

## **So How Will My Player Benefit from This Partnership?**

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### **Consultancy & Coach Education**

Sure, having Southampton FC as a potential pathway for one of our players is exciting and the dream, but this really doesn't rank that high in what the partnership offers. This partnership offers Hotspurs hands on experience and consultancy at a level many clubs just don't have access too. The real meat in the partnership is how our programming will improve- coach education and consultancy is exactly how your player will benefit. Not just some fancy summer camp, but Southampton FC's academy staff will consult and ensure our program is something they are willing to endorse and put their name to.

### **The Southampton (THE SAINTS) Technical Center**

The SAINTS technical center will be the first of its kind in the city of Pittsburgh. This exciting new program will be developed and consulted on with Southampton FC. Its goal will be to refine technique and give players hands on experience on specific positions within the game (i.e. training designed specifically for each position such as center forwards, wide forwards, central midfielders, center backs, fullbacks, goalkeepers, etc.). The centerpiece of Pittsburgh Saints Technical Centers will be the Technical/Tactical/Functional training. Players in the T/T/F program will refine the technical skills put to use in the Hotspurs team training. Developed from the successful Elite Performance Consultancy programs, the Saints T/ T/F curriculum has been developed in consultation with the Technical Staff at the Southampton FC Academy, one of the most successful youth programs in the world. Unlike other skills training, the T/T/F training places technical skills in their functional context: that is, the proper techniques are taught to solve specific problems faced by players in their positions. The curriculum coheres with the broader team curriculum, so players are learning skills that can be applied to problem solving in their team training. It is this optimization that gives Hotspurs players the advantage, and is unique about the Pittsburgh Saints program: unlike generic small group or individual training, the topics covered are presented in a logical, step-wise fashion to provide the building blocks for development of the top-level player.

## **Highlights include:**

- Hotspurs site visit from the Southampton Academy staff accompanied with a report
- The Chance to Play in the Southampton FC Cup in Southern England and form tournament teams
- Coach Education and Webinars for all Hotspurs Coaches
- Access to The Coaching Manual (Southampton's Official Coach Education Website)
- Access to The Southampton Coach Education Seminar in Baltimore
- Access to other Southampton Member Clubs across the USA
- Access to Southampton Trained Coaches to come to the USA and work within Hotspurs SC