



## **SoccerPlus CT and Western United Extreme form Strategic Alliance**

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SoccerPlus CT and Western United Extreme today announced they have agreed to a strategic alliance that pools their girls' teams at ages U14 and above. The alliance will field teams at both the national (ECNL) and regional competition levels.

The alliance is built on the commonalities of mission and philosophy in order to offer the highest level of training and opportunities to the girls within both premier soccer clubs.

**SoccerPlus CT** is one of only two clubs in Connecticut to participate as a member of the Elite Clubs National League (ECNL) which is comprised of 52 elite girls clubs nationwide. In addition to the ECNL, SoccerPlus is also a Premier Club Partner of the Boston Breakers of Women's Professional Soccer. **Western United Extreme** focuses exclusively on girls' premier soccer, and brings a strong presence in the western part of Connecticut as the top girl's premier program in that part of the state.

Through this alliance, girls in both clubs now have access to the highest levels of national competition, the ECNL, and the corresponding exposure to college and Youth National Team coaches.

"SoccerPlus CT and Western United are both committed to enhance the developmental experience of female soccer players in Connecticut," said Chris Bart-Williams, Executive Director of SoccerPlus. "Through this alliance, the girls from Western United now have expanded options to the best competition and exposure in the country through the Elite Clubs National League (ECNL)."

"This alliance with SoccerPlus allows Western United to meet its goal of providing our girls the path to play at the highest levels of premier soccer," said Keith Blackwell, President of Western United.

### **About SoccerPlus CT - [www.soccerplusct.com](http://www.soccerplusct.com)**

SoccerPlus CT, a member of the Elite Clubs National League strives to develop players to their greatest potential by focusing on top-quality instruction and exposure to the highest levels of competition. SoccerPlus creates a positive environment for character development on and off the field by seeking to achieve a total teaching, coaching and educational experience. Started in 2003

### **About Western United Extreme – [www.WesternUnitedExtreme.org](http://www.WesternUnitedExtreme.org)**

Western United Extreme is a 501(c) non-profit dedicated to providing the best possible training for girls' Premier and Premier development soccer. The program was founded by a group of soccer enthusiasts in 2006 to provide a regional soccer program for western and central Connecticut and eastern New York state.

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