



Tormenta FC Regional Player Pool

This is an all-start type opportunity for elite players to participate in a regional player pool, designed to identify and integrate top young players from various youth club markets into Tormenta FC Academy on a part-time training basis. This experience could develop into players competing in tournaments/events during the winter or summer.

As part of our new affiliation, we will be working closely with the Tormenta FC coaches to coordinate this process and identify players that will fit what they are looking for. For Spring 2020 we have decided to start the process with our 2006/07 boys & 2007/08 girls birth years, then expand in the fall. The reason for starting small, is to allow us to work out logistics and other administrative type things before we have a larger number and multiple age groups in the program. It is very important that we get this right and that it works for both our local players as well as Tormenta FC.

This process will be fluid and players who may not get selected initially, can be added in based on performance at any time. Concurrently, players in the pool who dip in performance or commitment may be removed at any time.

United Soccer Leagues (USL) has created USL Academy Cup <https://www.usl-academy.com/about> which is the pinnacle of their pro academies programming. When Tormenta FC sends their teams to this event, the teams are coached by the pro team staff. By inclusion in the Tormenta FC regional player pool, our players can be selected into Tormenta FC's USL Academy teams. We strongly encourage all parents to read the Tormenta FC & USL websites to educate themselves firsthand on these organizations. We are proud to be part of the broader landscape of American Soccer and look forward to seeing that first Walterboro SC kid playing in a national event.

Tormenta FC went undefeated in the Eastern Conference Event in February.

Highlights from Tormenta FC v Louisville City FC
<https://youtu.be/ctfKie5Oseo>

Player ID Process:

This process is designed to be an opportunity for elite players, and the Tormenta FC staff will help us establish their definition of elite. With that said, as a club we wanted to set a few minimum qualifications to help bring as much fidelity to the process as possible.

1. Juggling: Daily juggling is something that all our players are expected to do, and it is a critical component to developing ball mastery. Tormenta FC puts tremendous emphasis on this skill as well. For the ID process, we expect any player in consideration to be able to juggle a minimum of 100 times consecutively.
2. Attendance: For consideration into this process, all players must have a stellar track record of attendance to training/matches. This program is designed for elite players and being dedicated is part of that criteria.
3. Match Performance: To be equipped to play in an elite environment, the player must be a consistently high performer in matches. These are the players who don't shy away from the ball in big moments. They are the players who their teammates look to when the team needs a boost. They perform at a high level regardless of the level of competition.

Spring 2020 Training Info:

- Location: Hardeeville, SC
- Time: 4:30 – 6:30
- Days: Mon or Tue (depending on group)
- Local training conflicts:
 - *If a player is selected to the program and there are training conflicts with one of their local team trainings days, the player will be encouraged to attend the Tormenta session in lieu of their local session.*
 - *This policy fits with our policy of training players up a level/age within our club. Every coach in our club has been asked to identify their top performers and have them train with an older age group to make sure we have an individual development plan for our players. Having a very small number of our top players train with Tormenta FC's top teams once per week is consistent with that philosophy.*
 - *All our teams should also have at least one training session that is exclusively individual based technical training each week, if a coach has a player or two in this program, they are encouraged to use the conflict day as their individual session.*
- Notification: Players/Families will be notified of selection by phone call/email. Acceptance is not mandatory but encouraged. We understand situations may vary and will always respect the decisions of our families.

For questions, please contact Frank Prentiss @frank.prentiss@gmail.com

Best Regards,

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