



# OVERVIEW: id<sup>2</sup> PROGRAM

## ABOUT THE id<sup>2</sup> NATIONAL PLAYER IDENTIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:

Established in 2004, US Club Soccer's id<sup>2</sup> National Identification and Development Program (the "id<sup>2</sup> Program") provides an opportunity for the country's elite youth soccer players to be identified and developed, while also being scouted for inclusion in U.S. Soccer's National Team programs.

A comprehensive national scouting and recommendation program is used to form a player pool from which top players are invited to attend an id<sup>2</sup> Program Training Camp.

### Foundational Principles of the id<sup>2</sup> Program:

- The id<sup>2</sup> Program is open to all players regardless of U.S. Soccer affiliation, or lack thereof.
- Players should be initially scouted within the environment they are most comfortable – their club training and competition environment. Clubs have the largest impact on player development, and club coaches and club competitions must be an integral part of the id<sup>2</sup> Program.
- Players are rated and evaluated for inclusion in the program based upon a combination of: (i) objective and independent scouting information; and (ii) information from the players' regular trainers and coaches.
- There is zero or very little cost to players for participating in the id<sup>2</sup> Program, as there are no fees for the opportunity to be identified for elite programming.
- The id<sup>2</sup> Program does not create significant additional demands on the calendar of the elite player.

## 2011-12 id<sup>2</sup> PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

### Targeted Birth Years:

- Boys born in 1998 and 1999
- Girls born in 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998

### id<sup>2</sup> Program Training Camps for 1998-99 boys:

- Oct. 13-16, 2011, at the PDA Soccer Complex in Zarephath, N.J.
- Nov. 10-13, 2011, at Pizza Hut Park in Frisco, Texas
- March 15-18, 2012, at WRAL Soccer Center in Raleigh, N.C.
- April 19-22, 2012, at UC Irvine in Irvine, Calif.

### id<sup>2</sup> Program Training Camps for 1997-98 girls:

- Oct. 13-16, 2011, at the PDA Soccer Complex in Zarephath, N.J.
- Nov. 10-13, 2011, at Pizza Hut Park in Frisco, Texas
- March 15-18, 2012, at WRAL Soccer Center in Raleigh, N.C.
- April 19-22, 2012, at UC Irvine in Irvine, Calif.

### id<sup>2</sup> National Selection International Tour for 1998-99 boys:

- Feb. 17-27, 2012 | Spain

### id<sup>2</sup> Program / ECNL National Training Camp for 1993-96 girls:

- July 23-25, 2012, at Nike World Headquarters in Beaverton, Ore.

### ECNL/id<sup>2</sup> International Tour for girls (age groups TBA):

- Dates and location TBA



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## id<sup>2</sup> PROGRAM TRAINING CAMPS:

id<sup>2</sup> Program Training Camps are invitation-only events that bring together the nation's top male and female youth players for four days of competition, evaluation and fun. In addition to on-field sessions, the camps feature guest speakers, lectures/classroom sessions and other offerings, which make for a complete experience.

Attending an id<sup>2</sup> Program Training Camp has many benefits for players:

- An opportunity to work with some of the nation's best soccer coaches, and to play with and compete against some of the nation's best players in their age group.
- U.S. Soccer National Team staff on-site to scout players for inclusion in U.S. Soccer's National Teams.
- Once players arrive at the id<sup>2</sup> Program Training Camp, the program is free of charge. There is no camp fee, and lodging, meals and training gear are provided at no cost by US Club Soccer and Nike.

## PROCESS:

**Recommendation/Identification:** Any coach is able to recommend qualified players *with national team potential* for inclusion in the id<sup>2</sup> Program by using the [id<sup>2</sup> Player Recommendation Form](#). These player recommendations supplement US Club Soccer's own scouting process that utilizes a network of key scouts at league games and events throughout the country.

**Evaluation/Scouting:** Recommended and identified players are considered for potential inclusion into a corresponding id<sup>2</sup> Program Training Camp.

**Invitation:** Selected elite players are invited to one of several id<sup>2</sup> Program Training Camps.

**Participation:** Selected elite players participate in an id<sup>2</sup> Program Training Camp.

**Selection:** Players are selected for US Club Soccer's international tours, and U.S. Soccer staff selects players to attend U.S. Soccer National Team programs.

## PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (PDP):

Within the id<sup>2</sup> Program, US Club Soccer also operates more regionally-based Player Development Programs (PDPs) for top players within the National Premier Leagues, and selected other US Club Soccer-sanctioned premier leagues. These PDPs are operated directly by US Club Soccer, or are sanctioned and closely controlled by US Club Soccer with operations handled by selected staff from the local leagues.

PDPs also include an educational component, with U.S. Soccer staff on-site to scout players as well as conduct off-field lectures, seminars, coaching and other related discussions. Invitations are based upon scouting within these clubs and leagues, and by recommendations from Directors of Coaching.

Each PDP includes:

- One presentation to participants from U.S. Soccer Technical Staff (or other technical leader)
- Training gear for participants
- Operated and managed by US Club Soccer staff

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