

## MLS NEXT and Girls Academy Strategic Alliance FAQs



**For a club looking to join or already part of MLS NEXT, does it mean that their girls teams will automatically be admitted to the Girls Academy?**

*MLS NEXT and the Girls Academy will collaborate on membership opportunities but it does not mean that their girls team will automatically be admitted to the Girls Academy.*

**Are MLS NEXT clubs required to have their girls teams play in the Girls Academy?**

*MLS NEXT clubs are not required to have their girls team play in the Girls Academy.*

**Will MLS NEXT be hosting events with girls teams in the future?**

*MLS NEXT and the Girls Academy will look to host various regional showcase events, in which teams from MLS NEXT and the GA could both attend. These events will ensure boys and girls teams from both programs can compete at a centralized location in front of college, professional, and national team scouts.*

**Is MLS NEXT planning on starting their own girls program?**

*MLS NEXT is not planning on starting their own girls program.*

**What is the structure for the girls competition at the 2025 Generation adidas Cup?**

*The girls competition in the 2025 Generation adidas Cup is being finalized and will be announced prior to the beginning of the tournament.*

**Will girls still be permitted to play in MLS NEXT?**

*Yes, girls will be permitted to play for MLS NEXT teams as has been the case since MLS NEXT started in 2020.*

**Is MLS NEXT taking applications for acceptance to the Girls Academy?**

*MLS NEXT and the Girls Academy will collaborate on membership opportunities but is not accepting applications on behalf of the Girls Academy.*