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East Providence, Smithfield and Cumberland, RI

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Bayside FC RI Strikers and Cumberland Youth Soccer Association's ("CYSA") CSP United are proud to announce a new partnership starting with the 2019-2020 Season. The first-of-its-kind partnership between the highest levels of Smithfield Youth Soccer and CYSA is sure to expand the player development goals of both organizations. The combined programs, that offer Recreational, Town Travel and Premier Soccer to their members, will create the largest Soccer Family in Northern RI with a pool of over 2,000 players, over 100 coaches and hundreds of volunteers and certified referees between the two clubs. Bayside FC RI Strikers CSP teams will be competing in the New England Premiership or equivalent starting in the Fall of 2019 and players will have the opportunity to be ID'd by Bayside FC NPL and Revolution Academy Coaches. Players in Northern RI will have a pathway from Recreational Soccer all the way to Premiership and the Revolution Academy through their affiliation with Bayside FC.

Lionel Delos, President of Smithfield Youth Soccer and Vice President of Bayside FC RI Strikers says, "this affiliation between Bayside FC RI Strikers and CSP United solidifies the clubs dominance in Northern RI and will continue to expand our mission of providing the highest level of soccer available to our members at an affordable price. The club philosophy, structure and soccer IQ of Cumberland's CSP United program align perfectly with our core philosophy of player development and offering a clear pathway of success for every player within our program".

Mike Friedland, President of CYSA, and Chris Butler, VP of Travel Programs for CYSA, had this to say about the affiliation: "We are very excited about this partnership opportunity and the pathway that it provides for the players within our organization and in Northern RI. CYSA has always had a solid foundation for our families and players, and our CSP program has always been the next step for allowing our children to play together at a slightly higher level. This partnership with Bayside FC RI Strikers, and affiliation with Bayside FC, will give our teams and players the point at the top of the development pyramid to play at the highest levels at an affordable cost. We were very pleased with the goals and objectives similarities between Bayside FC RI Strikers and CSP United, and look forward to a great partnership between all of the players and coaches."

Bayside FC RI Strikers and CSP United will hold their team tryouts respectively per tryout schedules already published and then will start the collaboration process. See www.ristrikersfc.com and www.cysa-ri.org for more tryout information.

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