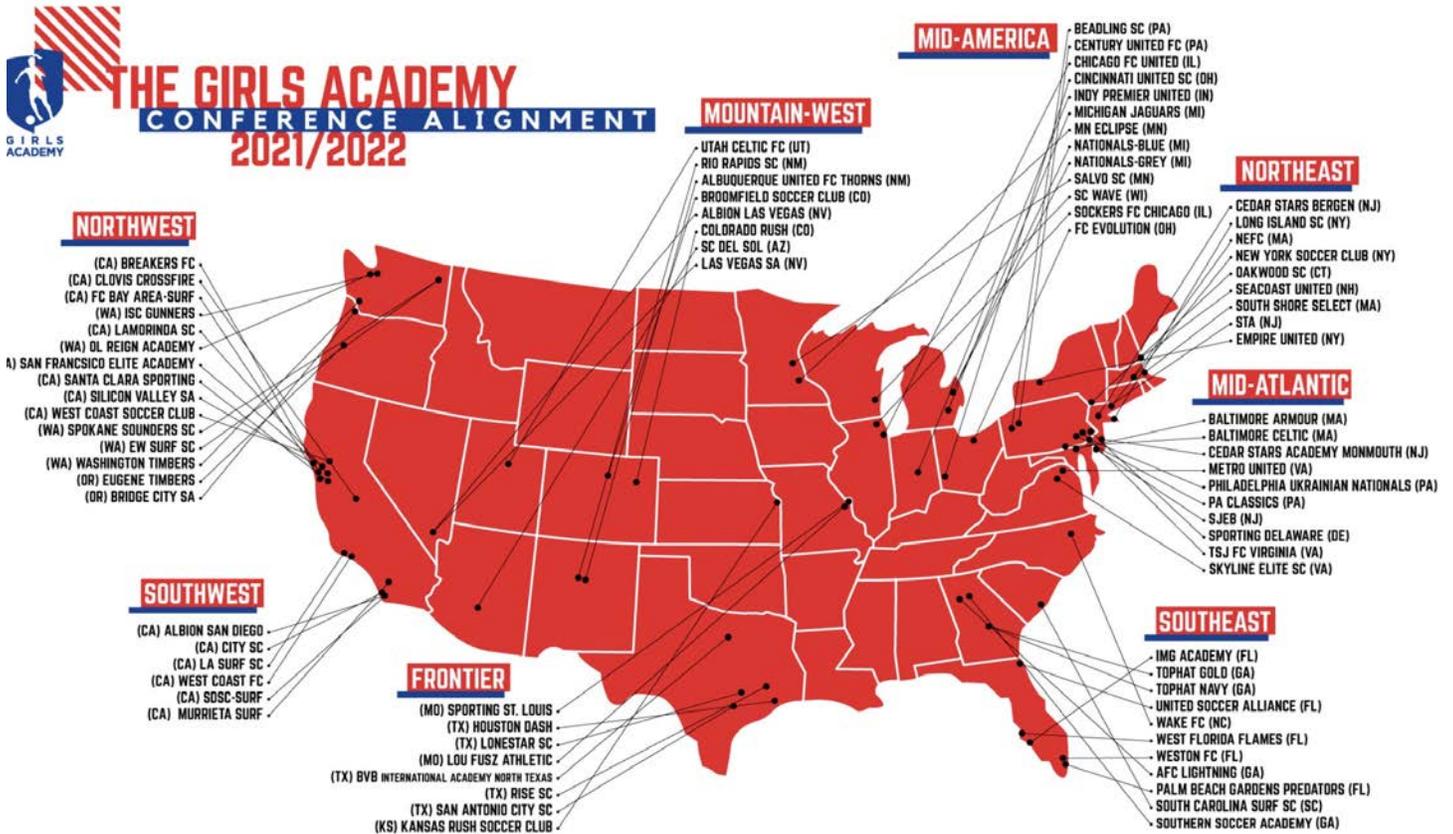
**Deny**

- Eliminate Attacking Threat & Deny Goal Scoring Opportunities



# THE GA PLATFORM: COMPETE AGAINST THE BEST!

The FC United Girls Academy teams compete against the top teams in the Midwest and the country! The Girls Academy League consists of 7 Conferences throughout the United States.



## OUR CONFERENCE: MID-AMERICA CONFERENCE

The FC United Girls Academy participates in the highly competitive Mid-America Conference, composed of the best girls teams in the Midwest!





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

- Parent of a 2020 GA Player

## REACH THE NEXT LEVEL: COLLEGE RECRUITING & BEYOND!

**FCU Girls 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.

### **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.



**Keegan Schmeiser**  
U17 National Team  
Member



**Mya Nugent**  
U16 National Team



**Molly Vapensky**  
U15 National Team

## COLLEGE PROGRAMS WITH FCU GIRLS COMMITMENTS SINCE 2019





## CLASS OF 2022

**Andrea Aguirre**  
University of St. Francis

**Kali Burrell**  
University of Michigan

**Delaney Engel**  
North Carolina State University

**Hannah Gryzik**  
University of Illinois Chicago

**Daisy Hernandez**  
Illinois State University

**Julia Holton**  
Fordham University

**Melissa Kubin**  
Central Michigan University

**Athena McGinn**  
University of North Dakota

**Mallory McGuire**  
Rutgers University

**Olivia Medina**  
DePaul University

**Emma Struck**  
Case Western Reserve University

**Ella Thompson**  
Brandeis University

**Natalie Thurston**  
Purdue University



## CLASS OF 2021

**Abby Baldrige**  
University of Louisville

**Annie Bantner**  
University of St. Thomas

**Danielle Barzowski**  
University of Wisconsin Milwaukee

**Katia Chiampas**  
John Hopkins University

**Sasha Clinnin**  
Roanoke College

**Cate Cullison**  
University of Wisconsin Milwaukee

**Betsy Dickman**  
Trinity College

**Emily Dunkel**  
Dickinson College

**Nikki Elliott**  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Ryann Lucas**  
St. Mary's College of California

**Kemi Makinde**  
Bluefield State College

**Juliet Mendez**  
Saint Xavier University

**Marissa Murillo**  
Saint Xavier University

**Jaden Peck**  
University of Minnesota

**Annie Welch**  
Yale University

## CLASS OF 2020

**Claire Cashion**  
DePauw University

**Lauren Holland**  
University of Minnesota

**Alexandra LaQuaglia**  
University of Wisconsin

**Vanessa Murray**  
University of Denver

**Hailey Newman**  
University of North Dakota

**Julia Olander**  
University of Pennsylvania

**Alyssa Rivera**  
Purdue Indian Fort Wayne

**Tina Teik**  
Yale University

**Ellie Zern**  
Holy Cross

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

## OUR LEADERSHIP



### Steve Morris - Academy Director

- USSF National A License
- Former Professional Player in NPSL, A League, and Canadian Soccer League
- Former USLII Coach



### Chris Wright FCU GA Assistant Director

- USSF B License
- UEFA B License
- NSCAA Premier



### Andy Parry Director of Operations

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



### 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



### David Roth Executive Director

- Northwestern University All American
- Northwestern Athletic Hall of Fame
- New York Red Bulls (2009-2010)



The GA Coaches are the 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 GA 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<sup>®</sup> Instat:** Powerful online video platform that will provide coaches with game analysis reports, and give individual player clips and statistics

**veo VEO Game Film:** All Girls 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 GA? DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO PLAY AT THE ELITE LEVEL?

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