



2025/26

GULF UNITED ACADEMY

GULF UNITED
DUBAI, UAE

WHO ARE GULF UNITED?

- Gulf United is a forward-thinking football club based in the UAE, with youth development at its core. Since its founding in 2019, the club has won two professional league titles, achieved three promotions, and established itself as the premier destination for young footballers in Dubai.
- Founded by three British coaches with a shared passion for nurturing talent, Gulf United is committed to creating clear and lasting pathways for young players. We are proud to be the leading sports scholarship provider in the MENA region. In the 2024/25 season alone, 11 players from our youth teams earned selection to a First Team matchday squad.
- Above all, Gulf United is dedicated to developing the person alongside the footballer—empowering young athletes both on and off the pitch.



DEVELOPMENT PHASES

As a player progresses through the academy the focus and the expectations are different. Each player has their own journey and we push each player to maximise their potential.



FOUNDATION PHASE

U5 - U10

Learn to **LOVE** the game



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PHASE

U11 - U15

Learn to **PLAY** the game



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PHASE

U16 - U19

Learn to **WIN** the game



AFTER THE ACADEMY

GUFC Pro teams
Scholarships to USA

THE ACADEMY IN NUMBERS



The only club to achieve back to back promotions in the UAE



58 professional Gulf United appearances by academy graduates



Officially number 1 Scholarship Provider in the MENA Region



131 players on our Scholarship Pathway in the last 3 years



At our home King's Al Barsha, we have 4 state of the art pitches



The first grassroots club in the middle east to be sponsored by adidas



Over 200 years experience in our coaching staff from all around the world



One club, 82 different nationalities



• 2019

Founded by 3 British coaches with a focus on pathways at age 18+.



• 2021

Move from Swiss School to Dubai College



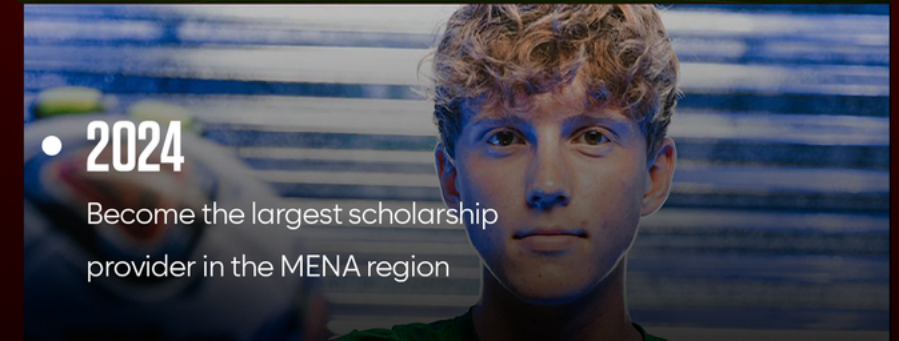
• 2022/23

Back to back champions



• 2023

Move from Dubai College to Kings Al Barsha



• 2024

Become the largest scholarship provider in the MENA region



• 2025

5 professional teams within the club; U16, U19, U21, B Team and First Team

ONE CLUB, ONE FAMILY

ACADEMY DIRECTOR



COACH CONOR

Player development is of course important, but not as important as developing the person. We make sure the hours you spend at Gulf are the best of your week. We pride ourselves on creating moments that will become lifelong memories.

HEAD OF FOUNDATION PHASE



COACH JACK

In the Foundation Phase true player development begins by igniting a lifelong love for the game! Where learning, creativity, and character are nurtured every day. In this Phase, we lay the groundwork not just for future footballers, but for confident, resilient young people.

MESSAGES FROM PARENTS



KIYAN (U11S) DAD
ARIAN AGHAMARDI

“It’s so important for us the community and the unity within the club. The support for all the players is fantastic from the coaches, parents and the players themselves.”



JACKSON (U13) AND DYLAN (U15) MUM
LYNDALL MACDONALD

“The coaches are incredibly supportive, professional, and passionate about developing young talent. Our kids absolutely love the training sessions and have grown both in skill and confidence since joining.”



TAMEEM (U5) AND ZEIDAN (U11) MUM
WESSAM ABDELFATTAH

“The coaches tailor the training towards each individual kid. They try to find the ability hidden within each kid and give them the confidence to play better and better”



RHYS (U17) DAD
SAVIO DSOUZA

“Gulf United Dubai is truly an exceptional football club committed to excellence both on and off the pitch. The coaching staff is top-notch, with a wealth of experience and knowledge that helps players of all ages and skill levels reach their full potential.

