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ELITE ACADEMY LEAGUE EXPANDS WITH LAUNCH OF EA2 OREGON

Strengthening the player pathway and elevating standards across the region

The Elite Academy League (EA) is proud to announce the continued expansion of its player development platform with the launch of **EA2 Oregon**, further strengthening the league's national ecosystem and commitment to advancing the youth soccer landscape in the United States.



As part of the Elite Academy League structure, **EA2 serves as a critical extension of the EA pathway**—providing clubs, teams, and players with a structured, standards-based environment designed to support long-term development, competition, and progression.

EA2 Oregon will bring together a strong group of clubs across the region, creating a competitive platform that mirrors the standards and expectations that have established the Elite Academy League as one of the premier development platforms in the country.

Founding EA2 Oregon Clubs:

- Oregon Surf
- Soccer Chance Academy
- Saints Academy
- Westside Metros
- Westside Metros South
- Rogue Valley Timbers
- Oregon Valley Futbol
- Bend FC
- ALBION SC Portland
- ADF

Building the Pathway

The Elite Academy League is a national, standards-based platform designed to provide clubs with a comprehensive developmental model and pathway, offering top-tier competition and unmatched exposure for players.

Through EA2, the league continues to expand that pathway by:

- Creating a **proving ground for aspiring EA clubs**
- Maintaining **high standards across all levels of competition**
- Providing a **clear pathway for advancement of clubs and players.**

Clubs competing in EA2 will have the opportunity to earn promotion into EA based on performance, with the top-performing club across U13–U19 age groups (based on



points per game) considered for elevation into the Elite Academy League the following year.

In addition, EA2 will feature:

- A structured **playoff format for age group champions**
 - Access to select **Elite Academy League National Events**
 - Integration within the broader **EA competitive ecosystem**
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Elevating the Game in Oregon

The launch of EA2 Oregon represents a significant step in unifying clubs within the region under a shared commitment to:

- Player development
- Competitive excellence
- Organizational standards
- Long-term growth

By aligning with the Elite Academy League structure, participating clubs will benefit from a collaborative environment that promotes best practices, strengthens competition, and enhances opportunities for players at every stage of their journey.

About the Elite Academy League

The Elite Academy League is a national platform comprised of top clubs across the country, recognized as leaders in their respective markets. The league is built on a foundation of high standards, collaboration, and a commitment to developing players both on and off the field.

By unifying clubs within each conference, the EA ensures consistency in competition and provides a clear pathway for player development, advancement, and placement at the next level.



About EA2

EA2 operates within the Elite Academy League structure as an extension of its developmental model, supporting clubs that are striving to reach the highest levels of competition. It plays a vital role in expanding access to elite standards while maintaining the integrity and quality of the EA platform.

Where Every Game Counts.