

# AHFC Elite Programs: Boys & Girls

**Player Focused**

*Development. Advancement. Placement.*

# Welcome

Thank you for your interest in Albion Hurricanes FC (AHFC). We are thrilled to have this opportunity to present our Elite program to you.

The following presentation outlines the key facts about our commitment to player development , advancement and placement. Also included are the recent changes to the US Youth soccer landscape summary which will help put the information into perspective. In addition to the presentation, we have posted links to league and curriculum information for your reference.

We at AHFC strongly believe that we provide the best environment in the city through our professional staffing, program and facilities.

If you have any questions, please contact us directly. Thank you in advance for your time and attention and we welcome the opportunity to discuss any aspect of our club and the boys or girls program.

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# AHFC Philosophy

To develop youth soccer players in all 4 aspects of the game: Technical, Tactical, Physical and Psychological. Our goal is to teach players to have the ability to adapt and play different positions and systems of play. Preparation for the next and highest level of play includes serious and committed players who are students of the game and passionate about our sport.

**Player Development:** Ensuring that our players have the fundamentals of soccer through implementing AHFC's Model of Excellence and USSF's Coaching Curriculum.

**Player Advancement:** Advancing our players to compete in meaningful and higher levels of play.

**Player Placement:** Preparing and placing our players for State, Regional, National, Collegiate and Professional teams.

# AHFC Player Development Model



Model for player success

Model of team success

# AHFC Player Development Best Practices

- No development without peers
  - Balanced competition with, and against like-skilled and like-motivated players improves
- Fall & Spring seasons are meaningful & competitive
- Implementing AHFC Model of Excellence and USSF Coaching Curriculum
- USYS rule changes to further promote player development
  - Relaxing Roster requirements
  - Introduction of club passes

## US Youth Soccer Integrated National League Structure

### Transparency

The most important consideration in the creation of a US Youth Soccer Integrated National League Structure is qualification

### Transparency

Admission by committee undermines the fundamental need for elite teams to compete on a level playing field. To establish and maintain credibility, the qualification and subsequent movement of teams between levels must be determined by **Results** on the field



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# USYS Changes

USYS has implemented changes to promote Player development with the addition of the Club Pass System.

## Before

Roster Restrictions = **X**

- *Players tied to a roster for season; hinders player movement and fosters attention on the team as group*

Fractured League

Structure = **X**

- *Limited opportunity for high level competition*

## Now

Club Pass System = **✓**

- *Allows fluid movement of players within registered club to provide best individual developmental environment*

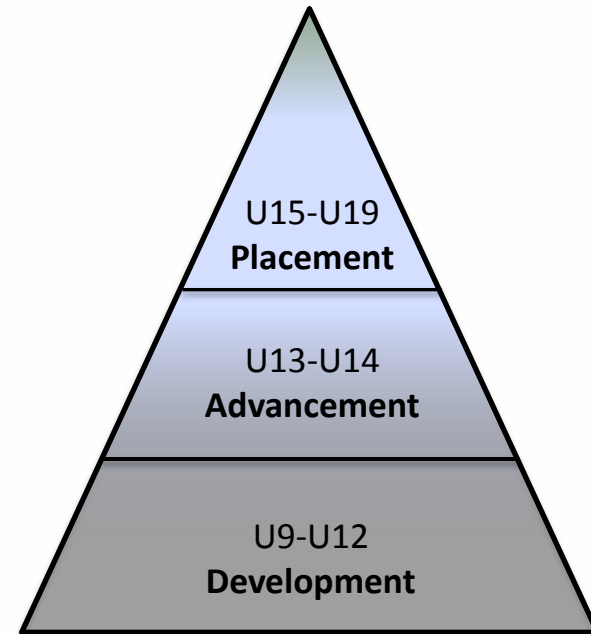
Vertically Integrated League

Structure = **✓**

- *Addresses the realities and promise of Elite level players*

# AHFC Player Progression Best Practices

- **Development U9-U12**
  - Focus on technical mastery and application in the game
  - Focus on basic and dynamic tactical understanding and execution
- **Advancement U13-U14**
  - Develop further application of technique
  - Focus more on larger group tactics and game scenarios, less on physical aspects
- **Placement U15-U19**
  - Develop the highest potential of the player by combining and organizing all components
  - Focus on increasing the players' overall soccer ability, fitness and knowledge



