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**Southern Soccer
Academy**

Announcement



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SSA Partners with Georgia United

Southern Soccer Academy is pleased to announce that we have been invited to become a partner in the Development Academy, Georgia United Soccer Alliance (GUSA).

"As a club we are very excited to be partnering with Georgia United. With a wealth of talent at SSA, we now have a pathway for our players to the highest level boys Youth league in the country," said Simon Davey Director of Coaching.

SSA has a philosophy of striving to provide quality programs for all players. This is another step in our Development path. The move allows players to tryout for the Development Academy without the need to leave our club.

Development Academy Overview

Following a comprehensive review of elite player development in the United States and around the world, U.S. Soccer created the Development Academy in 2007 to improve the everyday environment for the elite youth male player.

The Development Academy is a partnership between U.S. Soccer and the top youth clubs around the country to provide the best youth players in the U.S. with an every day environment designed to produce the next generation of boys' and men's National Team players. The Academy's programming philosophy is based on increased training, less total games and more competitive games.

The Academy also connects National Team coaches directly with the Academy clubs to develop and identify players and coaches for future Youth National Teams. Each Academy team is evaluated by a member of the Men's Scouting Network at least 10 times each year and each Academy club receives two formal evaluations in over 100 categories each year from U.S. Soccer Technical Staff.

**Tryouts for DA will be held in late June.
Times and locations will be communicated in the near future.**

