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**CINCINNATI, OH** – Ohio Elite Soccer Academy is pleased to announce an affiliation with the powerhouse, boy's soccer club, Team Ohio FC of Columbus, OH. This partnership will allow Team Ohio FC players that are interested in participating in the US Development Academy, the opportunity to do so. Team Ohio FC was recently ranked the #17 Boys Club in the Country by *Soccer America*. Adding quality players from Team Ohio FC to Ohio Elite's already successful program will enhance the development of all players involved and allow training/competition opportunities to a vast amount of players. Ohio Elite Soccer Academy is the *only* US Soccer Development Academy program in Southern Ohio. They are setting the standard for other clubs to follow by opening a 30 acre state-of-the-art training and competition facility in June 2008.

This affiliation will begin in the 2008-2009 US Development Academy season. The 2008-2009 Ohio Elite Development Academy teams will be free of team fees and uniform fees for the entire season. Players will only be responsible for team travel which will be less than a traditional USYS team. Interested players should contact Ohio Elite and review the US Development Academy Tryout schedule at [www.ohioelite.com](http://www.ohioelite.com). Tryouts for the Ohio Elite Development Academy teams run from May 27 – May 30, 2008. For more information, please contact Mike Cullina at [mcullina@ohioelite.com](mailto:mcullina@ohioelite.com) or 513-258-8853.

#### **About Ohio Elite Soccer Academy and US Soccer Development Academy**

**Ohio Elite Soccer Academy** is a non-profit organization under the laws of the State of Ohio formed to provide elite level soccer players with professional coaching, state-of-the-art facilities and the optimum competition environment. Ohio Elite is one of 18 clubs nationwide that is a member of both the US Soccer Development Academy for boys and the Red Bull National League for girls. Ohio Elite is a proud Nike Premier Club member.

**US Soccer Development Academy** was formed by U.S. Soccer in 2007 following a comprehensive review of elite player development in the United States and around the world. The main purpose of forming the Development Academy was to improve the everyday environment for the elite youth player. Using the U-17 National Team Residency program as a model of training and focus, clubs chosen to participate in the Academy program will only compete in Academy programming, thus increasing the amount of time that can be spent training and improving the quality of matches. National Team and National Staff coaches will scout the Academy matches and trainings to ensure that players are seen in their natural playing environment. U.S. Soccer will assign referees to provide an opportunity for up-and-coming officials to participate in higher level matches.

