

PIPELINE TO THE PROS

WASHINGTON SPIRIT AND BALTIMORE ARMOUR COMBINE FOR GIRLS DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

Washington Spirit-Baltimore Armour is excited to kick off the first season as part of the US Soccer Girls' Development Academy in the fall of 2017.

Washington Spirit is one of the founding eight professional women's soccer clubs in the new U.S. Soccer-backed professional women's league in 2013. Members of our team include players from the United States, Canada, as well as many other top players from around North America and the world. We play our home games at Maureen Hendrick's Field at the Maryland SoccerPlex Stadium in Boyds, Maryland.

Baltimore Armour has been created for the most elite Male and Female players in the area. The program is a partnership between the Soccer Association of Columbia (SAC) and Pipeline Soccer Club (PSC). In two short years, Baltimore Armour Boys are regarded as one of the elite academies in the nation, now to be followed by the girls.

Outside of the DA, Pipeline will still offer pre academy teams the opportunities to compete in high school, college showcases, EDP, Region 1, Potentially National League, State Cup,

and other competitive environments. The depth of player pools from both clubs will still allow for elite level competition for players not participating in the Girls' Development Academy program.

"This partnership is unprecedented having the pathway to not only the national team programs but also the homegrown and first team training opportunities with the Washington Spirit". Said Pipeline/Baltimore Armour co-founder Santino Quaranta. "I've had the pleasure to facilitate this partnership with first team head coach Jim Gabarra and the Baltimore Armour Board, which from day 1 shared similar visions and philosophies in developing world class female soccer players. Sean and I have always prided ourselves in providing the top opportunities for players in pipeline touching every level of each individuals development" added Quaranta.

"This is a very exciting day for Pipeline Soccer Club, Baltimore Armour SAC, and Washington Spirit, and honestly, all of Baltimore," said Girls Director of Coaching Doug Pryor. "For all girls to have this outlet for the elite player, it's a huge feather in Baltimore's cap. I have been waving the Baltimore flag in youth female soccer since 1998, and I feel this is a huge step in the right direction. Having the academy, pre academy, and club teams all working towards the same goal, it's a great day for Baltimore Female Soccer" added Pryor.

Washington Spirit-Baltimore Armour will be releasing a Q&A section, club wide power point, and updating all information on Baltimorearmour.com within the next two weeks including a brand new Super Y Organization for summer play. Stay tuned!

Please contact Santino Quaranta with any questions or concerns. We are happy to chat with you about the girls Development Academy.

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For a full visual of Pipeline Development Model: Click here http://pipelinesoccerclub.com/development-pyramid.html

As we go about this year, before the DA begins, please remember:

Come to us if you have any questions.

We are here to help and want to chat with you.

Don't listen to the gossip.

What you may hear from others may not be accurate. We are working with US Soccer to educate everyone on the Development Academy. Don't believe everything you hear from people who aren't educated on the Academy or are not a part of it.

Be patient with us.

We know everyone wants the information now. As always, something new creates questions and initial concerns. Be patient. We are here to help and answer the questions you have and will have information available as soon as possible.