



# VALEO FUTBOL CLUB

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## **Valeo Futbol Club, MLS Next program fully-funded for soccer year 2022-2023**

NEWTON, MA (December 14, 2021) - 'Valeo FC is proud to announce that the **Valeo FC MLS NEXT Program is NOW FULLY FUNDED** and will be offered free of cost for all Valeo MLS Next Team players beginning in the 2022-2023 season!' The free-to-play program entitled MLS NEXT 'Generation' will give players the option of volunteering at charitable organizations or coaching their younger club-mates in lieu of paying club fees. "Valeo FC has always been a pioneer with offering scholarships and opportunity to players in New England. Our US Development Academy was fully founded and due to the pandemic, we were conservative with MLS Next and only funded it at 50%." Says Corlton Simmond Director of Soccer Operations.

Valeo FC's philosophy is that great players are made not from financial resources but from hard work and dedication. Our goal for 2022-2023 MLS Next season and beyond is to have players that will work with Valeo FC Directors to find a volunteer or coaching opportunity that is the best fit for their personal strengths. We believe in a holistic approach when developing our players and see this opportunity to engage our players on and off the field.

"Valeo Futbol was built off of the generosity of others," Simmond says. "This program eases the financial burdens for our families and reflects our focus on giving back to the community and providing opportunities for our players to become leaders." Additionally, we are providing access to the elite-level of training and MLS Next League competition at NO COST to our families.

Valeo FC encourages its players to be leaders on and off the field. As part of this leadership initiative, the club fosters a culture of social awareness, volunteering and giving back. The MLS Next players will pay it forward, volunteering and engaging in charitable and social activities in and around the surrounding community.

### **The MLS Next Program**

MLS Next program is the highest youth league in North America. It is managed, organized and controlled by Major League Soccer (MLS) whose goal is to connect national and professional team coaches at all age levels directly with elite youth players, while also serving as a venue for advanced coaching and referee development. It is a successor to the U.S. Soccer Development Academy and covers the under-13 - U19 age groups.

Valeo FC's MLS Next program a rigorous and immersive 12-month training environment that is designed to drastically expedite the development of young players and prepare them to excel at the next level. The program boasts 312 hours of training, instruction and match-play instruction, coupled with the latest in player development technology and methodologies.

### **About Valeo FC**

Valeo Futbol Club (VFC) is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit sports education and training organization focused on developing competitive athletes, outstanding citizens and strong leaders. Valeo Futbol Club's mission is to provide the very best environment for soccer and personal development for committed players who are passionate about the game. Taking advantage of a coach-to-player ratio that is much smaller than other clubs, Valeo's experienced coaches work closely with each player individually to instill the virtues of teamwork, discipline, respect, commitment and leadership.

