



Membership,

Leadership: I wanted to take a minute to update you on the Club and our immediate future. As some of you may be aware; our Technical Director will be leaving in July. We are diligently working on a replacement strategy and beginning the process of hiring. Our goal is to have the leadership on the pitch for the players and coaches that they can learn from and grow. It's important that we have the right staff in place to help AR United succeed. To achieve our goals in player success and coaching education we have to assure we are providing a structured path for all our players and coaches. This takes making sure we are in the right leagues with our competitive players that is creating a competitive environment while instilling a passion for the game. Our soccer landscape in AR is challenging to meet the needs of our teams, this takes thinking outside the box and creating pathways that provide teams and players contest and reward.

Fields: We continue our long-term partnership with the City of Little Rock to provide programming and first rights of use at Murray Park, Natural Steps and Otter Creek. With this partnership we maintain each one of the complexes and incur the expenses with maintaining. We were able to replace the lighting at Murray Park, light an additional field at Otter Creek this year with the financial support of the city. We are working on attaining permanent lights at Natural Steps currently, so we will be able to utilize the park more than what we currently able. In partnership with LRSD, we have a contract for first rights of use at Henderson Middle School, this allows many of our teams to practice with lights year-round. Being within the school district, the facility is available for the community families to use when not occupied. Last year we invested money in increasing the lighting at the park to better serve the teams practicing at this location. Verizon Inc. has closed their offices in LR, with that the building and the soccer fields had been for sale. In the past month the fields and the building have sold, with that we have already negotiated a contract with the new owner to continue use of the soccer fields for many years to come. We have also signed a 15 year partnership/lease with the City of Conway for the exclusive rights to Centennial Park, this allows us to host future events in Conway such as the 2019 State Cup this May 11-12.

Our principal mission remains the promotion of youth soccer. We strive to instill a love for the game in each of our players and to provide an atmosphere where each player may participate and progress according to his or her interest and ability. We take great pride in developing our players as athletes, students and responsible young men and women. Our players form life-long friendships with their club mates, acquire leadership, teamwork and sportsmanship skills that ultimately prepare them for life beyond soccer.

AR United is a 501c3 non-profit organization that continues by the support of the players and their families. Volunteering is one of the greatest sacrifices you can do for your club. Volunteering does not always mean working a tournament or a club event, volunteering means using your skills and time to benefit your club. We are always looking for people to help with fundraising, field maintenance, field repair and construction, and coaching. Our club is also always seeking donations of all kinds, soccer equipment (goals, balls, paint, and etc.), land, scholarship donations, indoor soccer, and any other support items.

Our club can go as far we want it to go if we all work together. #weARUnited

Sincerely,
Walter Anger, Club President

2019-2020 TRYOUT DATES: May 13, 14, 16, 21 (May 23 Rainout date)
2019 United Players 1st Competitive Camp July 16-18 (Evenings)