



CHICAGO FC UNITED BOYS SOCCER CLUB

ACHIEVE YOUR *INCREDIBLE*



OUR MISSION

Building Passion and Expertise in Every Player

WHO WE ARE: AN INSIDE LOOK

CHICAGO FC UNITED BOYS CLUB OVERVIEW

Chicago FC United is the elite soccer club in Illinois. With teams at every level of play, the goal of Chicago FC United is to create the best soccer experience for every player in every season. Chicago FC United is committed to cultivating the best club environment that empowers each player to reach their highest potential and **Achieve Their Incredible!**

FCU BOYS CLUB: BY THE NUMBERS

Number
of Players
600+

Number
of Teams
35

2022/2023
Age Groups
2012-2004



32+ HIGH SCHOOLS REPRESENTED WITHIN THE FC UNITED CLUB PROGRAM



RANKED TOP 100 CLUBS IN THE COUNTRY



2021 U19 USYS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



FCU BOYS PROGRAM: PLAYER PATHWAY



MLS NEXT | 2011-2004 (U12-U19)

- 10 Month Season
- MLS Next Academy League
- MLS Next College Showcases
- National Showcase Events
- PlayerFirst Recruiting Platform Included

ACADEMY II: ELITE 64 | 2012-2004 (U11-U19)

- 7 Month High School Season // 10 Month Youth Program
- Midwest Regional/National Leagues
- State Cup, Regionals, Nationals
- College Showcases/National Showcase Events
- PlayerFirst Recruiting Platform Included

PRE-ACADEMY | 2012-2004 (U11-U19)

- 7 Month High School Season // 10 Month Youth Program
- Midwest Regional/National Leagues
- Presidents Cup, Regionals, Nationals
- College Showcases/National Showcase Events
- PlayerFirst Recruiting Platform Included

SELECT | 2012-2004 (U11-U19)

- 7 Month High School Season // 10 Month Youth Program
- Local NISL League, YSSL League
- Local/Midwest Tournament Play
- PlayerFirst Recruiting Platform Included

A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

| AUG / SEP / OCT / NOV FALL SEASON | JAN / FEB / MAR WINTER SEASON | APR / MAY / JUN SPRING SEASON |
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| <p>Becoming a Team: Building team dynamics through competitive training and game play.</p> | <p>Individual Development: Focus on individual development within the team environment.</p> | <p>Team Performance: Reaching peak performance with a heightened focus on competition and game management.</p> |

THE FCU WAY: STYLE OF PLAY

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

Construction:

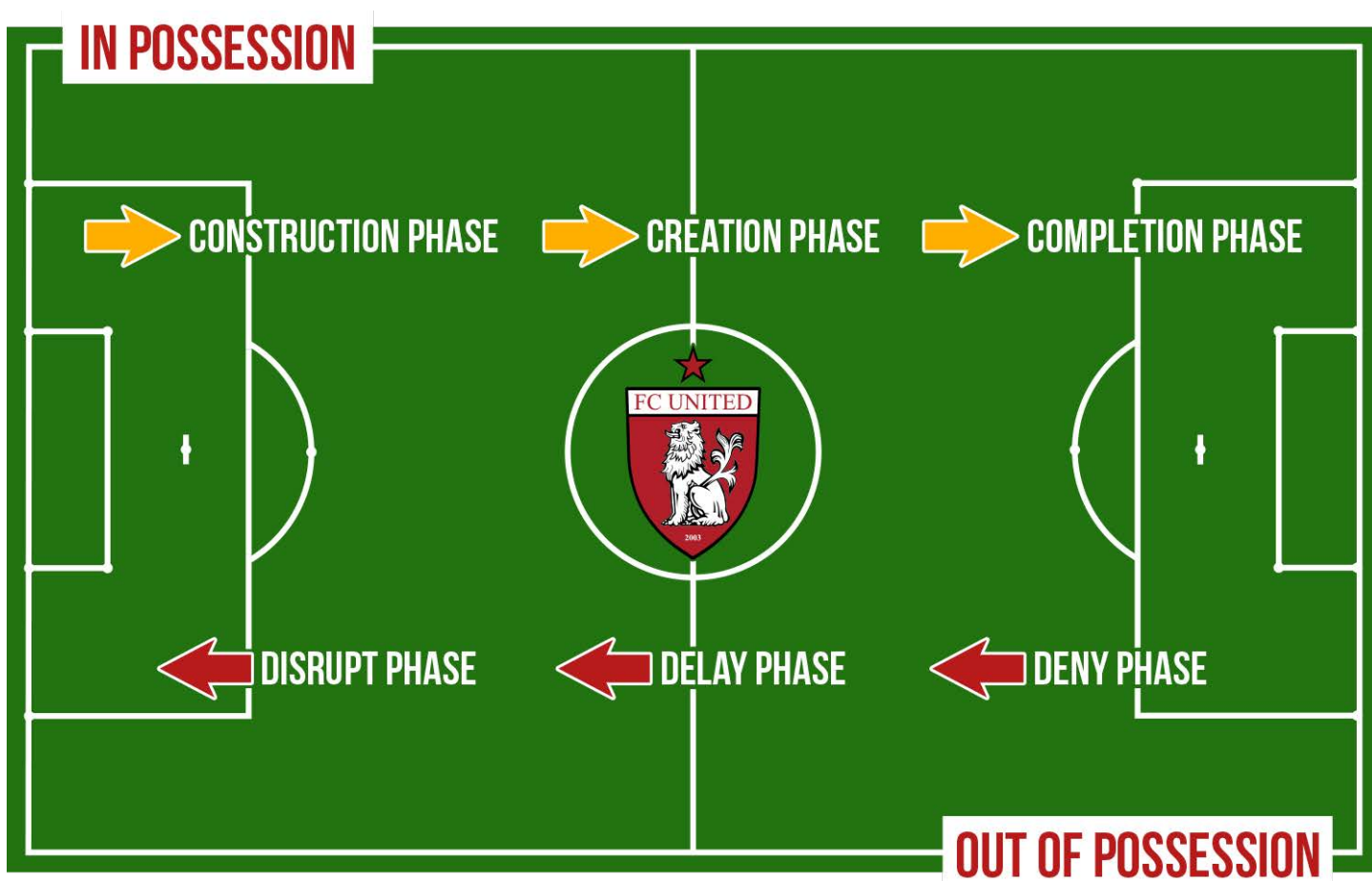
- Player Movement & Rotation
- Attract Pressure

