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Sound FC U15 Girls' Soccer Team Makes History, Qualifies for National Championship Tournament

Woodinville, WA – July 17, 2024 – In a historic achievement, the Sound FC U15 girls' soccer team has become the first team from Sound FC to qualify for the national championship tournament. This milestone marks a new chapter in the club's legacy, as the team prepares to represent Washington state at the US Youth Soccer National Championship tournament in Orlando, Florida, from July 23-29. The top 16 teams in the nation will compete for the coveted national title.

Since its establishment, Sound FC has been dedicated to excellence in youth soccer. While the club has seen multiple teams win national league conferences and reach regional tournaments, none have made it to the national championship—until now. This U15 team has not only broken records but also set a new standard for future generations at Sound FC.

The success of the U15 girls' team is supported by an exceptional coaching staff, led by Coach Brandon Mitalas, the Sound FC Director of Soccer, who recently earned his Club Technical Leaders license from US Soccer. Brandon, a US Marine Corps and OIF Veteran, has a distinguished coaching career, including being named the 2019 Washington Youth Soccer Girls Coach of the Year.

The bond among the players is a key factor in their success. Most of these girls have been playing together since they were 8 or 9 years old, creating strong friendships and a deep sense of camaraderie. Balancing school, other sports, and commitments with rigorous training and competition schedules, their dedication is evident both on and off the field. The Sound FC and Northshore Youth Soccer Association communities have been instrumental in supporting the team.

"What I love most about Sound FC is the community. We all support each other, and it makes playing soccer so much more fun," says Peyton Wedin. Balancing school, other sports, and commitments with rigorous training and competition schedules, their dedication is evident both on and off the field.

Haylie Kuehn shares, "Being on Sound FC means being part of something bigger than yourself. It's about teamwork, dedication, and loving the game of soccer." Emalyn Ottersburg adds, "Sound FC has helped me grow not just as a player, but as a person. I've learned so much here." The Sound FC and Northshore Youth Soccer Association communities have been instrumental in supporting the team, fostering not just skilled players but well-rounded individuals.

The journey to Nationals was not without obstacles. The team faced a disconnected fall season due to the academic high school season and a rough start in both the RCL league and national league seasons. However, their resilience and determination shone through as they found their form, won the Northwest Conference, and narrowly missed first place in the RCL. At the regional tournament in Hawaii, the team triumphed over formidable opponents to secure their place at Nationals.

Call for Community Support

To ensure the team can focus on their preparation and performance at Nationals, Sound FC has launched a GoFundMe campaign with a goal of \$20,000. These funds will cover travel expenses, team meals,

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accommodations, and tournament fees. The community's support is crucial to helping these talented athletes achieve their dream of competing at the highest level.

Sound FC invites everyone to support the U15 girls' soccer team by visiting their GoFundMe page [here](#) and donating. Every contribution, regardless of size, brings the team closer to their goal.

About Sound FC

Sound FC is a premier youth soccer club that serves the Northshore and Edmonds School District regions of Washington and is committed to the holistic development of student-athletes. Through elite-level coaching, comprehensive training programs, and a commitment to community involvement, Sound FC strives to create a positive and enriching environment for young athletes.

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