U.S. SOCCER DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2014-15 Season

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SECTION I. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

A. Application Instructions

Please complete Section II (Club Information) and Section III (Player Development History) of the Membership Application and email the application and any additional information to Melissa Biniewicz at mbiniewicz@ussoccer.org by **December 31, 2013**. It is important to review Section IV (Academy Requirements) of the Application to ensure your club is able and willing to adhere to all of the Academy requirements.

If you have any questions, please call Melissa Biniewicz at 312-528-1228.

B. Application Timeline

December 31, 2013 – Last Day to Submit Applications
March 15, 2014 – Final Day to Receive Notice on Application Decision
August 1, 2015 – Start of Academy Program

*Clubs may be notified of their application status on a rolling basis.

C. Review Process

U.S. Soccer's Technical Advisors will evaluate the applications using the following objective and subjective measures:

- History of Elite Youth Player Development
- History of Success in Elite Competitions
- Geography
- Impact on Existing Academy Members
- Fundraising Efforts and Fee Model
- Overall Club Infrastructure

D. Club Admittance

Upon acceptance as a U.S. Soccer Development Academy club, you will receive an email with detailed Rules and Regulation document and a Membership Agreement Form. Your Club Contact must return the Membership Agreement Form and Performance Bond by the deadline or your club may forfeit its spot in the Academy.

E. Future Consideration

U.S. Soccer will review membership applications for future consideration. If a club has previously applied, we ask for an updated form along with any additional materials that may provide more insight to the club and the player pool.

SECTION II. CLUB INFORMATION

A. General Club Information
Please provide general information about your club.

Club Name:_____

City:_____State:_____Zip:_____

Website:_____

Year Founded: _____

Nearest Major Airport(s) & approximate distance to club facility:_____

B. Team Information
Please provide information on your entire club.

# of Boys Competitive Teams (in all age groups):_____

# of Boys Recreational Teams (in all age groups):_____

# of Girls Competitive Teams (in all age groups):_____

# of Girls Recreational Teams (in all age groups):_____

Total # of Boys Players:_____

Total # of Girls Players:_____

Total # of Coaches:_____

C. Academy Fee Structure and Financial Assistance:
Will you be charging a fee for participation in your Academy program? (Y/N)_____
How many full scholarships will be offered to Academy participants? _____
What is the total value of the scholarships listed below ($ value)? _____
What does the scholarship cover (travel, coaching fees, training fees, etc.)? _____
What amount will participants pay for travel costs? (Specific dollar amount)_____

D. Facility Information
Please provide information on your club's facilities.

# of Fields available to Academy teams: _____

# of Owned Fields:_____# of Rented Fields:_____

Name and Location of Academy match fields: _____

Name and location(s) of Academy training fields: _____

Clubhouse On-Site? (Y/N):_____ Access to Weight Room or Health Facility (Y/N):_____

F. Club Administrative Contact Information

Please provide contact information for the club's point of contact (i.e. President, Exec. Director, etc.)

Name:_____

Title:_____

Mailing Address:_____

City:_____State:_____Zip:_____

Telephone:_____Cell Phone:_____

E-mail Address:_____

G. Club Technical Contact Information

Please provide contact information for the club's point of contact (i.e. Director of Coaching, Technical Director, etc.)

Name:_____

Coaching Licenses Held: _____Years with Club: _____

Telephone:_____Cell Phone:_____

E-mail Address:_____

H. U-15/16 Academy Team Coach

U-15/16 Academy Team Coach:_____

Coaching Licenses Held: _____Years with Club: _____

Telephone:_____Cell Phone:_____

E-mail Address:_____

I. U-17/18 Academy Team Coach

U-17/18 Academy Team Coach:_____

Coaching Licenses Held: _____Years with Club: _____

Telephone:_____Cell Phone:_____

E-mail Address:_____

SECTION III. PLAYER DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

A. History of Development: National Team Players – Men's Side

Please list any Youth and Full National Team Players that have played at your club including the years they participated on your club's teams:

	First Name	Last Name	Years of Participation at Club
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B. History of Development: Other Notable Players – Men's Side

Please list other notable players to have played for your club. Please list the years in which they played for your club's teams and the highest level they played upon leaving your club (i.e. MLS – Chicago, Division I – Duke, etc.).

	First Name	Last Name	Years of Participation at Club	Highest Level Played (list team)
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SECTION IV. REQUIREMENTS

The following criteria are the minimum requirements expected of all members of the U.S. Soccer Development Academy

(*Clubs should be sure to review the Regulations, Disciplinary Code and Marketing Guidelines available online for more specific information)*

- **Permissible Outside Competition**

Academy Teams shall be permitted to participate in elite tournaments and international travel per approval by Academy Staff. Academy Teams will only be permitted to participate in approved competitions and events that follow the Academy Technical Framework.

Academy team or player participation in competitions such as State Cup, Super Y-League and U.S. Club Soccer is not permitted.

- **Player Participation in Unapproved Competitions**

Development Academy players are not permitted to participate on any teams other than their Academy team during the Academy season. Participation on other club teams, other age groups within the club, ODP, Regional ODP and any other teams is not permitted. The only two exceptions are National Team duty and the players' High School teams.

- **Training & Rest Days**

Each team will be expected to hold at least three training sessions per week during the Academy season. Each team is expected to provide at least one day of rest per week during the Academy season.

- **Age Groups**

Development Academy clubs will be required to field teams in both of the older Academy's age groups: U-15/16 and U-17/18. Teams should include a minimum of 36 full-time players between the two age groups. An application to the U-13/14 age group is separate.

- **Marketing Guidelines**

Each Academy team will be expected to follow the Marketing Guidelines set forth by U.S. Soccer.

- A club's apparel sponsor (if any) will not influence selection into the Academy program.
- All Academy games are played with the official Academy Game Ball.
- All Academy players are required to affix the Academy patch on the right sleeve of the game jerseys.

- **Performance Bond**

If accepted, each Academy team is required to provide a $2,500 performance bond. The performance bond will be rolled over to the following season at the end of the current season.

- **Completion of Academy Season**

All Academy teams are required to participate in the entire Academy Season. Should a team fail to complete their schedule, they will sacrifice their performance bond and lose their standing as a Development Academy club.

- **Travel**

The Academy season will require extensive travel, including air travel during the ten-month season.

- **Regulations & Disciplinary Code**

All Academy teams must abide by the regulations and disciplinary code.

- **Evaluation**

Each Academy team is formally evaluated twice a year; one at midyear and one at end of year by the Technical Advisor and the administrative staff. Review the evaluation criteria for more specific information.