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CONTINENTAL FC AND PHILADELPHIA SOCCER CLUB ANNOUNCE THEIR NEWLY FORMED PARTNER AFFILIATION

Downingtown, PA, July 6, 2017– Continental FC and Philadelphia Soccer Club **announce their newly formed Partner Affiliation**

Continental FC and Philadelphia Soccer Club are pleased to announce their newly established partner affiliation. Through this ongoing relationship, Philadelphia Soccer Club players shall have a defined player development pathway starting with a collaborative approach on Zone 1 player development and through the most competitive levels inclusive of the US Soccer Boys Development and Girls ECNL. This relationship provides both groups with a strong and focused Zone 1 (ages 8 – 12) player development approach in their local community, access to expanded coaching resources and education as well as increased player opportunities for advanced training and skill development. In addition, the clubs will partner to support the growth of the game in their respective communities.

Both clubs have been founding members of the Union Youth Development Affiliates program and this relationship further enhances the collaborative nature fostered by that program.

Tommy Wilson, Union Academy Director, commented on the affiliation, "Over the past few years, youth soccer in the Philadelphia region has been evolving. At the Philadelphia Union, we are hopeful this affiliation becomes a catalyst for more clubs to recognize the value of working to develop more players from our region while fostering a healthy and lifelong love of the game and our Philadelphia Union."

"We are excited to embark on this new partnership with the Philadelphia Soccer Club," said Jack Lawler, President Continental FC, "We have always believed to truly make Southeastern Pennsylvania a destination for youth soccer development was to work collaboratively with other likeminded organizations. We are excited to join with the Philadelphia Soccer Club to truly raise the bar in the region again. This partnership enables players, at all ages and ability levels, to have the opportunity to develop to their fullest potential as soccer players and young adults, as well as to prepare them for high school, college and beyond."

"We at Philadelphia Soccer Club have always put an emphasis on developing players for the next level of youth soccer. Whether it is the Development Academy, ECNL, High School, College or beyond, our goal has always been to develop players to be able to achieve their potential." Said Rob Colasanto, President Philadelphia Soccer Club, "We are thrilled and looking forward to partnering with Continental FC as they have a proven track record and development first philosophy. We truly believe that working together will further enhance our ability to achieve our goal."

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Philadelphia Soccer Club was established in 1984 by a group of fathers who had a vision to bring an all soccer specific club to Northeast section of Philadelphia. Now 30 years later, Philadelphia Soccer Club is the largest soccer only club in the city of Philadelphia. PSC offers male and female players 3 - 18, In-House programs, Recreation programs and Elite Travel Team programs.

Continental FC was formed by the merger of Spirit United and FC DELCO in 2013. With location based in Downingtown and Conshohocken, Continental FC offers a robust player development pathway with proven success for all players commiserate with their level of commitment.