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UPSL Announces SoCal Division Expansion with FADP

Chino Hills (Calif.)-Based Pro Development Club Joins UPSL

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May 14, 2019 – Los Angeles – The United Premier Soccer League (UPSL) is excited to announce Footballer's Academy for Development Players (FADP) as a new league member kicking off with the 2019 Fall Season.

Based in Chino Hills (Calif.), FADP will play in the UPSL Championship Western Conference SoCal Division. The club is finalizing its venue options in compliance with UPSL Minimum Standards.

United Premier Soccer League National Director Matt Kahla said, "Footballer's Academy' has been one of the top clubs in the SoCal Premier League for several seasons, and it's a tremendous statement that they're now playing in UPSL Championship SoCal Division. President Diego Ruiz has re-built the club and they're ready to step up to the next level and compete against SoCal's best Pro Development teams. We wish FADP the best as it embarks upon its inaugural UPSL campaign."

Diego Ruiz is the President of FADP. A native of Colombia, Ruiz, 50, has operated the club at the local amateur level, competing in the SoCal Premier League since 2014.

FADP President Diego Ruiz said, "Now that the club has its first team in the UPSL, the plan is to build a youth academy to back that team up, and so players can have choices when they're out of high school and college. I want to bolster the team and back it up so that players can have soccer careers. That's what I want because for most of the kids if they don't get accepted somewhere out of high school that's pretty much it for them as players. The UPSL is making it easier but we're not that far from a time when if you didn't know about local leagues then you weren't going to play. The UPSL is having an impact."

Ruiz's sons, Nicolas Ruiz and Tomas Ruiz, currently play for the club. Nicolas Ruiz serves as team co-captain, alongside Wayne Castillo, Jr.

FADP hosts tryouts at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 18 in Chino Hills (Calif.). The club will announce its upcoming game schedule.

About FADP

Footballer's Academy for Development Players (FADP) is an American Soccer club currently based in Chino Hills, Calif., and a new member of the United Premier Soccer League. FADP will play in the UPSL Championship SoCal Division.

Founded in 2014, FADP can participate in the qualifying rounds for the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup through their affiliation and membership with the UPSL, the U.S. Soccer Federation (USSF) and the United States Adult Soccer Association (USASA).

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United Premier Soccer League

The UPSL was formed in 2011 and currently includes more than 300 teams in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas,

Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin. UPSL is the fastest growing Pro Development League in the USA, with 400-plus teams targeted for 2019 Fall Season. Each UPSL team is individually owned and operated, and is responsible for maintaining either UPSL Pro Premier Division or Championship Division minimum standards.

UPSL teams are all eligible to participate in the U.S. Open Cup Qualifying Rounds through the leagues affiliation with the U.S. Soccer Federation (USSF) and the United States Adult Soccer Association (USASA).

More information about UPSL can be found at www.upsoccer.com or by following the league on Facebook (www.facebook.com/upsoccer) and Twitter ([@upsoccer](https://twitter.com/upsoccer)).

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