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Olympiacos Soccer Club Washington, DC and Annandale Boys and Girls Club Soccer Programs Enter Into a Strategic Partnership

Olympiacos Soccer Club Washington, DC (Olympiacos DC) is excited to announce that it has entered into a strategic partnership with the Annandale Boys and Girls Club Soccer Program (ABGC).

Olympiacos FC is a professional soccer club, based out of Athens, Greece. Olympiacos is the most successful club in Greek soccer history, having won 45 League titles, 28 Greek Cups, and 4 Greek Super Cups. In European competitions, they have reached the group stage of the UEFA Champions league 20 times. They have reached the quarterfinals twice, in the 1998–99 UEFA Champions League and the 1992–93 European Cup Winners' Cup. Olympiacos is also one of the founding members of the European Club Association.

The Olympiacos DC organization is an official Olympiacos Academy, and is truly integrated into the Olympiacos FC Academy Network. Olympiacos DC is part of the professional youth system of Olympiacos FC's Olympiacos Academies (one of only three official Olympiacos academies in the U.S.)

The ABGC Soccer Program boasts an unparalleled record of success since introducing soccer to Northern Virginia in the early 1960's, having won multiple championships at the national, regional, metropolitan and local levels. Harry Karageorge, Olympiacos DC President and Founder, expressed his enthusiasm by stating, "Olympiacos DC is excited to enter into a strategic partnership with ABGC. Our collaboration with ABGC will enhance the ability of both clubs to address the needs of the growing youth soccer community in the Washington, DC metropolitan area."

In addition to its competitive success, ABGC's primary focus has always been to provide recreational soccer opportunities to boys and girls from the ages of 4 to 19. "This partnership with ABGC will allow Olympiacos DC to work with the coaches and technical staff of each club to further establish a framework for player development across all age groups," said Philipp Wank, Olympiacos DC's Technical Director.

Over the years, several ABGC players have received the opportunity to develop their skills, starting from the Club's recreational program and moving on to take advantage of camps, clinics, and opportunities with travel teams. By joining forces with Olympiacos DC through this strategic partnership, "We are looking forward to the collaboration between Olympiacos DC and ABGC, and the advantageous benefits for the local youth players in the Washington, DC metropolitan area," said Vasilis Nanos, Head of the Olympiacos FC Soccer Academy Network.

ABGC's long history in Northern Virginia has attracted recruiters from varsity high school and college programs, and some former ABGC players have received opportunities from the professional soccer ranks. "We see the strategic alliance with Olympiacos DC as a tremendous opportunity to leverage the expertise of a European-based Academy with an established soccer club in the Washington, DC metropolitan area in order to offer multiple player development pathways," said Steve Lee, ABGC's Technical Director.

Olympiacos Soccer Club Washington, DC is excited about the significance of this alliance which will greatly benefit and elevate both Olympiacos DC and ABGC soccer clubs.

