



### West Ham International Academy

March 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 - The West Ham United are proud to announce our 36<sup>th</sup> partner club –Elite Training Academy!



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### Elite Training Academy

The ETA “Elite Training Academy” is structured to provide developmental opportunities for players and coaches outside of their recreational, club, high school and college environments. In addition, the academy will provide the necessary resources and foster relationships between its members and

their future goals of playing, coaching or directing within clubs, state/regional/national programs, high schools, colleges, domestic professional organizations as well as international opportunities. The ETA is “club neutral” with the number one goal of raising the level of the game and providing opportunities for all involved. ETA is proud to announce its partnership with Global Image Sports, and the West Ham Academy. In addition, ETA has been approved for membership into the United Soccer Leagues Super Y League for 2014 along with senior teams in the Super 20’s and W-20’s USL structure to serve as the top of the ETA player development pyramid . The ETA will be led by its Technical Director, Kevin Darcy, “ETA is proud to partner with GIS and legendary club West Ham United’s academy to provide cutting edge development and soccer opportunities for players and coaches in Virginia. As a “club neutral” academy with the focus on creating the most competitive environment for player and coaches we are excited to bring the branding, curriculum and methodology to our members but also provide opportunities for direct access into the academy abroad for an experience of a lifetime.” Kevin Darcy, Technical Director.

ETA will be hosting a **West Ham North American Academy Showcase in Virginia in the summer of 2014**. Players will be trained and evaluated by a coach from The West Ham Academy. Players who display potential will be invited to The West Ham North American Academy National Camp.

For further information on the West Ham North American Academy, please go to [www.westhamacademyinternational.com](http://www.westhamacademyinternational.com) or contact Reis Williams, the Global Image Sports Partnership Development Manager at [Reis@globalimagesports.com](mailto:Reis@globalimagesports.com)

