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RACING LOUISVILLE FC 2021 MEDIA GUIDE

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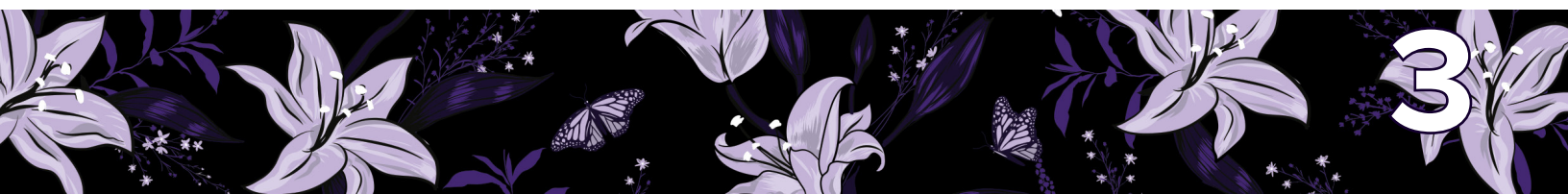
2021 REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET)	VENUE
5/15	Kansas City	5 p.m.	Lynn Family Stadium
5/21	Washington Spirit	7:30 p.m.	Lynn Family Stadium
5/28	North Carolina Courage	7 p.m.	WakeMed Soccer Park
6/5	Portland Thorns FC	10:30 p.m.	Providence Park
6/20	Houston Dash	3 p.m.	Lynn Family Stadium
6/23	North Carolina Courage	7:30 p.m.	Lynn Family Stadium
6/26	Chicago Red Stars	2 p.m.	Seat Geak Stadium
7/3	Portland Thorns FC	7:30 p.m.	Lynn Family Stadium
7/9	Orlando Pride	7 p.m.	Exploria Stadium
7/25	Washington Spirit	3 p.m.	Lynn Family Stadium
7/31	OL Reign	10 p.m.	Cheney Stadium
8/8	Kansas City	3 p.m.	Lynn Family Stadium
8/15	NJ/NY Gotham FC	5 p.m.	RedBull Arena
8/18	Chicago Red Stars	7:30 p.m.	Lynn Family Stadium
8/25	Kansas City	8 p.m.	Legends Field
8/29	Houston Dash	7:30 p.m.	BBVA Stadium
9/4	OL Reign	7:30 p.m.	Lynn Family Stadium
9/11	Orlando Pride	7 p.m.	Exploria Stadium
9/26	Houston Dash	3 p.m.	Lynn Family Stadium
10/1	NJ/NY Gotham FC	7:30 p.m.	Lynn Family Stadium
10/6	North Carolina Courage	7:30 p.m.	WakeMed Soccer Park
10/9	Washington Spirit	7:30 p.m.	Audi Field
10/16	Orlando Pride	7:30 p.m.	Lynn Family Stadium
10/31	NJ/NY Gotham FC	2 p.m.	Red Bull Arena

Home Matches listed in bold.

The full 2021 National Women's Soccer League schedule can be found at:

<http://www.nwslsoccer.com/schedule>



ABOUT US

For the first time since 1976, when the Kentucky Colonels basketball team ceased operations, Louisville is poised to field a top-tier professional sports franchise in 2021 when launching a National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) expansion team.

Racing Louisville FC will be run by Soccer Holdings, LLC, the same organization behind Louisville City FC, the two-time USL Championship-winning men's side. Both Racing and LouCity will play at Lynn Family Stadium and train at a nearby 30,000 square foot facility where ground has been broken.

Introduction of the NWSL to Louisville, which has experienced immense success on the pitch already with two-time USL Championship winner Louisville City FC, will bring to Lynn Family Stadium household names prominent in winning the United States the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup

KEY DATES:

October 22, 2019:

Louisville announced as the NWSL's fourth expansion market.

July 8, 2020

Racing name and logo unveiled

August 4, 2020

Ground broken at new training facility

August 12, 2020

Christy Holly is appointed as the club's first head coach.

October 26, 2020

Trade makes McCaskill and Nagasato first players.

November 12, 2020

Expansion Draft

December 17, 2020

GE Appliances announced as front jersey sponsor

January 12, 2020

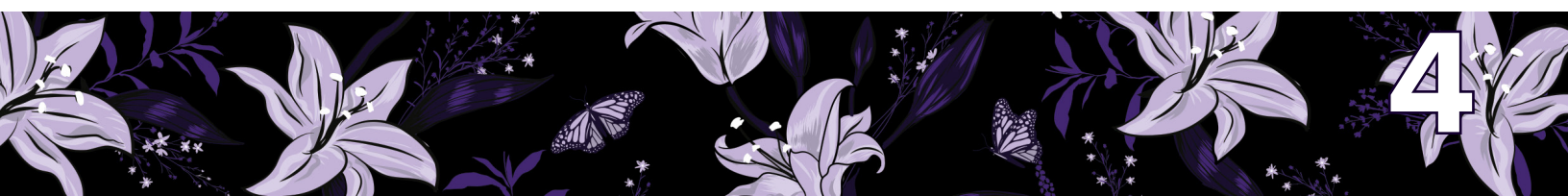
Club's first NWSL College draft. Selected Emily Fox, Emina Ekic, Taylor Otto, Kristen Davis, Parker Goins, and Emily Smith.

February 2, 2020

Club's first training session.

April 10, 2020

Inaugural Challenge Cup match. Brooke Hendrx scores late equalizer.



