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## **2022-23 Elmbrook United - Elite Academy League - FAQ**

Elmbrook United is proud to announce our acceptance into the Elite Academy League for the 2022-23 club season & beyond! This new platform will provide our boys teams with new and exciting opportunities for high level competition & exposure to college soccer coaches. We know that youth soccer is an ever-changing landscape and we want to continue to offer the best possible soccer experience for our players. This new offering will help continue to set us apart as one of the top clubs in Wisconsin on the boys side!

### **Common Questions**

**1. What teams will participate in the Elite Academy League?**

Our boys Elite teams aged U13-U19 will participate in the Elite Academy League. We will be a member of the Mid-America Conference which includes clubs from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, & Ohio and EBU is the only member from Wisconsin.

**2. Is there an additional cost for players playing in this league?**

Costs for participation in the Elite Academy League will come from team fees. We do not anticipate a significant increase in team fees as this league will take the place of other events/showcases/leagues that we currently participate in.

**3. What is the travel that will be required?**

Schedules for the Elite Academy League will be organized by club leaders. Commonly, two league games will be played in one weekend in locations close in proximity to one another. The league will have a 50/50 split in home games versus away games. The benefit of the Elite Academy League is that all of our participating teams will be playing at the same site on the same day!

**4. How does this affect participation in Midwest Conference as well as other tournaments & showcases?**

Our teams participating in the Elite Academy League will also play in the Midwest Conference Club v. Club format which was recently announced. The Elite Academy League hosts 2

showcase events. This combined with additional travel for league games will take the place of most additional events. However, each individual team & coach can decide to enter additional events as they see fit.

**5. Since the Elite Academy League is only for boys teams, is there something similar for the girls?**

At this time, we are not adding an additional platform on the girls side. We are always analyzing & seeking out new opportunities to add to our offerings. We hope to do so when an opportunity arises that aligns with our club's beliefs & values.

**6. Does this mean that our Elite teams will no longer compete against local clubs in Wisconsin?**

Our teams will continue to compete in WYSA State Championships. Participation in local indoor and futsal leagues will continue throughout the winter. The spring season will primarily be filled with competition within the region. We anticipate there to be plenty of playing opportunities against fellow Wisconsin clubs throughout the season.

**7. Are there any restrictions on players playing with their high school seasons or in other leagues?**

Absolutely not. We fully support and encourage our players to represent their high school soccer teams. The Elite Academy League will be scheduled around their high school seasons so there will never be a conflict or asking players to do both club & high school at one time.

**8. Since this platforms are for Elite teams only, how does this affect Premier & Classic levels?**

Our Premier and Classic level teams will continue to participate at the WYSA State League & SECL levels. For teams who have the desire and ability to play at the regional level, we will seek to offer the opportunity to enter the Midwest Conference Team vs. Team Division.

If you have any additional questions, please contact us!

Let's go EBU!

