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FIVE VIRGINIA SOCCER CLUBS ANNOUNCE HISTORIC PARTNERSHIP: *Free Elite Player Academy for Member Clubs*

(Northern Virginia, May 2017) Annandale United Football Club (AUFC), Great Falls Soccer (GFS), Herndon Youth Soccer (HYS), Springfield Youth Club (SYC), and FC Virginia (FCV) have formed a partnership, named Virginia Elite Players Academy (VEPA), in order to establish a free training academy for elite players from within each club. The VEPA Training Program will begin in the Fall of 2017 and will provide unique training and playing opportunities for boys and girls across the U11-U15 age groups

The five clubs will continue to operate separately but will form a collaboration to provide further elite-level training for the very best players from each club. The Technical Directors from each of the five clubs will select players in each age group from their respective clubs to create a player pool. Only players from within one of the VEPA member clubs can be selected to be part of this program.

Players that are selected into the VEPA Training Program will continue to play with their respective clubs and teams, but will also have the opportunity to train once-a-week with other elite players from each of the five member clubs. Players from the VEPA player pools will be selected to compete in some of the most prestigious youth tournaments in the country as well as internationally.

VEPA training sessions will be guided by an internationally-synthesized methodology informed by some of the best youth development programs from both Europe and South America, based on the extensive knowledge and experience of our member clubs' Technical Directors.

Each member club's Technical Directors will form the collaborative's Board of Directors in order to make joint decisions on the strategic vision, direction, and future expansion of the program. The Technical Directors of each member club are: Bo Amato (AUFC), Richie Burke (FCV), Radovan Pletka (GFS), Nick Arzani (HYS) and Julian Lee Chang (SYC).

For more information, visit the VEPA website (www.virginiaelitepa.com).