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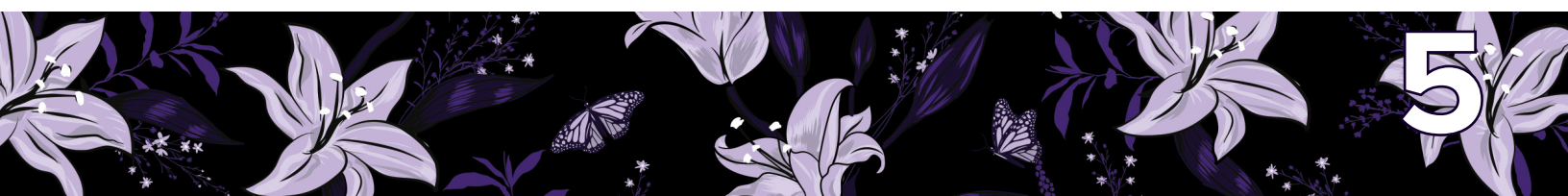
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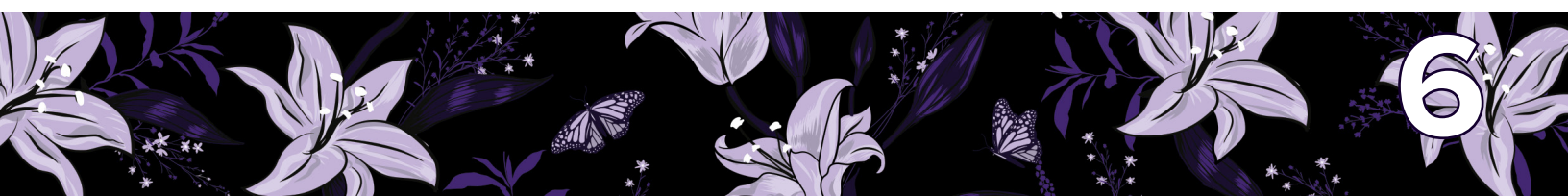
BRAD ESTES **PRESIDENT**

A Louisville native, Brad Estes has served multi-billion dollar corporations and closely held family businesses with a finance and operating background before leading his hometown's top professional sports franchise. As president of Soccer Holdings, LLC, Estes oversees both the USL Championship club Louisville City FC and Racing Louisville FC, a 2021 newcomer to the top-tier National Women's Soccer League. Estes' career stops include stops as Chief Financial Officer of Smoothstone IP Communications and Vice President of Finance for Trilogy Health Services before he served as President of Neace Ventures. After assisting the Club as a consultant for a year, Estes signed on with Soccer Holdings full time in 2017. The St. Xavier High School graduate received an Accounting Degree from Marshall University while playing football for the Thundering Herd. Estes completed his education in 2002 with an MBA from the University of Louisville.

JAMES O'CONNOR

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT

The former coach at Louisville City from 2015-2018 and coach at Orlando City in 2018-2019, O'Connor brings a wealth of experience in soccer at all levels. O'Connor was crucial in the development of Louisville City when the club began in 2015, helping the club win its first USL Championship Title in 2017, knocking off the Swope Park Rangers in a historic match at Louisville Slugger Field. Prior to coaching Louisville City and Orlando City, the Dublin, Ireland, native played for the Irish Under-21s while beginning his career with Stoke City from 1996-2003. He was part of West Bromwich Albion from 2003-2005, playing on loan at Burnley from 2004-05 before becoming part of Burnley's club from 2005-2008. After three seasons at Sheffield Wednesday, O'Connor moved to Orlando City in the MLS, working as a player-coach for Orlando City during his final season. Louisville City began as an affiliate of Orlando City, and when Orlando City sold their rights to their USL Pro team to Soccer Holdings in Louisville, O'Connor was tabbed to become Louisville City's first head coach.

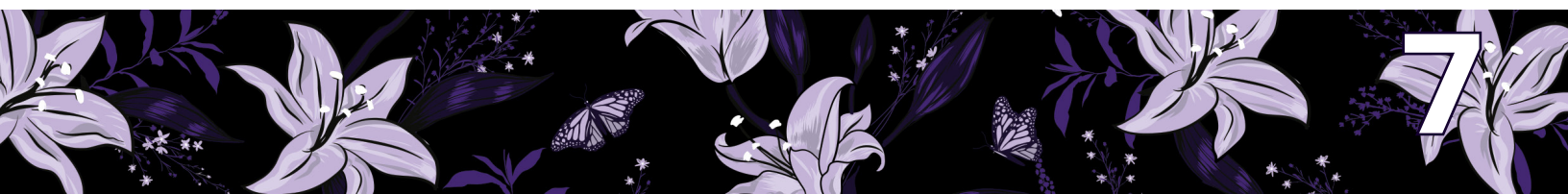


LYNN FAMILY STADIUM

Lynn Family Stadium in Louisville, Ky., is the largest soccer-specific stadium in the region with seating locations for 11,600 fans and a capacity of 15,304.

Home to Louisville City FC of the USL Championship and the NWSL's Racing Louisville FC, the stadium boasts 18 luxury suites, premium seating amenities like club and loge seats along with ledge tables, and a massive safe-standing supporter section.

The venue, owned by Soccer Holdings, LLC, and managed by ASM Global, is also available for concerts, festivals, and community events.



TRAINING FACILITY

Soccer Holdings, LLC, parent company of the USL Championship's Louisville City FC and NWSL's Racing Louisville, broke ground Aug. 4, 2020 on its new training facility targeted to open in the spring 2021.

Showcasing ownership's investments in local professional soccer, the facility -- just two miles east of the recently opened Lynn Family Stadium at Champions Park off River Road -- will house the operations to both clubs along with the accompanying youth academies.

"It's hard to believe in 2015 we started out as this little fledging club trying to make pro sports work in a town where pro sports hadn't been that successful," Soccer Holdings president Brad Estes said of the facility. "As you pivot away from surviving and sustainability, you want to get to the point to where you're thinking about flourishing. That's what this training center's going to allow us to do."

