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**KIXX UNITED FC and METRO EAST LEGACY FC
MERGE to create new YOUTH SOCCER POWERHOUSE
as the METRO ALLIANCE FC**

O'FALLON & BELLEVILLE, IL – The Board of Directors from two of the region's largest youth soccer clubs – KIXX UNITED FC of O'Fallon and METRO EAST LEGACY FC of Belleville has announced their merger today to create the new METRO ALLIANCE FC youth soccer club.

"KIXX and LEGACY clubs have built two premier youth soccer programs over the past two decades," said Mary Jeanne Hutchison, Board Member of Metro Alliance FC. "By combining our strengths, we are now creating a new powerhouse that will provide greater opportunities for our current and future players."

Metro Alliance FC's mission is to promote the development of youth in the game of soccer, providing opportunities to maximize their skills through training, teamwork and competition at the highest level while inspiring and empowering each player to elevate their potential in the game and in life.

"We want to thank the countless volunteers, players and coaches who have built two great clubs in KIXX and Legacy," said Chris Lashley, President Metro Alliance FC. "By merging our two clubs, we are helping to realize their dreams of providing the best training and competitive youth soccer organization with a proven track record of helping develop players and secure placements in colleges, universities and professional soccer teams."

Both the KIXX and LEGACY boards have been working together for the past six months to combine resources and reshape the face of youth soccer in the region which has resulted in their merger. The new board also announced the names of the new directors of Boys and Girls Soccer.

James Chambers, formerly the Legacy Director was named Director of Girls Soccer Development and Donny Sheehan, formerly KIXX Director, was named Director of Boys Soccer Development.

"This merger is the biggest thing to hit youth soccer in our region in over a decade," said James Chambers, Metro Alliance FC Girls Director. "As we head into 2021 tryout season, our combined strength will provide the best training and coaching in the bi-state region."

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Highlights of the merger include:

- A dedicated Boys Director and a dedicated Girls Director so that each can focus on the development and skills of individual players
- New levels of teams to allow for increased playing time for all skill sets
- Access to the two best training facilities in the region – O’Fallon Family Sports Park Soccer Complex and Belle Clair Soccer Park – which combined, provide 20 fields total (10 all weather and 8 premium grass fields)
- Expanded Competitive Tournaments
- Professional Athletic Training with Elite FT
- Skilled Coaches

“Our new club will have over 800 players at all skill levels,” said Donny Sheehan, Metro Alliance FC Boys Director. “Part of our new structure will be to expand the number of teams so that players at every age level have the opportunity to play more.”

Metro Alliance FC also announced their ID Sessions today on their new website **MetroAllianceFC.com**. They will be held at both Belle Clair Park and O’Fallon Family Sports Park on April 19-21, 2021 and May 10-12, 2021. For a complete list of times and sessions visit **MetroAllianceFC.com**.

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