



FC United of Florida is excited to announce that it will become part of the Players Development Academy (PDA) and moving forward will become officially: PDA- Florida.

PDA, a New Jersey based soccer club, is easily recognized as one of the top youth soccer clubs in the nation as was shown in recently being named by Soccer America as the #1 Girls Club and #10 Boys club in the United States. PDA teams are very successful at the highest levels of youth soccer to include the Elite Club's National League (ECNL) for the girls, the US Development Academy (USDA) for the boys, and the United States Youth Soccer (USYS) National League and Regional Leagues.

PDA represents a club that is intensely focused on developing players and creating opportunities for them to play at the highest possible levels. This is clearly reflected in its historical record of developing players that have played on the US Youth National teams and have gone on to play for both the Women's and Men's US Full National Teams as well as professional and top colleges/universities.

Tom Anderson, founder and president of PDA stated, "Florida has long been known to be an area with players of great potential. The PDA looks forward to providing opportunities for these players to grow and learn and reach their maximum potential. "

PDA Girls Director of Coaching Mike O'Neil also adds, "PDA is very excited about the opportunity to bring the PDA brand to Florida. The coaching staff at FC United shares the same vision of player and people development that has made the PDA name so successful. PDA Florida will give the top players in Florida the opportunity to come together to improve the daily training environment and to help provide an overall great experience."

We found in PDA a club that believes in the same ideals in regards to players:

- To provide unique and specialized development opportunities for youth; to encourage good sportsmanship; to encourage teamwork; and to learn the necessary skills to play competitive youth soccer throughout the United States.
- To provide exceptional youth soccer players with a challenging program that will offer opportunities to compete in national and international competitions, with a goal that these players will gain exposure to enhance their opportunities to further their development as student athletes at the college level and beyond.
- To put a year-round "soccer-only" training facility in place with top quality playing surfaces, and lighted fields that provides an environment through which players can reach their full playing potential.

As we met the leadership, key staff, and coaches while traveling between Florida and New Jersey, we found ourselves in perfect alignment in regards to the important aspects of the game. We also found that PDA had been through all of the club growth processes and could provide invaluable experience and guidance as we seek to attain the same goals and opportunities for players in the area.

With top-class facilities, professional coaching, high-level competition, financial backing through scholarship funds, integration of all socio-economic levels, and the desire to succeed, PDA-Florida envisions an environment in which the soccer stars of the future will be nurtured and developed.

For more information on PDA, visit: www.pdasoccer.org

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