The 30,000 square foot center is being built AML Construction. On the property, three natural grass fields will accompany four turf fields fashioned by The Motz Group. Stadium lighting will allow for play at night, and the club plans to make the facility open to other community events.

In addition to locker room spaces for the pro clubs, the facility will include gym and workout areas, a kitchen, dining hall and media room. The building's layout also houses Soccer Holdings' front office staff.

"To actually have our own training center — for us to attract elite-level talent on the female side — brings tremendous opportunity for us as an organization," added James O'Connor, Executive Vice President of Development. "It's not just for the professional aspect but for the whole community. We've got four turf fields we genuinely want the community to use."

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TECHNICAL STAFF



CHRISTY HOLLY **HEAD COACH**

On Wednesday, August 12, 2020, Racing Louisville FC, which begins National Women's Soccer League play in 2021, announced the appointment of Christy Holly as the team's first head coach.

Holly brings prior NWSL coaching experience to his role, and the native Irishman more recently had a hand in helping the United States win the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup as an opposition analyst for U.S. Soccer.

Holly traveled extensively in advance of the World Cup, scouting potential rivals for the United States. His diligence — in the form of lengthy reports delivered to the coaching staff — paid off when the USWNT successfully defended its title.

Prior to working with U.S. Soccer, Holly rose from assistant to head coach for Sky Blue FC, the NWSL franchise in Harrison, N.J. Holly guided a young Sky Blue FC roster to a 7-8-5 mark in 2016, narrowly missing the playoffs with a roster that featured Rookie of the Year Raquel Rodriguez in the midfield. Holly left Sky Blue FC mid-2017 before resurfacing with U.S. Soccer, for which he has also served as an assistant for the women's U-23 and U-17 teams.

Holly coordinated with Executive Vice President of Development, James O'Connor, on building Racing Louisville FC's inaugural roster. Key events included the 2020 NWSL Expansion Draft in November and the 2021 NWSL College Draft that took place in January.

GARY CURNEEN **ASSISTANT COACH**

Curneen who, as with Holly, is a native of Northern Ireland, worked for two seasons on the Chicago Red Stars' staff after a stint as Division 1 California State University Bakersfield's head coach. A self-described student of the game, Curneen holds a UEFA A License and is the published author of "The Modern Soccer Coach 2014" detailing emerging trends in his industry.

SERGIO GONZALEZ **GOALKEEPERS COACH**

Sergio Gonzalez has joined Racing after a stint as Indiana University's women's associate head coach coach. He boasts more than two decades of coaching experience, including eight years with both women's and men's Big 10 Conference programs. Internationally, he has also coached goalkeepers for the U-16 and U-17 national teams.

BRIANNE BROWN **HIGH PERFORMANCE COACH**

BRYNN SEBRING **HIGH PERFORMANCE COACH**

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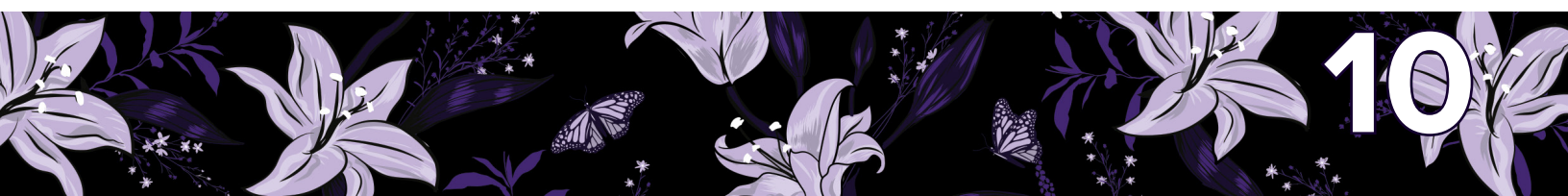
KILEY POLK **ASSISTANT COACH**

ALYSSA DELSANTER **HEAD EQUIPMENT MANAGER**

SAM KLEIN **ASSISTANT ATHLETIC TRAINER**

NUMERICAL ROSTER

#	NAME	POS.	PRONUNCIATION	NATIONALITY	PREVIOUS CLUB
1	BETOS, MICHELLE	GK	BAY-tohs	USA	OL REIGN (NWSL)
2	MILLIET, LAUREN	MF	Mll-ay	USA	NORTH CAROLINA COURAGE (NWSL)
3	SIMON, ERIN	D		USA	HOUSTON DASH (NWSL)
4	BONNER, GEMMA	D		England	MANCHESTER CITY (FA WSL)
5	KIZER, CECE	F	Kai-zur	USA	HOUSTON DASH (NWSL)
7	McCASKILL, SAVANNAH	F		USA	CHICAGO RED STARS (NWSL)
8	OLOFSSON, FREJA	MF	Fray-ya	Sweden	KIF ÖREBRO (Sweden)
9	SALMON, EBONY	F		England	BRISTOL CITY (FA WSL)
11	FOX, EMILY	D		USA	UNC (NCAA)
13	EKIC, EMINA	F	Uh-me-nah Eh-kitch	USA	UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE (NCAA)
14	MARTIN, NEALY	D	KNEE-lee	USA	UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA (NCAA)
15	HENDRIX, BROOKE	D		USA	WASHINGTON SPIRIT (NWSL)
16	ASHLEY, JULIA	D		USA	OL REIGN (NWSL)
17	NAGASATO, YUKI	F	You-kee	Japan	CHICAGO RED STARS (NWSL)
18	RIEHL, KALEIGH	D	Reel	USA	SKY BLUE FC (NWSL)
19	OTTO, TAYLOR	MF		USA	UNC (NCAA)
20	MATTHEWS, CHEYNA	F	Shay-nuh	Jamacia	WASHINGTON SPIRIT (NWSL)
21	MONEY, SHELBY	GK		USA	ROWAN UNIVERSITY (NCAA)
22	McCLURE, KATIE	F		USA	WASHINGTON SPIRIT (NWSL)
23	LUND, KATIE	GK	Luhnd	USA	WASHINGTON SPIRIT (NWSL)
24	HIGGINSON, NOELLE	M		USA	YALE COLLEGE (NCAA)
26	MERRICK, ADDISYN	D		USA	NORTH CAROLINA COURAGE (NWSL)
27	KARA, VANESSA	F	Care-a	USA	TIKKURILAN PALLOSEURA (FINLAND)
33	BAUCOM, JORIAN	F	Bow-come	USA	MSV DUISBURG (GERMANY)



ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NAME	#	POS.	HT.	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE	DoB
ASHLEY, JULIA	16	D	5'8"	Verona, NJ	UNC	11/11/1996
BAUCOM, JORIAN	33	F	5'9"	Scottsdale, AZ	Colorado University	8/4/1996
BETOS, MICHELLE	1	GK	5'8"	New York, NY	Georgia	2/20/1988
BONNER, GEMMA	4	D	5'9"	Leeds, England		7/13/1991
EKIC, EMINA	13	F	5'4"	Louisville, KY	Louisville	6/6/1999
FOX, EMILY	11	D	5'5"	Ashburn, VA	UNC	7/5/1998
HENDRIX, BROOKE	15	D	5'11"	Sharpsburg, GA	Southern Mississippi	5/6/1993
HIGGINSON, NOELLE	24	MF	5'8"	New Orleans, LA	Yale College	12/7/1997
KARA, VANESSA	27	F	5'4"	Burlington, NJ	Florida	11/27/1996
KIZER, CECE	5	F	5'8"	Overland Park, KA	Ole Miss	8/7/1997
LUND, KATIE	23	GK	6'1"	Plano, TX	Arkansas	11/27/1996
MARTIN, NEALY	14	D	5'7"	Birmingham, AL	Alabama	4/22/1998
MATTHEWS, CHEYNA	20	F	5'9"	Lynn, MA	Florida State	11/10/1993
McCASKILL, SAVANNAH	7	F	5'4"	Chapin, SC	South Carolina	7/31/1996
McCLURE, KATIE	22	F	5'4"	Wichita, KA	Kansas	3/14/1998
MERRICK, ADDISYN	26	D	5'4"	Lee's Summit, MO	Kansas	3/4/1998
MILLIET, LAUREN	2	MF	5'1"	Durango, CO	Colorado College	12/1/1996
MONEY, SHELBY	21	GK	5'7"	Vineland, NJ	Rowan University	4/22/1997
NAGASATO, YUKI	17	F	5'6"	Atsugi Kanagawa, Japan		7/15/1987
OLOFSSON, FREJA	8	MF	5'9"	Örebro, Sweden		5/24/1998
OTTO, TAYLOR	19	MF	5'10"	Apex, NC	UNC	10/23/1997
RIEHL, KALEIGH	18	D	5'8"	Fairfax Station, VA	Penn State	10/21/1996
SALMON, EBONY	9	F		Birmingham, England		1/27/2001
SIMON, ERIN	3	D	5'4"	Oakhurst, NJ	Syracuse	8/19/1994

#1- MICHELLE BETOS



PRONUNCIATION: BAY-tohs

POSITION: Goalkeeper

HEIGHT: 5'8"

DOB: Feb. 20, 1988

AGE: 33

HOMETOWN: New York, NY

CITIZENSHIP: United States

LAST CLUB: OL Reign (NWSL)

ACQUIRED: 12th pick in the 2019 Expansion Draft

Her 49 wins between the posts at Georgia are still tied for the most in school history. Betos ended her career with the Bulldogs boasting 316 saves and 26 shutouts. She began her professional career with the Atlanta Silverbacks in the W-League and was the 2009 W-League Goalkeeper of the Year. The 34th overall pick in the 2013 NWSL Supplemental Draft, Betos made seven appearances for the Seattle Reign that season before being traded to the Portland Thorns. With Portland in 2015, Betos posted a standout campaign starting 14 games, becoming the first goalkeeper to score a goal in the NWSL and earning 2015 NWSL Goalkeeper of the Year honors. Betos had short stints with Australian side Sydney FC and Norwegian side Vålerenga. In 2018, she made her return to the NWSL with the Seattle Reign, now known as OL Reign.

#2- LAUREN MILLIET

PRONUNCIATION: Mil-lay

POSITION: Midfielder

HEIGHT: 5'1"

DOB: Dec. 1, 1996

AGE: 24

HOMETOWN: Durango, CO

CITIZENSHIP: United States

LAST CLUB: North Carolina Courage (NWSL)

ACQUIRED: 2nd pick in the 2019 Expansion Draft



During her college career, Milliet started in all 77 of her appearances, tallying 21 goals and 16 assists. The midfielder was the 14th overall pick in the 2019 NWSL draft as just the second player to be selected from Colorado College. She made two appearances as a rookie before getting more involved in 2020, most recently logging 278 minutes in four NWSL Fall Series appearances.

#3- ERIN SIMON



POSITION: Defender

HEIGHT: 5'4"

DOB: Aug. 19, 1994

AGE: 26

HOMETOWN: Oakhurst, NJ

CITIZENSHIP: USA

LAST CLUB: Houston Dash (NWSL)

ACQUIRED: 11th pick in the 2019 Expansion Draft

Simon tallied 10 goals and eight assists in her 74 collegiate appearances. She signed with Sky Blue FC in 2016 after attending open tryouts and impressing the coaching staff, led by current Racing boss Christy Holly, in New Jersey. In two seasons with Sky Blue, Simon saw the pitch 26 times. In 2018 she joined West Ham United in England, where she helped the club reach the FA Cup Final. In January of 2020, Simon made her return to the NWSL, signing with the eventual Challenge Cup-winning Houston Dash.