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 FCU Program provides a wealth of recruiting education and the exposure opportunities needed for the boys. The club has a proven pipeline of successful college players and a great process for helping guide the families through the process.”

- Parent of a 2022 FCU Boys Player

REACH THE NEXT LEVEL: FCU RECRUITING

Chicago FCU Boys College Recruiting

Exposure to College Coaches // Family & Player Education // Recruiting Support

The club provides the exposure, education, and recruiting support necessary for our players whose aspirations are to compete at the next level.

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.

COLLEGE PROGRAMS WITH FCU BOYS COMMITMENTS SINCE 2019



AHEAD OF THE CURVE: PEOPLE, INNOVATION, & FACILITIES

OUR LEADERSHIP



Eric Luzzi
FCU Boys Director

- Former Head Coach: NIU
- US Licensed Coaching Educator
- USSF National A License



Mike Skupien
**Chicago FCU Boys Academy II/
Elite 64 Director**

- USSF B License
- NSCAA Premier Diploma
- NSCAA Advanced National Diploma



Kevin Gowrie
MLS NEXT Academy Director

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



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



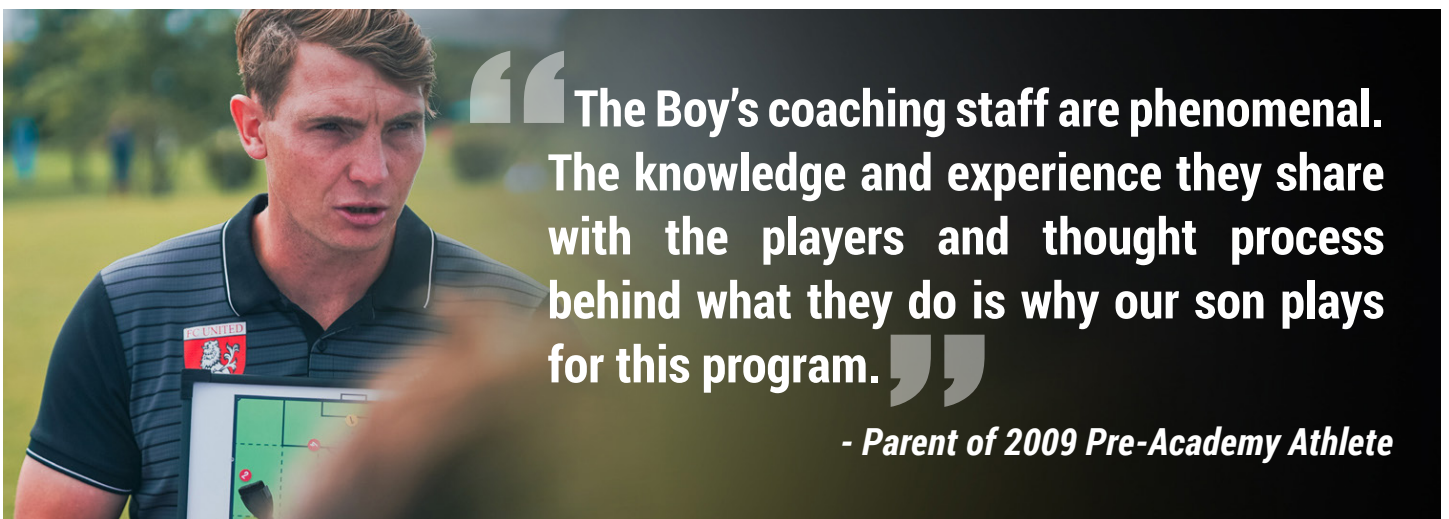
Andy Parry
Director of Operations

- 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



INNOVATION: CHANGING THE PLAYER & FAMILY EXPERIENCE

FC United 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*.

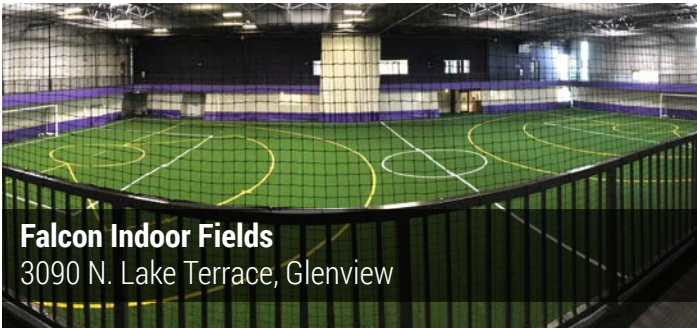


VEO Game Film: FCU Academy and Pre-Academy Teams film games through the VEO Technology Platform. Game film is used for coaching education and player recruiting support!



ELITE TRAINING FACILITIES: TRAIN ON THE BEST!

HOME INDOOR FACILITIES:



Falcon Indoor Fields

3090 N. Lake Terrace, Glenview



Highland Park Fieldhouse

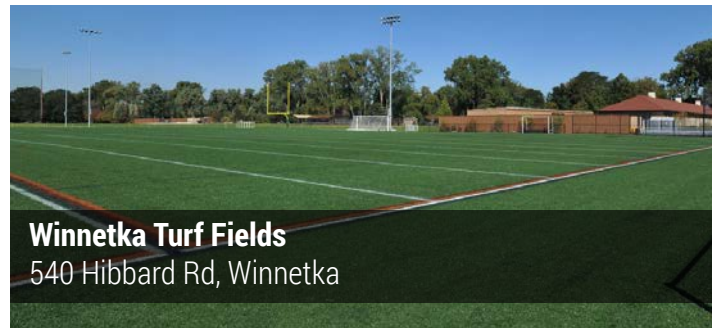
2205 Skokie Valley Rd, Highland Park

HOME OUTDOOR FACILITIES:



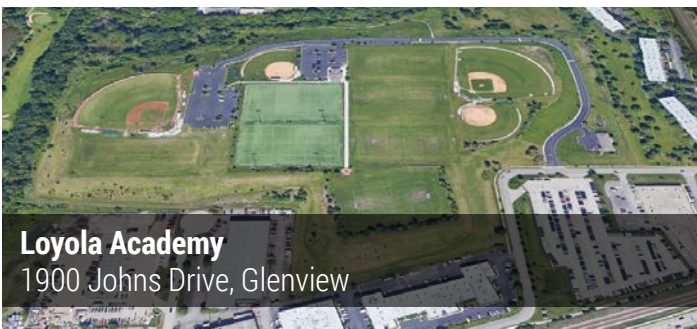
Vernon Hills Turf Fields

300 Nike Pkwy, Vernon Hills



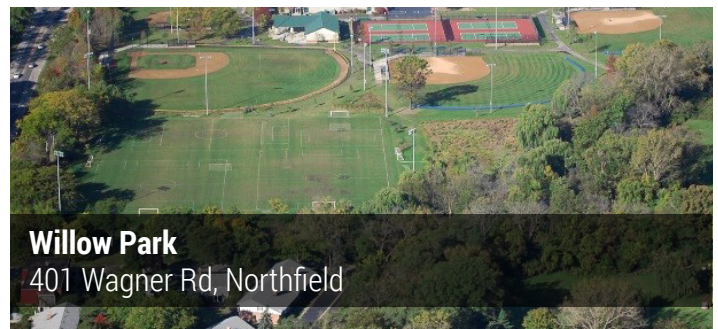
Winnetka Turf Fields

540 Hibbard Rd, Winnetka



Loyola Academy

1900 Johns Drive, Glenview



Willow Park

401 Wagner Rd, Northfield



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