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Girls Academy Achieves U.S. Soccer Federation Membership

DALLAS (Feb. 10, 2024) — The Girls Academy is proud to celebrate becoming an Official Member Organization of the U.S. Soccer Federation, passing its vote during the USSF 2024 Annual General Meeting at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas on Saturday. The decision marks a significant moment for the development of girls 'and women's soccer in the United States and promises profound impact on the growth and advancement of youth players nationwide.

The Girls Academy is a national girls 'soccer league with more than 13,000 players and 94 member clubs, across more than 30 states. The Girls Academy is a leading youth development platform for the best female soccer players in the U.S., empowering each player to reach their best potential as athletes and human beings.

The Girls Academy is pleased to share its commitment to elevating the standards of developmental girls ' soccer while continuing to bring the game closer to home for players, fans, and communities across the nation. This alignment with the U.S. Soccer Federation allows the GA to maintain its highest operational standards while creating more accessible pathways for aspiring young athletes to pursue their dreams of playing at the highest levels.

“As the Commissioner of the Girls Academy It is my privilege and honor to represent the best and brightest of the youth soccer landscape,” Girls Academy commissioner Patricia Hughes said. “My colleagues and I are excited to work with U.S. Soccer and committed to growing the game while fostering the best soccer playing environments. The Girls Academy is committed to holistic player development, and driving fandom in an environment centered around a culture of excellence.

“We look forward to this amazing opportunity and as a member of U.S. Soccer, collaborating with all key stakeholders in our ecosystem. The Girls Academy honors the vision of our former commissioner Leslie Gallimore, who worked tirelessly while committed to a female-player focus. My colleagues and I will work to honor and steward the vision of those who helped to establish the Girls Academy ensuring it will thrive and continue to grow the game for all female players.

The Girls Academy is proud to play a crucial role in growing the girls 'and women's game. By providing access to elite competition at the highest levels, these players are empowered to dream big and strive for excellence in their own soccer journeys.

“Receiving US Soccer membership further showcases the work that our leadership group, our clubs, and the organization as a whole is doing to create a first-class playing environment,” Girls Academy president Meghan Frey said. We look forward to continuing to enhance the voices of all key stakeholders in our female soccer ecosystem to include our players, coaches, referees and leaders. We are excited to collaborate and drive change together for the players.”

As the Girls Academy continues its mission to nurture and support the next generation of female soccer stars, the USSF sanctioning serves as a beacon of the achievements and future for countless young players striving to achieve their highest potential in the sport.

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About the Girls Academy

The Girls Academy League is the leading youth development platform for the best female soccer players in the United States, which includes 10 conferences, 94 clubs, and more than 14,000 players across the nation. The GA is the only all-girls national youth

soccer platform that represents the collective vision of member clubs and actively engages the voice of the players to take real ownership in their journey. The league engages the voice of the GA players through the first-of-its-kind player Advisory Panel. The GA is committed to cultivating an environment that empowers each player to reach their best potential as an exceptional athlete and human being by celebrating the player's journey with a lifelong love of the game through competition, showcases, and camaraderie. In addition to league play, this season features National Showcases and Playoffs, Playoffs, Champions Cup competition, Talent ID National and Regional events, and Regional Competitions for younger age groups. For more information about the Girls Academy, please visit GirlsAcademyLeague.com and follow the Girls Academy on Instagram; Twitter, and Facebook.