INTERNATIONAL: In 2019, Simon earned her first call-up when she joined the U.S. U-23 team at the Nordic Cup.

#4- GEMMA BONNER

POSITION: Defender

HEIGHT: 5'9"

DOB: July 13, 1991

AGE: 29

HOMETOWN: Leeds, England

CITIZENSHIP: England

LAST CLUB: Manchester City (FAWSL)

ACQUIRED: Signed 4/23/2020

A center back by trade, Bonner has played the balance of her career in England. Career highlights include winning the league cup in 2010 with hometown club Leeds United, an FA Cup Final appearance in 2012 with Chelsea, and two more league crowns in 2013 and 2014 while captaining Liverpool.

Since 2018, Bonner has represented Manchester City, the second-place Women's Super League finisher in each of her seasons there. Along with living up to her reputation as a versatile defender comfortable in possession, Bonner tallied 10 goals and 3 assists in sky blue.

INTERNATIONAL: Bonner has played for England at the U-17, U-19, U-23, and senior team levels. In 2009, Bonner was part of a U-19 team that won England the European Championship. She made her senior team debut in 2013, with her most recent call up for the 2019 SheBelieves Cup won by England.



#5- CECE KIZER

PRONUNCIATION: Kai-zur

POSITION: Forward

HEIGHT: 5'8"

DOB: Aug. 7, 1997

AGE: 23

HOMETOWN: Overland Park, KA

CITIZENSHIP: USA

LAST CLUB: Houston Dash (NWSL)

ACQUIRED: 5th pick in the 2019 Expansion Draft

Having started in all 83 appearances at Ole Miss, her 48 goals and 119 career points for the Rebels remain program records. The 13th overall pick in the 2019 NWSL Draft by the Houston Dash, she played in 22 NWSL games before spending the fall of 2020 on loan with Kolbotn IL in Norway, where she scored three goals.



#7- SAVANNAH MCCASKILL

POSITION: Forward

HEIGHT: 5'4"

DOB: July. 31, 1996

AGE: 24

HOMETOWN: Chapin, SC

CITIZENSHIP: USA

LAST CLUB: Chicago Red Stars (NWSL)

ACQUIRED: Trade with Chicago on 10/26/2020

McCaskill was a star attacker at South Carolina selected second overall in the 2018 NWSL draft. She spent her rookie season with Sky Blue FC, finishing as NWSL Rookie of the Year runner-up, and was then traded to the Chicago Red Stars midway through the 2019 season. McCaskill has made 54 appearances in the league, tallying six goals and six assists, and started in the 2019 NWSL Championship game for the Red Stars against the North Carolina Courage. An October 2020 trade sent McCaskill to Racing Louisville FC for its inaugural season.

INTERNATIONAL: Made her senior debut for the U.S. Women's National Team on Jan. 21, 2018, against Denmark and went on to appear in all three of the United States' SheBelieves Cup games that year. The forward also starred in Australia's W-League, scoring twice in the championship game while on loan as Sydney FC won the 2019 title.



#8- FREJA OLOFSSON



PRONUNCIATION: Fray-ya

POSITION: Midfielder

HEIGHT: 5'9"

DOB: May. 24, 1998

AGE: 23

HOMETOWN: Örebro, Sweden

CITIZENSHIP: Sweden

LAST CLUB: KIF Örebro (Sweden)

ACQUIRED: Signed 12/2/2020

The midfielder spent five years in the Damallsvenskan with KIF Örebro. In 2019, Olofsson suffered a setback in her career when she tore her ACL. She returned in 2020 and made 21 appearances, 18 of which were starts, and tallied two goals and an assist. She signed a two-year deal with Racing Louisville FC in December of 2020

INTERNATIONAL: She has represented Sweden at the U-17 and U-19 levels. Most recently, she was called into training camp with the U-23 squad.

#9- EBONY SALMON

POSITION: Forward

DOB: Jan. 27, 2001

AGE: 20

HOMETOWN: Birmingham, England

CITIZENSHIP: England

LAST CLUB: Bristol City (FA WSL)

ACQUIRED: Signed 5/13/2021



A 20-year-old who came up through the Aston Villa Academy, Salmon starred during the 2020-2021 FA Women's Super League campaign, numbering a team-leading 6 goals to go with an assist. Bristol City named her its Women's Player of the Year just before the season's end. A 20-year-old who came up through the Aston Villa Academy, Salmon starred during the 2020-2021 FA Women's Super League campaign, numbering a team-leading 6 goals to go with an assist. Bristol City named her its Women's Player of the Year just before the season's end.

Having graduated from Aston Villa's academy to the first team in 2017, Salmon bagged 7 goals that year across 12 appearances in the FA Women's Super League 2. The following season, Salmon signed with Manchester United, which loaned her to FA Women's Championship member Sheffield United. There, Salmon added 7 more goals to her resume.

Salmon moved to Bristol City for the 2019-2020 campaign. She led the club with 5 goals, including the only tally in a 1-0 away victory Jan. 5 over her former club, Manchester United, to mark Bristol's first victory of the season. In addition to her WSL accomplishments in 2020-2021, Salmon helped Bristol City to the FA Women's League Cup before a defeat to powerhouse Chelsea.

INTERNATIONAL: Salmon has represented England at both the U-17 and U-19 levels. While wearing the captain's armband for the UEFA Women's U-17 Championship in 2018, Salmon registered a hat trick against Italy to secure her team a place in the knockout rounds. In February, Salmon received her first senior national team call up and cap when she subbed on in a victory over Northern Ireland.

