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ARKANSAS RISING, FC DALLAS WEST TEXAS JOIN ECNL GIRLS REGIONAL LEAGUE - NORTH TEXAS FOR 2021-22 SEASON

RICHMOND, VA (May 14, 2021) – The ECNL Girls is excited to announce that Arkansas Rising and FC Dallas West Texas will join the ECNL Girls Regional League - North Texas for the 2021-22 season. By continually adding top-level clubs and competition to the ECNL Regional Leagues, the league is continuing its mission to Raise the Game across the country. For more than a decade, the ECNL has supported the nation’s leading clubs as they develop the next generation of college and professional stars.

“We are delighted to have Arkansas Rising and FC Dallas West Texas join the ECNL Girls Regional League - North Texas and expand its geographic and competitive scope,” said ECNL Girls Commissioner Jen Winnagle. “These players will experience unrivaled competition and face new match-ups in the ECNL platform, and this growth further emphasizes the depth of talent in this area and adds to the vibrancy of the ECNL Regional League platform.”

Arkansas Rising Little Rock, AR

Arkansas Rising’s unwavering commitment is to developing top quality soccer players, but more importantly, to develop strong and confident young athletes that desire to pursue excellence. The club is focused on its goal to provide a single environment in which players can train, develop together, and compete at the highest level possible. The name Arkansas Rising reflects the journey of like-minded clubs, families, and players coming together to elevate competitive soccer in Arkansas.

“Arkansas Rising is excited and honored to be the first and only club in Arkansas to be a part of the ECNL Regional League - North Texas,” said Michelle Cox, Arkansas Rising Executive Director. “The ECNL Regional League - North Texas delivers a high-level environment for our teams to achieve their goals and provides our players a pathway to the highest, most prestigious platform in the United States. We are ready to hit the proving ground!”

FC Dallas West Texas Lubbock, TX

FC Dallas West Texas (FCD WTX) is one of the premier clubs in West Texas, including the Lubbock, Midland, and Abilene areas. FCD WTX has created a soccer culture second to none in West Texas and as such, ensures its club members and their families can participate in a competitive, distinguished platform that best meets their ever-expanding needs. FCD WTX's ability to provide scholarship assistance combined with its top-tier training facilities allows the club to serve all athletes now and in the future.

"From our club's inception to now, our players and families deserve the opportunity to flourish and be a part of such a unique and special ECNL Regional League," said Gibbs Keeton, FC Dallas West Texas Division Director of Coaching. "The league matches exactly with what we are seeking in our travel and competitive fixtures. Our girl's staff is excited to compete in a top-tier platform and continue to build on the success established within FCD WTX."

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About the ECNL:

The ECNL is the nation's leading youth soccer development platform. The ECNL respects and celebrates the unique individuality of every youth soccer player and club, supporting and enabling them to unleash their unfettered passion and fierce tenacity in striving to achieve their potential.

The ECNL mission to Raise the Game is a total commitment to create the best possible environment for players, coaches, referees and administrators, with a determination to constantly question convention and challenge the status quo in youth sports.

The ECNL Commitment:

We will lead, set our eyes on new horizons, and pursue them relentlessly. Born out of the belief in a better way. Continued in the ever-evolving pursuit of excellence.

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