



## Partnership - FC America and FC United

**2017-2018:**

FC America (Quad Cities area) and FC United (Cedar Rapids area) have had the pleasure of working together in the past and are pleased to announce our alignment and partnership as we continue to enhance the development models for our players and for our state. While cooperative agreements are typically less relevant at younger ages, they can become much more impactful as players get older and the athletes begin to define their paths.

One of the challenges in our state, and particularly in eastern Iowa, is that demographics often make it more challenging for players within our geographic areas to successfully compete at higher level events in our Region. Region II, which includes Iowa, also includes MN, MO, IL, WI, MI, OH, IN, KY and several other states that have cities with high population bases and an incredible amount more resources than Iowa. Most, if not all, of the other states, have metro areas with population bases ranging from 1.5 to over 5 million. When evaluating competing resources, these are not always limited to the athletes, our number one priority, but it includes coaching, education, facilities, economies of scale, and other support mechanisms.

Both clubs will continue to function independently as they have for years. Operationally, fiscally and structurally, each will maintain independent decision-making functions, curriculum execution, and day-day activities. Functionally, our calendars will be aligned to support our teams as we enter some high-level events and leagues on both the girls side and the boys side for our organizations when needed.

This partnership agreement will enhance the opportunities and experiences for our players at FC United and FC America alike. Having common core values and parallel player development philosophies provide a solid platform for this partnership. One of the common goals for FC United and FC America is to extend opportunities and exposure for Iowa players that is on par with other Region II players.

We continue to evolve with a commitment to be one of the top clubs in our state, and one of the top clubs in our Region.

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