#11- EMILY FOX



POSITION: Defender

HEIGHT: 5'5"

DOB: July 5, 1998

AGE: 22

HOMETOWN: Ashburn, VA

CITIZENSHIP: USA

LAST CLUB: UNC (NCAA)

ACQUIRED: 1st pick in the 2020 College Draft

Fox enjoyed a decorated career as Tar Heel, leading her team to College Cup appearances 2018 and 2019. As a four-year starter for her school, Fox paced UNC with 11 assists in 2019, earned three-straight First Team All-ACC honors and was named a Hermann Trophy semifinalist, all while overcoming two ACL tears in three years.

International: Fox helped the U-20 U.S. National Team to its fifth straight CONCACAF Women's U-20 Championship in 2015 and competed with them in both the 2016 and 2018 U-20 FIFA World Cups. The defender earned her first senior team call up in 2018, making two starts in friendlies against Portugal and Scotland before earning a spot on the 2019 SheBelievesCup roster. As of January 2020, she has tallied four USWNT caps.

#13- EMINA EKIC

PRONUNCIATION: Uh-me-nah Eh-kitch

POSITION: Forward

HEIGHT: 5'4"

DOB: June 6, 1999

AGE: 21

HOMETOWN: Louisville, KY

CITIZENSHIP: USA

LAST CLUB: University of Louisville (NCAA)

ACQUIRED: 5th pick in the 2020 College Draft

The 2020 ACC Offensive Player of the Year, Ekic is the first Cardinals player ever taken in the NWSL Draft. She left UofL having tallied the fourth-most goals in program history with 29 and second-most assists with 19. The Louisville native, who attended duPont Manual High School, played a part in 10 of the Cardinals' 11 goals in 2020 with seven goals and three assists. Ekic also led UofL in scoring in 2017 and 2019, with seven of her goals game winners. She quickly established herself at the college level, named ACC Co-Freshman of the Year after claiming numerous high school accolades, including Kentucky Gatorade Player of the Year in 2015 and 2016.



#14- NEALY MARTIN



PRONUNCIATION: KNEE-lee

POSITION: Defender

HEIGHT: 5'7"

DOB: April 22, 1998

AGE: 23

HOMETOWN: Birmingham, AL

CITIZENSHIP: USA

LAST CLUB: University of Alabama (NCAA)

ACQUIRED: Signed 4/5/2021

Martin, a defender from Birmingham, Ala., received her preseason invitation after impressing in January's open tryouts. The University of Alabama product appeared in 76 collegiate games, 17 of which were clean sheets for the Crimson Tide. A chemical engineering major, Martin was also named 2019's SEC Co-Scholar Athlete of the Year, to the CoSIDA Academic All-American First Team and the SEC Community Service Team.

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#15- BROOKE HENDRIX

POSITION: Defender

HEIGHT: 5'11"

DOB: May. 6, 1993

AGE: 28

HOMETOWN: Sharpsburg, GA

CITIZENSHIP: USA

LAST CLUB: Washington Spirit (NWSL)

ACQUIRED: Acquired rights 12/30/2020

Playing collegiately at Southern Mississippi, Hendrix made 71 appearances and scored seven goals in her time with the Golden Eagles. During her senior year, she started all 19 games and played a team-high 1,661 minutes. She began her professional career with Women's Premier Soccer's Atlanta Silverbacks in 2016, helping them win a Southeast Division title. Hendrix spent the 2017-2018 season with Serie A Women's Side Brescia, making 23 appearances for the club. In her time with Brescia, the defender tallied two goals, two assists, and played a part in the club's second-place finish in the league. She spent the next two seasons with West Ham United in the FA Women's Super League alongside future Racing Louisville FC teammate Erin Simon. Hendrix appeared in 35 games for West Ham, including the 2019 FA Cup Final. She signed her first NWSL contract with the Washington Spirit and made five appearances for the Spirit in the NWSL 2020 Challenge Cup and Fall Series.



#16- JULIA ASHLEY

POSITION: Defender

HEIGHT: 5'8"

DOB: Nov. 11, 1996

AGE: 24

HOMETOWN: Verona, NJ

CITIZENSHIP: USA

LAST CLUB: OL Reign (NWSL)

ACQUIRED: 2nd pick in the 2020 Expansion Draft

A leader on the Tar Heels' back line, Ashley played in 94 games — starting in all but two appearances — bagged eight goals and notched 20 assists in her time at UNC. The defender ended her college career with a trip to the College Cup. The sixth overall pick in the 2019 NWSL College Draft, she began her professional career in Sweden playing with Linköpings FC in the Damallsvenskan. The defender then spent time in Australia with Adelaide United, appearing in eight games for the club. She joined OL Reign in January of 2020 but didn't feature for the club due to injury.



#17- YUKI NAGASATO

PRONUNCIATION: You-kee

POSITION: Forward

HEIGHT: 5'6"

DOB: July 15, 1987

AGE: 33

HOMETOWN: Atsugi Kanagawa, Japan

CITIZENSHIP: USA

LAST CLUB: Chicago Red Stars (NWSL)

ACQUIRED: Trade with Chicago on 10/26/2020

Nagasato began her professional career in Japan with NTV Beleza in the Nadeshiko League, Japan's top women's soccer league. In eight seasons the forward made 133 appearances, scored 88 goals and won three titles. She went on to play Germany with FFC Turbine Potsdam, winning three straight Bundesliga championships before making the move in 2013 to play for Chelsea FC. At the beginning of 2015, the attacker made her way back to Germany playing for VfL Wolfsburg and FFC Frankfurt. In 2017, Nagasato finally made her move to the NWSL, signing with the Chicago Red Stars. While in Chicago she made 58 appearances, tallying 13 goals and 18 assists. In September of 2020, she made history as the first woman to sign with men's team Hayabusa Eleven in her native Japan on a loan deal. A trade the next month sent her to Racing Louisville FC for its inaugural season.