AHFC Player Progression  
Model of Excellence

# AHFC Player Pathway Best Practices

## Fall Season

- **U9-U10: Player Development Friendlies (PDF)** – Developed to provide a professional learning environment with the freedom to develop and express soccer skills
- **U11-U12: Eastern District Qualifying League (EDQ)** – Utilizes the Division 1 league format to allow club roster flexibility to promote the most conducive development environment
- **U13: EDDOA Qualifier**– Designed to identify Division 1 teams for the next Fall and SCL for the upcoming Spring, which is the highest possible level of competition within the city and state
- **U14-U17: State Classic League (SCL)** – Developed to provide the top teams the highest possible level of competition within the state
- **U14-U18: Regional Premier League West (RPLW3)** – Designed to provide the top teams the highest possible level of competition within OK, TXN, and TXS
- **U15-U18: USYS Regional League** - Designed to provide the top teams the highest possible level of competition within Region III (AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TXN, TXS)
- **U15-U18: USYS National League** – Designed to provide the top teams the highest possible level of competition within the Nation

# AHFC Player Pathway Best Practices

## Spring Season

- **U9-U10: PDF** – Developed to provide a professional learning environment with the freedom to develop and express soccer skills
- **U11-U12: EDQ** – Utilizes the Division 1 league format but allows club roster flexibility to promote the most conducive development environment
- **U13: SCL** – Developed to provide the top teams the highest possible level of competition within the state
- **U14-U18: USYS National State Cup** – Developed to provide the advancement for the top teams to the highest possible level of competition within the state
- **U14-U18: USYS Regional Championship** – Developed to provide the advancement for the top teams to the highest possible level of competition within Region 3
- **U14-U18: USYS National Championship** – Developed to provide the advancement for the top teams to the highest possible level of competition within the Nation

