



# Press Release

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## **QUICKSTRIKE FC AWARDED SUPER Y LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP**

NEWBURGH, NY – Program Director Jesse Kolmel announced today the Quickstrike FC premier soccer program has been awarded the first-ever Hudson Valley area membership for the Super Y-League (SYL) from the United Soccer Leagues (USL). The SYL is the pinnacle of youth soccer leagues and is designed to provide not only hard-core competition on a regional and national basis, but identification opportunities by the top college coaches. The SYL has a direct tie-in with the U.S. Soccer National Team's Olympic Development Program (ODP). The league features boys and girls teams from U13 through U20.

“For years, Hudson Valley players interested in playing at this level traveled well over an hour outside of our area to find outstanding programs that offered SYL competition,” Kolmel said. “Quickstrike FC is now proud to serve as the exclusive home for the Hudson Valley’s very own Super Y-League program.”

“The goal of Quickstrike FC has been to train and develop the Hudson Valley area’s best soccer players,” Kolmel added. “Our acceptance in the Super Y-League now affords those players the opportunity to compete at the highest level of youth soccer available in the country. In fact, the SYL is the only national youth league designed specifically for the top one percent of players in the nation.”

Many of the top premier youth soccer programs in the country participate in the Super Y-League, including the youth development programs of the New York Red Bulls, and DC United of the MLS. SYL is the first part of the USL system that feeds into all of the men’s and women’s professional leagues in the country.

United Soccer Leagues is extremely selective in awarding Super Y-League membership. The selection criteria include the clubs’ ability to field competitive teams, quality administrative standards, and provide excellent facilities for matches. The USL has placed a tremendous amount of confidence in the Quickstrike FC program to put the Hudson Valley on the SYL map.



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“I believe that Quickstrike FC will provide new opportunities for elite level players in the Hudson Valley area of New York,” said USL Managing Director of Club Development and Communications, Matt Weibe.

“We believe that their addition to the division coincides with the quality and standards that we look for in new clubs. Through the Super Y-League players will face the top youth talent in the United States.”

Program Director Kolmel stressed that while current Quickstrike FC players will directly benefit, the Super Y-League opportunity is extended to all soccer players in the Hudson Valley regardless of their club affiliation because they are not required to leave their current program to compete with Quickstrike FC in the Super Y-League.

“The Quickstrike FC Super Y-League teams are open to all players from all clubs in the Hudson Valley region,” Kolmel said. “Because the Super Y-League and the Super Y-League ODP are its own entity, players are not required to leave their current soccer club to participate. We know the Hudson Valley has a tremendous pool of soccer talent and we are confident the Quickstrike SYL teams that take the field will proudly represent this region against the best players and programs in the country.”

Quickstrike FC SYL teams will be amongst the top talent from New York to Washington D.C. in the 2007 season. Tryouts are scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m. December 5 & 12 (boys) and December 7 & 14 (girls) 2006 at the Hudson Valley Sports Dome in Milton, NY. Specific age group time slots will be posted on the Quickstrike website. Practice sessions will be held once a week beginning in January and will vary among each age group with the inaugural season kicking off in April 2007 and running until the first and second week of August. Each Quickstrike FC team has the opportunity to qualify for the Super Y-League North American Finals in Tampa, Florida. The league schedule is designed to avoid conflicts with college/high school commitments.

For more information including FAQs, schedules and tryout applications, please visit our website at [www.QuickstrikeFC.com](http://www.QuickstrikeFC.com).

### **ABOUT THE USL SUPER Y-LEAGUE**

The future of soccer lives in the USL Super Y-League, a professionalized system that is the first step for developing elite youth soccer players in North America. Affiliated with US Soccer and partnered with US Club Soccer, the league is designed for talented youth players destined for professional or international careers. The league contains the youth academies of USL First Division, USL Second Division, Premier Development League, W-League, and Major League Soccer clubs, as well as many of the established premier youth clubs. Through Olympic Development Program status events such as the North American Finals and National ODP Camps, the nation's top players are identified for selection to US National Team Programs. The 2006 campaign features over 800 teams within the U13 – U17 boys and girls age groups competing within 10 geographic divisions of the U.S. and Canada.

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