INTERNATIONAL: Since 2007, Nagasato has represented her country in three FIFA Women's World Cups and at two Olympic games. In 2011, Japan won the World Cup, and in 2015 Nagasato's side made it back to the final in a game where she scored against the United States. Overall, Nagasato has been capped 132 times and scored 58 international goals.



#18- KALEIGH RIEHL

PRONUNCIATION: Reel

POSITION: Defender

HEIGHT: 5'8"

DOB: Oct. 21, 1996

AGE: 24

HOMETOWN: Fairfax Station, VA

CITIZENSHIP: USA

LAST CLUB: Sky Blue FC (NWSL)

ACQUIRED: 8th pick in the 2020 Expansion Draft

Riehl was a rock along the back line for Penn State, playing in 101 career games. Her 8,847 minutes for the Nittany Lions is an NCAA record for a position player. As a freshman, she helped Penn State to an NCAA Championship. In 2018, the defender was named a MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalist and Big 10 Defender of the Year. She was the 11th overall pick in the 2020 NWSL Draft, making her professional debut on July 4, 2020, for Sky Blue FC. Riehl will join Racing Louisville FC upon conclusion of her loan stint with Paris FC, a member of France's top division.

INTERNATIONAL: Riehl represented the United States at both the 2014 and 2016 U-20 FIFA Women's World Cups. The defender has eight caps for the U-23 WNT and in January of 2020 she was called up to the senior team training camp.



#19-TAYLOR OTTO



POSITION: Midfielder

HEIGHT: 5'10"

DOB: Oct. 23, 1997

AGE: 23

HOMETOWN: Apex, NC

CITIZENSHIP: USA

LAST CLUB: UNC (NCAA)

ACQUIRED: 11th pick in the 2021 College Draft

Named to the first, second or third All-ACC teams in each of her four collegiate seasons, Otto, as with defender Emily Fox, comes from a championship-caliber background. Otto started all 12 of the Tar Heels' games in 2020 -- they went 10-0 in the regular season and won the league title -- plus made her lone goal a game winner. Otto was a three-time All-American selection before her college days while coming up through the Elite Clubs National League ranks.

INTERNATIONAL: The central midfielder played for the U.S. youth national teams from the U-14 through U-20 levels, including the 2016 U20 National Team's trip to the World Cup in Papua, New Guinea.

#20- CHEYNA MATTHEWS

PRONUNCIATION: Shay-nuh

POSITION: Forward

HEIGHT: 5'9"

DOB: Nov. 10, 1993

AGE: 27

HOMETOWN: Lynn, MA

CITIZENSHIP: USA

LAST CLUB: Washington Spirit (NWSL)

ACQUIRED: Acquired on Re-Entry Wire on 11/2/2020

Selected seventh overall in the 2016 NWSL College Draft, Matthews scored a trio of goals in 17 NWSL appearances in 2019, her most-recent season on the pitch. That year, she also represented Jamaica -- her mother's home country -- in the FIFA Women's World Cup. Going back to her college days, Matthews was First Team All-SEC at Vanderbilt before transferring to Florida State, where she tallied 10 goals and 7 assists on the Seminoles' 2015 national championship team. Matthews is a mother of two who's married to NFL free agent receiver Jordan Matthews. Racing acquired playing rights to Matthews on the Re-Entry Wire as part of the 2020 End of Season Process.



#21- SHELBY MONEY

POSITION: Goalkeeper

HEIGHT: 5'7"

DOB: April 22, 1997

AGE: 24

HOMETOWN: Vineland, NJ

CITIZENSHIP: USA

LAST CLUB: Rowan University (NCAA)

ACQUIRED: Signed 4/5/2021

Money, who attended Division III Rowan University, set a program record for career shutouts with 36, plus posted goals-against-average of .47 per game and a .870 save percentage. A two-time Goalkeeper of the Year in her league (2016, 2018), she was also recognized as a United Soccer Coaches All-American in 2018. Money previously spent time as a reserve player for the NWSL's Washington Spirit and worked as a non-rostered goalkeeper for Sky Blue FC and OL Reign.

When Money isn't playing, she's teaching, serving most recently as Division I Saint Joseph University's goalkeeper coach. Before that, she coached at the Keeper Institute, a training school founded by former U.S. National Teamer Jill Loyden that aims to educate young, aspiring players at the position.



#22- KATIE MCCLURE

POSITION: Forward

HEIGHT: 5'4"

DOB: March. 14, 1998

AGE: 23

HOMETOWN: Wichita, KA

CITIZENSHIP: USA

LAST CLUB: Washington Spirit (NWSL)

ACQUIRED: 10th pick in the 2020 Expansion Draft

In her four seasons at Kansas, McClure, set school records for most points in a single season (43) and game-winning goals (18). A third-team All-American in her final season, the forward finished her time as a Jayhawk with 39 goals and helped lead the program to a Big 12 Championship during her senior year. She was selected 23rd overall in the 2020 NWSL Draft and made her NWSL debut on July 2, 2020, during the NWSL Challenge Cup. McClure attended Kansas with Racing Louisville FC teammate Addisyn Merrick.



