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### **FC Pride Soccer Club Joining the National Premier Soccer League (NPSL)**

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – FC PRIDE SOCCER CLUB is extremely excited to announce that they have been selected to join the National Premier Soccer League (NPSL), men’s semi-professional soccer with games beginning in the spring of 2025. As the club is learning about FC Pride being selected to join the NPSL, I sat down with Executive Director of Coaching, Jamie Gilbert, and Boys ECNL Director, Keegan Boom, to ask additional questions.

#### **Q: How did FC Pride’s selection to join the National Premier Soccer League (NPSL) come about?**

*Jamie Gilbert: We have been building a strong program with a focus on developing young talent and fostering a competitive spirit within our teams. The NPSL is a great league and a good partner to help accelerate this. We recognized early on that we shared common values. The NPSL was able to recognize that FC Pride has the potential to contribute to the league’s mission and standards as well as help develop the club in tandem with the Men’s program.*

#### **Q: What does joining the NPSL mean for FC Pride and its players?**

*Jamie Gilbert: Joining the NPSL is a significant milestone for FC Pride. It provides our boys with a true pinnacle at the club and the opportunity to compete at the next level, which is crucial for their development as they graduate and begin to play college soccer. We are excited that the younger players will have true role models to look up to and use as motivation on a daily basis.*

*Keegan Boom: Joining the National Premier Soccer League signals a new era of opportunity, growth, and competition for FC Pride. The NPSL will provide a platform of elevated competition which will drive exposure for current and future players on a national scale. Playing in the NPSL offers players a taste of the professional soccer experience, with rigorous training sessions,*

*demanding match schedules, and exposure to elite competition. This environment fosters complete player development and will provide a pathway to success.*

**Q: What is the NPSL and how many teams compete in the league?**

*Jamie Gilbert: The National Premier Soccer League is a men's semi-professional league with over 90 teams competing across the country during the summer months.*

**Q: What tier is NPSL Soccer?**

*Jamie Gilbert: Tier 1, the Top Tier of USASA Soccer*

**Q: Can you share any specific goals FC Pride has set for its inaugural NPSL season?**

*Jamie Gilbert: Our primary goal for the first season is to establish ourselves as a competitive team in the league and be a leader on and off the field by recognizing and enforcing the standards of the league.*

*Keegan Boom: FC Pride has set ambitious goals for its inaugural season in the NPSL which reflects the club's commitment to excellence. The team looks to establish a strong identity and develop homegrown talent all while laying the foundation for long-term success and building for the future.*

**Q: The NSPL Mission Statement is to “grow the sport of soccer in the USA with a sustainable business model and professionally managed soccer platform.” How do you plan to incorporate their mission at FC Pride?**

*Jamie Gilbert: if we start locally, there is no doubt that it will help the game grow in our market. This will give our youth club and the city of Indianapolis a team to get behind and support, while helping develop players and help them prepare for their respective college soccer seasons. We are fortunate to have a robust staff that is already in place at FC Pride and this will ensure that we are able to run as a very professional team that will be a credit to the league.*

**Q; Who do I contact if I want to play in the league next summer?**

*Jamie Gilbert: If you are interested in playing for FC Pride please send enquiries to [jamielibert@fcpride.org](mailto:jamielibert@fcpride.org)*

**Q: If I would like to have my company sponsor the team, who do I contact?**

*Jamie Gilbert: If you are interested in sponsoring the team please contact [shannoncoleman@fcpride.org](mailto:shannoncoleman@fcpride.org)*

**Q: Any final thoughts on what this opportunity means for FC Pride?**

*Keegan Boom: This opportunity to join the NPSL represents a defining moment for FC Pride. This step is a testament to the hard work and dedication of all involved. We are confident that this will serve as a catalyst for continued development and growth within the Indianapolis soccer community.*

*Thank you to everyone who has been a part of this journey. The best is yet to come for FC Pride!*

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***FC Pride Soccer Club** is dedicated to creating developmentally appropriate environments for players of all levels. Our experienced and nationally certified professional staff ensures that each club player receives tailored instruction, quality leadership, and exposure to valuable life lessons. Established in 2001, FC Pride Soccer Club offers premier soccer programs for boys and girls of all ages.*

*FC Pride is located in Lawrence, Indiana, and boasts 21 fields at the Lawrence Soccer Complex. Just five miles from our grass fields is our indoor facility, the Pride Performance Center, as well as our state-of-the-art turf stadium.*

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