



### WHY THE ACADEMY SYSTEM?

- On an Academy team, your son would be part of a national program designed to provide the most competitive training and playing environment in the United States.
- The Academy connects U.S. National Team Coaches directly with the Academy Clubs to develop and identify players for future U.S. Youth National Teams.
- At each game during the regular season, as well as at showcase tournaments, Academy players show what they can do in front of many college coaches.

### WHY THE POTOMAC ACADEMY?

- Kris Hazard, Director of the Potomac Academy Program and Head Coach of the U18 team, is “A” licensed coach, as well as a Division 1 Assistant Coach at American University.
- Brian Gill, the U16 Head Coach, is Assistant Coach at Georgetown University and holds his NSCAA National Diploma.
- Sean Burke and Devin Payton round out the Academy coaching staff. Sean holds his “B” license and is both a very successful head coach at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and a school counselor. Devin is also a “B” licensed coach and has developed excellent players in the DC Metro area at every level.
- Our coaching staff is intimately familiar with the college recruitment process and all the nuances around the college recruiting and player contact rules. The staff will use its unique knowledge and experience to guide both players and parents through the recruitment process in THE RIGHT WAY!
- Potomac Academy has established a comprehensive “College Track Program.” From day one with the Potomac Academy, players and their parents will receive counseling on the college recruiting process, and Potomac’s dedication to getting each player matched with the right college program will continue until a college commitment is made. The diverse and knowledgeable staff can also provide player and parents with

insight and advice on course selection, testing, and other factors that will impact the college selection process.

- Potomac Academy's day-to-day training environment will blend the best aspects of the college game with the structure of the Academy training system.
- Through Potomac's unique "three-tiered" approach to learning – visual (film review), technical/tactical (structured practice sessions), and cognitive (players keep a journal on their own performance) – a variety of methods are used to ensure that all concepts are understood thoroughly and can be applied successfully in game situations.
- Scholarships are available through Potomac and U.S. Soccer. Don't let financial considerations steer you the wrong way. We can work through any cost issues!

**\*\*\*If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Potomac Academy Director, Kris Hazard.**

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