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ASL CLUBS SET FOR 2011-12 SEASON
Bethesda to Host Atlantic Soccer League Opening Weekend

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CHARLESTON, S.C. (August XX, 2011) – US Club Soccer has finalized sanctioning for the Atlantic Soccer League (ASL), a second year league for U-14 through U-18 boys and girls clubs set to begin play in November 2011 as part of the Bethesda Thanksgiving Day Showcase.

The ASL has finalized its acceptance of high-profile boys and girls clubs for 2011-12 expanding from 14 clubs and 56 teams in its inaugural season to 26 clubs and 190 teams in year two. Serving teams throughout the East Coast, the ASL provides top-level competition, facilities and exposure for college-bound players from elite-level clubs.

“After a very successful inaugural season that showcased top players from some of the best clubs on the East Coast we were inundated with interest and decided to expand our offerings to U14’s as well as a full girl’s division.” said ASL President Dewan Bader. “The ASL’s 2011-12 list of clubs speaks for itself and promises to provide top level competition and the best environment for development and exposure of our players.”

The inaugural ASL member clubs returning for year 2:

Beach FC (Va.)	Lower Dauphin United (Pa.)
Bethesda SC (Md.)	New York Elite (N.Y.)
Carolina Elite Soccer Academy (S.C.)	Prince William Soccer, Inc. (Va.)
Charlotte United FC (N.C.)	Soccer Association of Columbia (Md.)
Chesterfield United FC (Va.)	South Jersey Elite Barons (N.J.)
FC Frederick (Md.)	Triangle FC (N.C.)
Freestate Soccer Alliance (Md.)	Yardley Makefield Soccer (Pa.)

The ASL welcomes new member clubs for the 2011-12 seasons:

Baltimore Bays (Md.), Cobb FC (Ga.), DC Stoddert (D.C.), Hockessin SC (De.), Jersey United (N.J.), Lake Norman Eclipse (N.C.), Match Fit Academy Chelsea (N.J.), Montgomery United (Pa.), PA Classics (Pa.), Roanoke Star (Va.), SOCA (Va.)

“The soccer landscape has changed dramatically over the last few years and ASL has become an attractive, affordable opportunity for clubs with the proper structure and level of play.” said ASL Commissioner Kevin Darcy. “The league has carved out a niche that meets the player’s and clubs expectations and with the rapid growth and inclusion of top level boys and girls clubs, after one season of play; I am convinced ASL is here to stay.”

The league has scheduled three major events throughout the fall, winter and spring and will culminate in a season-ending championship tournament. The 2011 season will kick off at the Bethesda Thanksgiving Showcase in late November in Maryland, followed by the Triangle Friendlies event weekend in Fayetteville, NC. The Richmond Strikers will again play host to ASL teams in the prestigious Jefferson Cup Tournament to finish the regular season and SAC will host the ASL Championships, on Memorial Day weekend in Columbia, Md.

ASL member club representatives will attend the ASL Summit on September 26th to confirm league details and event logistics in preparation for the 2011-12 season.

For additional information on the Atlantic Soccer League, clubs are encouraged to view the league Web site at www.aslsoccer.net. Specific questions on the league and the application process should be sent to ASL commissioner Kevin Darcy at info@aslsoccer.net.

About the Atlantic Soccer League:

Mission Statement

To provide top level clubs in the East Coast region a high quality league (boys & girls) in a showcase format that has significant games, limits expenses, and provides a platform for collegiate recruiting. In addition, ASL will create a scouting program to identify the top players and will promote those players through the league website and the regional and national media.

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About US Club Soccer:

US Club Soccer is a non-profit organization whose mission is to develop competitive club soccer in the United States. A member of the United States Soccer Federation since July 2001, US Club Soccer has grown to include member clubs and leagues in all 50 states. In addition to sanctioning and administering tournaments, leagues and other competitions as well as offering a range of programs for its members, US Club Soccer annually conducts the *National Cup* and the *National Collegiate Showcase*. US Club Soccer also directs its own player identification and development program – *id²*.

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