



AUFC Timbers/Thorns and NMSA

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For Immediate Release

AUFC Timbers/Thorns is excited to announce a new partnership established with the New Mexico Soccer Academy (NMSA). The clubs have been increasing collaboration over the past year and have agreed to formalize a partnership in the 2023-24 season, with the intent of combining organizations in the 2024-25 season.

Some of the details agreed to for the 2023-24 season include:

- Sharing in the methodology and resources developed by NMSA
- The sharing of supplemental programming between the clubs, including Summer and Winter camps, Futsal, and tournament activity
- Josh Groves, NMSA Technical Director, will be a consultant to AUFC T/T
- Players may have opportunities to play across both clubs in certain situations
- Tryout Collaboration

AUFC T/T and NMSA have jointly recognized a strong alignment on club values and player development philosophies. Both clubs feel that this is a great opportunity to combine resources and knowledge to better serve the youth soccer community in New Mexico. While the clubs intend to combine operations no later than the 2024-25 season, we recognize the need for a well thought out and deliberate process to ensure all members and potential members are well informed, do not feel rushed into a new organization, and are not required to purchase additional uniforms mid-cycle.

Players can register as they normally would for the upcoming season and we don't expect any disruptions in the service experienced by members. In the coming season, coaches, parents, and players will get more information of what the combined clubs will be able to offer once the process is complete.

Continued updates will be provided through the clubs websites and their social media platforms. Thank you for your patience as we work through this exciting opportunity. Please reach out if you have any questions or comments on this process.