



**MLS NEXT Fest – Academy Division  
Event Update  
August 14, 2025**

**MLS NEXT Members,**

This document has updated play dates for the U16 and U15 age groups.

**This document is only to be utilized by MLS NEXT Academy Division teams participating in MLS NEXT Fest. There is a separate document for MLS NEXT Homegrown Division teams.**

We are excited to announce that **MLS NEXT Fest** will take place from **December 4 – 15, 2025 in Arizona.**

Please read through the entirety of this document about our hotel booking policy, travel dates, and more.

- **Hotel Booking Policy:** All MLS NEXT teams attending MLS NEXT Fest are **required** to book their hotel accommodations through our official travel partner, On Location, using the link below. On Location provides benefits to our clubs such as:
  - On Location does not add any additional fees to the rates. A guaranteed lowest flexible rate clause is required for all On Location contracts, ensuring that MLS NEXT clubs are getting the lowest possible rates.
  - Consolidating the buying power of all member clubs and eliminating competition in the market allows and ensures that hotels are providing the following to teams attending MLS NEXT events:
    - Most flexible terms, allowing for cancellations and changes free of charge
    - Requirement that MLS NEXT teams will not be walked by the hotel
    - Largest possible room blocks
  - Able to support all elements of your trip in one place including – Flights, Ground Transportation, Meeting Space and assisting with securing Food & Beverage discounts at select hotels.
    - Contact Number: 866-939-4625
  - Clubs that do not book their hotel accommodations through On Location will be subject to sanctions by MLS NEXT.

Please see additional details on the following page.



## Event Details:

- **Location:**
  - U13 & U14: Reach 11 Sports Complex, 2425 E Deer Valley Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85050
  - U15 – U19: Arizona Athletic Grounds, 6321 S Ellsworth Rd, Mesa, AZ 85212
  
- **Dates:** December 4 – 15, 2025
  
- **Hotel Booking:** [BOOK HERE](#)
  
- **Academy Division Team Registration:** [REGISTER HERE](#)
  
- **Registration Deadline:** September 19<sup>th</sup>
  
- **Kickoff Times:**
  - December 4<sup>th</sup>: First Kickoffs – 7:30 AM
  - December 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>: First Kickoffs – 8:00 AM
    - All clubs must arrive the day prior to their first kickoff.
  
  - December 7<sup>th</sup>: Last Kickoffs – 9:30 PM
  - December 9<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>: Last Kickoffs – 8:30 PM
    - All clubs must book their departure travel with the expectation of having an 8:30 PM or 9:30 PM kickoff. **Due to the scope of the event, we will not adjust the schedule to accommodate clubs who book earlier travel.**
  
- **Competition Dates:**

Age Group	4-Dec	5-Dec	6-Dec	7-Dec	8-Dec	9-Dec	10-Dec	11-Dec	12-Dec	13-Dec	14-Dec	15-Dec
U19 NEXT HD & AD	Match 1	Match 2	REST	Match 3								
U17 NEXT HD & AD			Match 1	REST	Match 2	Match 3						
U16 NEXT HD & AD							Match 1	Match 2	REST	Match 3		
U15 NEXT HD & AD									Match 1	REST	Match 2	Match 3
U14 NEXT HD & AD								Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Match 4	
U13 NEXT HD & AD								Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Match 4	