ACADEMY CALENDAR

JULY

International Tournaments

Players onboarded to the 360 Player App

Virtual sessions begin

AUGUST

Pre-Season Sessions begin

SEPTEMBER

Regular season starts

Friendlies begin

UAE FA Leagues begin

OCTOBER

YFL & DOFA leagues begin

October half term

NOVEMBER

Training & Matches all the way through

DECEMBER

Winter Cup

Winter Break

JANUARY

Return to training

Second Pre-Season begins

FEBRUARY

Ramadan - Training times change

MARCH

EID

Matches Resume

Spring Break

APRIL

International Tournament

MAY

Final league matches

JUNE

Summer Cup

Season Finishes

End of Season Awards

The full season calendar consists of predicted dates and is subject to change

TEAMS	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
U11, U12	6:00 - 7:30PM		6:00 - 7:30PM		5:30 - 7:00PM		MATCHES
U13, U14		6:00 - 7:30PM		6:00 - 7:30PM	5:30 - 7:00PM		MATCHES
U15		6:30 - 8:00PM		6:30 - 8:00PM	5:30 - 7:00PM		MATCHES
U16	6:00 - 7:30PM		6:00 - 7:30PM	6:00 - 7:30PM			MATCHES
U17	7:30 - 9:00PM		7:30 - 9:00PM	7:30 - 9:00PM			MATCHES
U18, U19	7:30 - 9:00PM		7:30 - 9:00PM		7:00 - 8:30PM		MATCHES

We will take scheduled breaks in training in line with the Kings Al Barsha term dates, which are yet to be released

Strong connections with great personalities from the world of football.



OUR KIT PACK

ADIDAS
BACK PACK



TRAINING
DRILL TOP



TRAINING
JERSEY



TRAINING
SOCKS



HOME
MATCH SHIRT



ADIDAS
WATER BOTTLE



TRAINING
SHORTS



HOME
MATCH SHORTS



HOME
MATCH SOCKS



20% OFF ADIDAS
PRODUCTS



EXCLUSIVE GUFC DISCOUNT
ON FITT MEALS

360 PLAYER ACCESS



FITT Meals
in a day.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES NOT INCLUDED IN PACKAGE:

- Individual S + C Program for GUFC Players
- International Tours
- Tournaments within the GCC

PROFESSIONAL TEAMS

UNDER 16



UNDER 19



UNDER 21



Additional Cost for FIFA Medical and UAE FA Registration: 1500AED (Maximum of 30 players can be selected)

In order to be eligible for these squads you have to opt for 3 sessions per week.

EXTRAS INCLUDE:



Transport on matchday



Access to the club physiotherapist



Strength and Conditioning program



Profile on the UAE FA app



30 PLAYERS SELECTED PER SQUAD



PATHWAYS INTO PRO LEAGUES



PLAYING AGAINST PRO LEAGUE CLUBS



GAMES PROGRAM ALONGSIDE IT FOR EXTRA MINUTES

HOW TO JOIN GULF UNITED

STEP 1



PASS THE TRIAL AND GET ACCEPTED

Your coach will give you feedback after the session and tell you if you have been selected to join for the 25/26 season.

STEP 2



CONFIRM TERMS & CONDITIONS

Now you have read the brochure, please check the terms and conditions at:
www.gulfunitedfc.com/academytsandcs

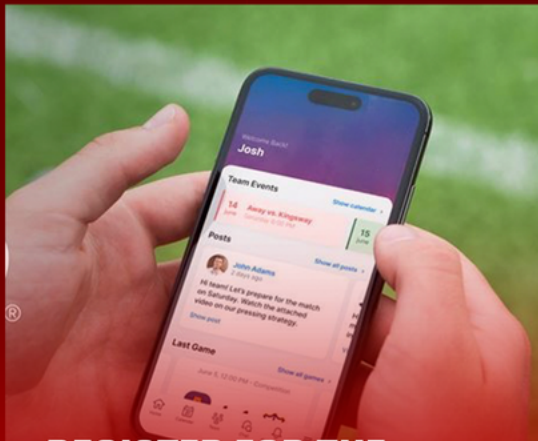
STEP 3



CONFIRM YOUR PLACE

Select your package and make the payment at:
gulfunited.myshopify.com/

STEP 4



REGISTER FOR THE 360 PLAYER APP

Upload all your required information on the 360 player app.

STEP 5



WE ORDER YOUR KIT

You will get to choose your squad number out of the remaining numbers and then we will order your adidas kit pack

STEP 6



YOU ARE NOW OFFICIALLY A GULF UNITED PLAYER

PAYMENT OPTIONS



If you have any questions, please ask your coach or reach out to +971 58 565 4832 and we would be happy to answer them.



GULF UNITED

FROM DUBAI TO THE WORLD

The Middle-East's home of football development & pathways
Creating a brighter future for young players, through the power of football