



International Elite Program and Miami United FC Announce Club Merger

Miami, FL (June 19, 2020) - International Elite Program and Miami United FC have announced a merger to align the two entities under the same umbrella, Miami United FC, uniting the organizations in Miami-Dade County.

International Elite Program was created in 2014 and has been operating out of Gulliver Academy, Homestead Air Reserve Park, and Miami Dade College Kendall Campus and offers competitive programming for youth soccer players age 5-19. International Elite Program competes in leagues and tournaments sanctioned by Florida Youth Soccer Association (FYSA) and US Club Soccer. Over the last six years International Elite Program has competed in top-level tournaments such as IMG Cup, Disney Showcase, Weston Cup, adidas Super Cup, Miami International Cup, and many more!

Miami United FC was founded in 2012 and has been operating out of Milander and Amelia Earhart Park in the Hialeah area of Miami Dade County and have been offering a very high level of adult professional and semi-professional opportunities for the top players in South Florida. Miami United FC currently has teams that compete in the US Open Cup, NPSL, UPSL, and NSL. Miami United has had high caliber players rostered such as; Adriano, Ezequiel Tereja, Juan Fuenmayor, Rambo De Leon, Nacho Calcagno, Ricardo Ade and many more. Miami United won the NPSL Sunshine Conference Championship in 2014 and 2016. Additionally, MUFC won the NPSL South Regional Championship in 2016.

“International Elite Program is extremely excited to join forces with a professional organization at the level of Miami United FC. We share the same mission and goals and believe we can have a very positive impact on youth soccer in South Florida as we continue to develop Miami United FC Youth Academy,” said International Elite Program President Mayowa Owolabi. “We are thrilled to sign this agreement and can’t wait to continue to grow the game!”

The aim of the merger partnership is focused on the development of young soccer players and to provide a direct pathway into the professional landscape all under one club umbrella and image. Additionally, with combining these two organizations all players and families now will have access to a robust coaching staff with years of experience, an age-appropriate player developmental plan, international resources, and quality facilities for members.

“This is the beginning of a new era for our club. A new chapter where we will be able to focus on linking youth development with our senior-level operations. This youth model will now become the most influential aspect of our organization pyramid. We have always been looking to add this layer to our professional model and I believe with joining forces with International Elite Program we are going to be able to develop the best youth soccer players in the Miami market.,” said Miami United FC CEO Roberto Sacca. “Signing this agreement today is monumental and a major accomplishment for all involved.”

About International Elite Program

International Elite Program is an organization created to provide sporting activities and opportunities for young people, regardless of race, religion, or economic status, in urban communities. International Elite Program will design and implement youth soccer programs with academic and social standards that will develop young people into well-rounded members of our community. In addition to the programs that will take form throughout the United States, we will create a robust business plan that will be made available to other International communities.

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About Miami United FC

The Miami United Football Club is dedicated to promoting and enhancing support for soccer amongst fans. We are the team that sparks excitement by providing great championship games for our followers. We are currently the team that every aspiring player in Miami wants to play for. We reflect diversity and inclusiveness. We do this by having the best coaches and support staff available to help the players continually improve and therefore having the Miami Soccer Club flourish and rise to the next level of professional sports in Miami. We set the standard for professional sports and community engagement in the Miami area.

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