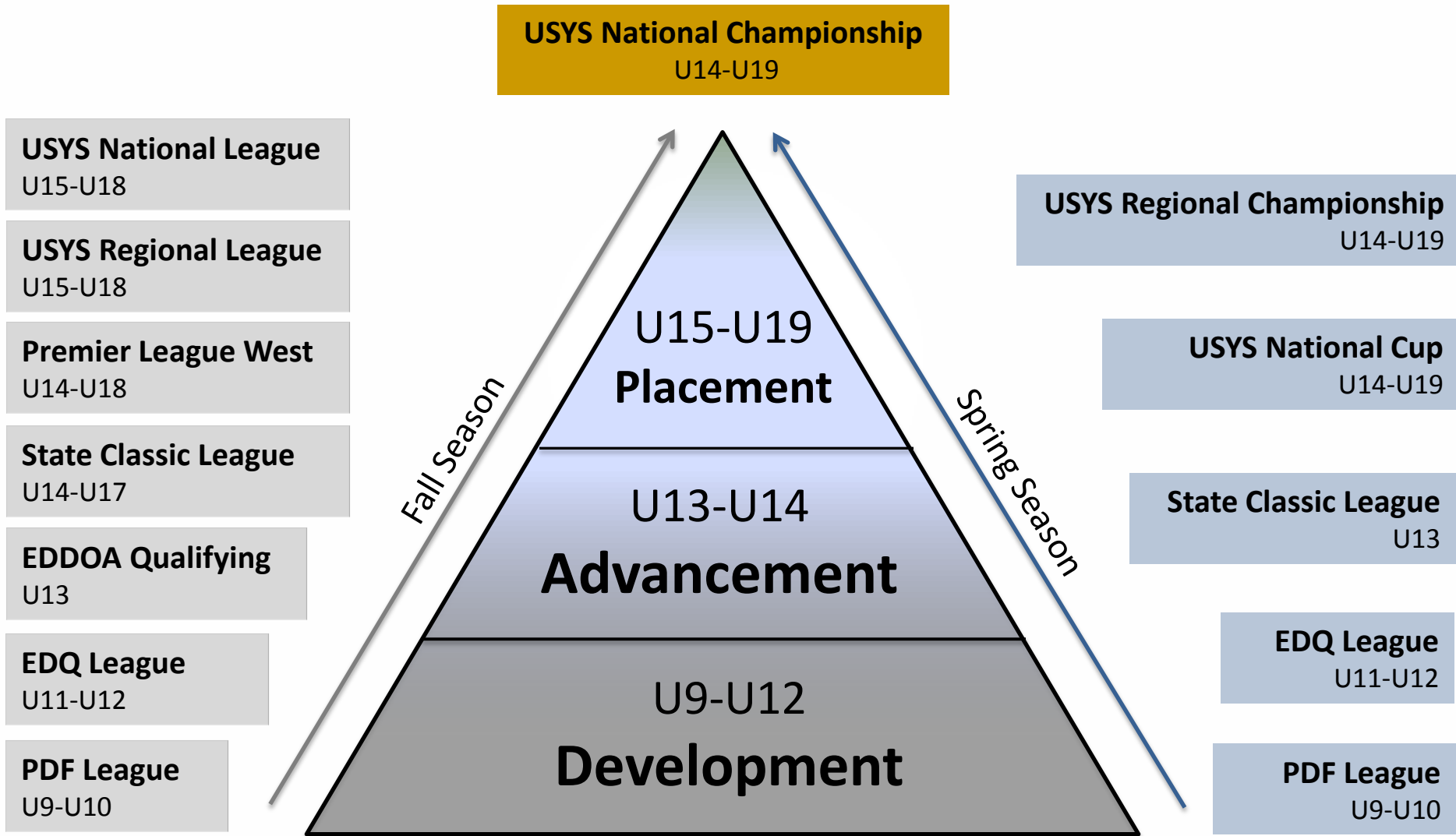
# USYS National Championship Series

USYS National Championships series is youth soccer's most prestigious event and desired title for more than 10,000 teams from 55 State Associations.

- Advance to compete in one of four US Youth Soccer Regional Championships
  - Champions (U-14 through U-19) from each regional event advance
- Exposure to top collegiate coaches
  - Showcase the players ability against the best in the nation
  - At the State, Regional and National stage that identify and scout the most coveted players in the country



# AHFC Player Progression & Pathway



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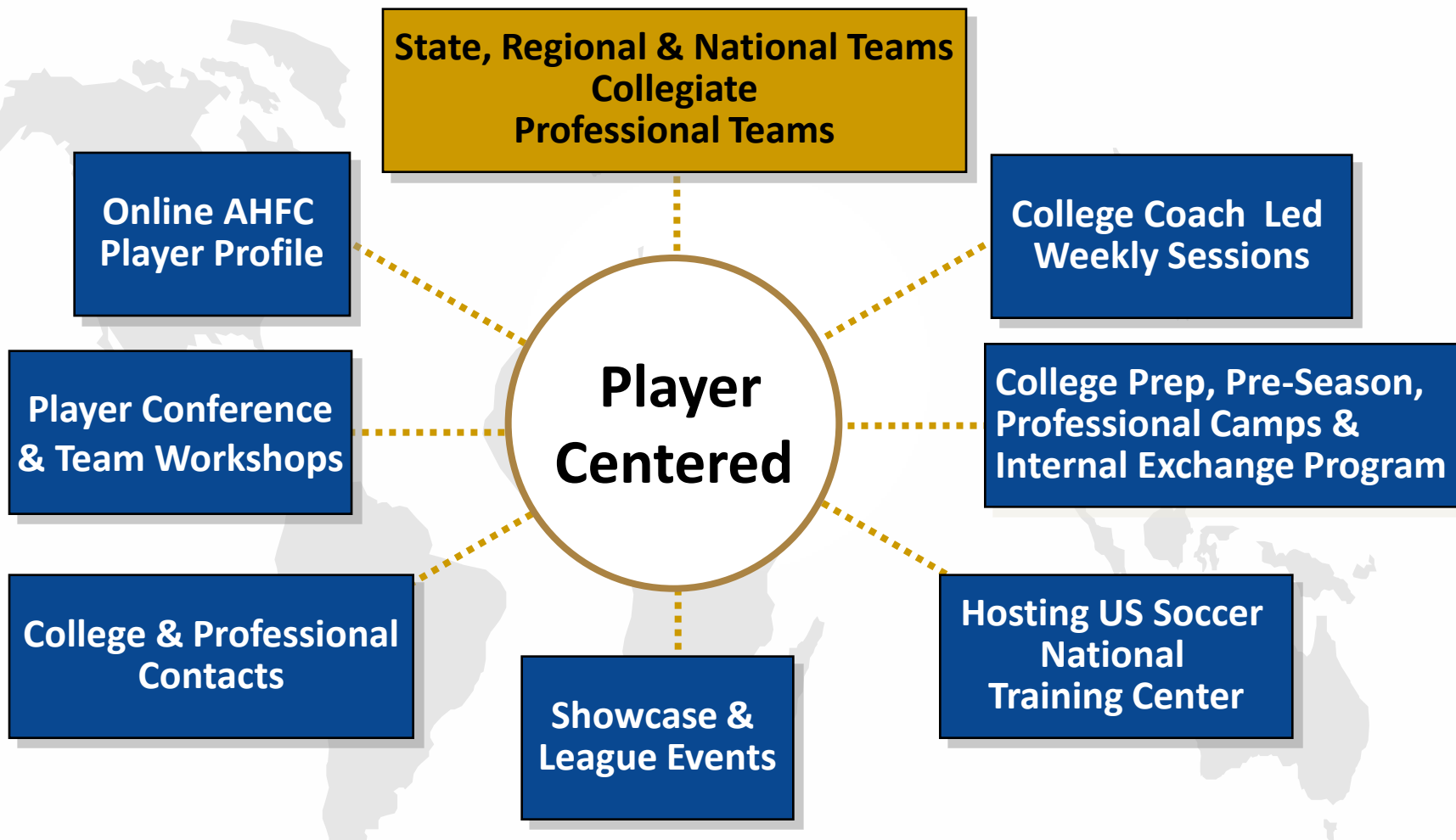
# AHFC Player Placement Best Practices

