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**Athletic Club Boise and Idaho Youth Soccer Association Announce
Inaugural Community Youth Soccer Partnership**

BOISE, ID – Athletic Club Boise and Idaho Youth Soccer Association (IYSA), Idaho's statewide governing body for youth soccer, are excited to announce that IYSA will serve as AC Boise's Community Youth Soccer Partner. Both organizations share a commitment to advancing player development, supporting coaches, and expanding the game throughout Idaho.

Thanks to strong community support and an enthusiastic fan base, Athletic Club Boise has established itself as one of the most visible professional sports properties in the Pacific Northwest in its first year. The team regularly sets league attendance records and is the only nationally televised professional sports team in Idaho. This partnership strengthens the pathway between the professional level and the state's youth soccer community.

"By partnering with IYSA, Athletic Club Boise is able to engage with the entire Idaho soccer community, while remaining club neutral. We are committed to supporting the development of the beautiful game for all, and through this partnership the Club will actively support Idaho's Olympic Development Program (ODP). ODP is Idaho's premier identification and development organization, helping to ensure that Idaho's best teams include our state's top players, and we are excited to be involved with that effort." said Brad Stith, CEO and Co-founder of Athletic Club Boise.

In addition, Athletic Club Boise and IYSA will support initiatives that strengthen the player pathway, enhance coach education, and create meaningful opportunities that benefit the entire Idaho youth soccer ecosystem.

"We are excited to partner with Athletic Club Boise and build on the incredible momentum they have created in their inaugural season," said Kevin Ireland, Executive Director of Idaho Youth Soccer Association. Ireland continued, "As the state's governing body for youth soccer, we believe this partnership creates opportunities that benefit players, coaches, and our member

clubs across Idaho. Through ODP, AC Boise will have the opportunity to engage with and help identify many of Idaho's top young players while supporting a development pathway that serves players throughout Idaho."

About Athletic Club Boise

Athletic Club Boise is Idaho's first professional soccer club, competing in USL League One. Built on the belief of By Boise, For Boise, the club is rooted in community and committed to growing the game across the Treasure Valley. AC Boise is currently competing in its inaugural 2026 season at Athletic Club Boise Stadium, a project made possible through a 30-year partnership with Ada County. The club will expand to include a women's team in the future. Through sport, Athletic Club Boise aims to reflect the identity of its community, increase access to the game, and create a lasting source of pride for Boise and the state of Idaho.

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