AHFC's Player Placement Best Practices are Player Centered and offers a multi-faceted, innovative, player specific approach that is unmatched in Houston. Our goal is to assist the elite player to have the opportunity to make the State, Regional and National team, to play in College and on Professional teams.

- **USYS National Training Centers** – AHFC has been instrumental in hosting US Soccer National Training Centers in Houston which are a single day, invitational training sessions run by U.S. Soccer staff for elite players in key soccer markets
- **AHFC Online Profiles** – Exclusively for AHFC players, accessed by over 300 college coaches with the listing growing daily
- **College Coach Led Sessions** – Weekly training sessions led by current college coaches at AHFC training facilities
- **College Prep, Pre-season & Pro-Soccer Camps** – Camps led by current college and professional coaches at AHFC training facilities to provide the player an insight into the demands of collegiate and professional soccer environment. This also provides unique player exposure opportunities to these coaches
- **International Exchange Program (Boys)** - As part of our exclusive Regional partnership, 10 AHFC players will travel to England to “live the dream” of training with Reading FC, a top English Professional Club, for a week of intensive training.
- **College & Professional Contacts** – With over 20 staff members, AHFC possess a great depth of resources of contacts in both colligate and professional programs, nationally and internationally.
- **Showcase & League Events** – Key showcases are targeted with a personal follow up by the AHFC College Placement Director with College, Professional and National coaches that attended the event
- **Player Conference & Team Workshop** – Personal one-on-one meetings with players and families to review the players pathway, answer any questions, assist and place players in both collegiate and professional programs

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# AHFC Player Exposure & Placement



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*Customized to meet  
player's goals & objectives*

# The AHFC Difference

- ▶▶ **Development.** Develop players by using the AHFC Training Model of Excellence and USSF Coaching Curriculum fundamentals
  - Highly qualified, experienced, trusted Staff Coaches responsible for your player's soccer future
  - Professional training environment with peer training options
- ▶▶ **Advancement.** Advance players and teams to compete at the highest level they are capable of
  - Compete in meaningful games with manageable roster sizes to maximize player's exposure and playing opportunities
- ▶▶ **Placement.** Placement of players by preparing them for and showcasing them at key events and providing them Collegiate, National Team and Professional exposure
  - College Placement Director focused on guiding and promoting your player

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