#23- KATIE LUND

PRONUNCIATION: Luhnd

POSITION: Goalkeeper

HEIGHT: 6'1"

DOB: Nov. 27, 1996

AGE: 24

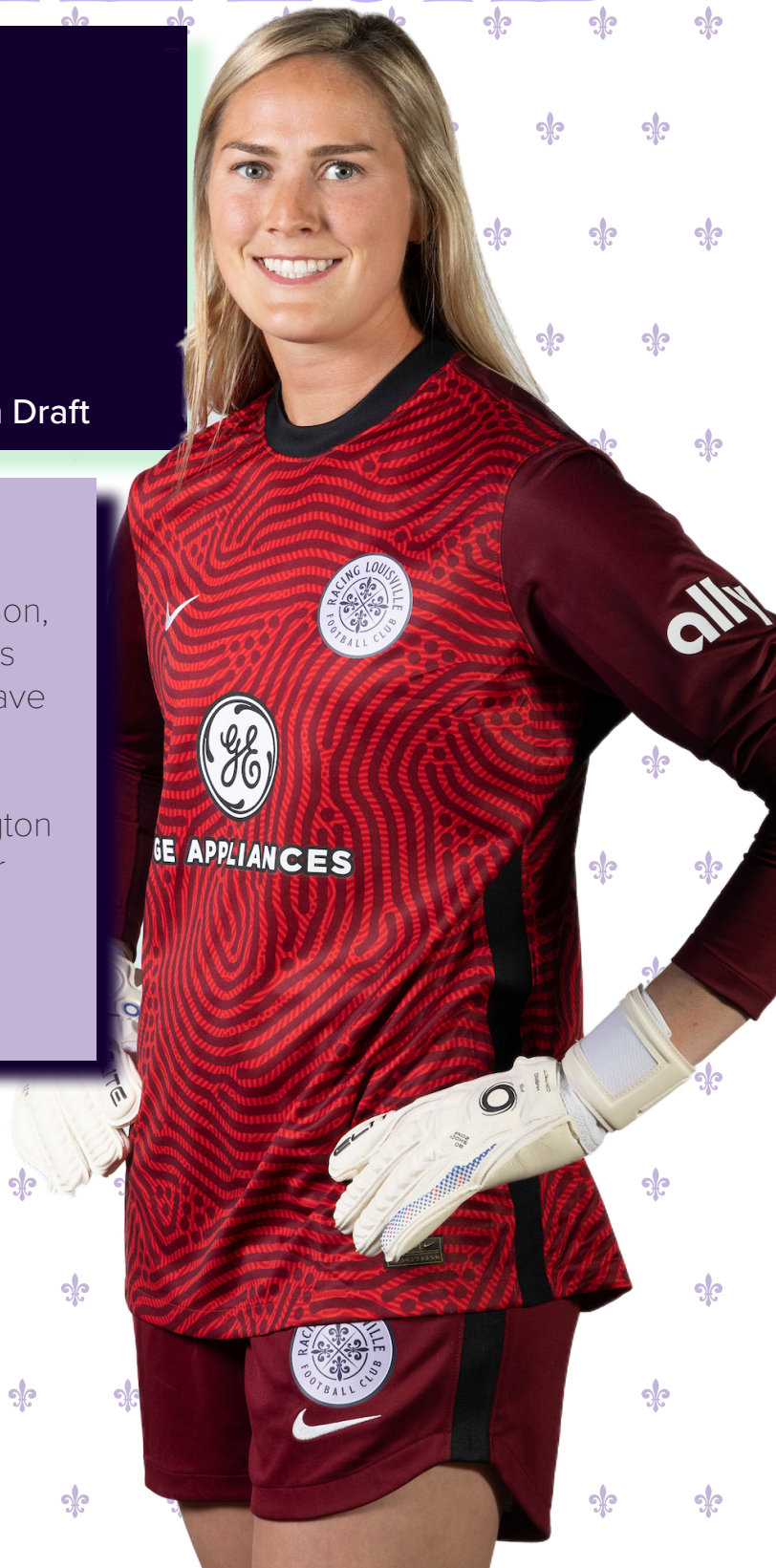
HOMETOWN: Plano, TX

CITIZENSHIP: USA

LAST CLUB: Washington Spirit (NWSL)

ACQUIRED: 5th pick in the 2020 Expansion Draft

Lund spent her first three seasons at Texas Christian University before transferring to Arkansas for her senior year. In her final season, she started all 23 matches for the Razorbacks and posted 11 shutouts. She led the SEC in save percentage (0.871) and was named 2019 All SEC-Second Team and All-Southeast Region Second Team. Lund signed with the Washington Spirit in February of 2020 and is awaiting her NWSL debut.



#24- NOELLE HIGGINSON

POSITION: Midfielder

HEIGHT: 5'8"

DOB: Dec. 7, 1997

AGE: 23

HOMETOWN: New Orleans, LA

CITIZENSHIP: USA

LAST CLUB: Yale College (NCAA)

ACQUIRED: Signed 4/5/2021

The New Orleans native Higginson played four years for Yale University and in three of those was recognized as an All-Ivy League selection. The midfielder made 62 appearances, scored 14 goals, and logged 11 assists.

Off the field, Higginson was a 2020 NCAA Woman of the Year nominee for her athletic performance, academic achievement, service, and leadership. She has been accepted to law school but deferred to first pursue a professional soccer career.

#27- ADDISYN MERRICK



POSITION: Defender

HEIGHT: 5'4"

DOB: March 4, 1998

AGE: 23

HOMETOWN: Lee's Summit, MO

CITIZENSHIP: USA

LAST CLUB: North Carolina Courage (NWSL)

ACQUIRED: 1st pick in the 2020 Expansion Draft

Merrick logged a program-record 7,630 minutes at Kansas. As a senior she was named to the All-Big 12 First Team, earned Big 12 Defender of the Year honors and helped to lead the Jayhawks to a conference championship. Following a standout senior season, she went as the 28th overall pick in the 2020 NWSL Draft and made her professional debut with the North Carolina Courage in the 2020 NWSL Challenge Cup. Merrick also attended Kansas with Katie McClure. Both were selected by Racing Louisville FC in the 2020 NWSL Expansion Draft.

#27- VANESSA KARA



PRONUNCIATION: Care-a

POSITION: Forward

HEIGHT: 5'4"

DOB: Nov. 27, 1996

AGE: 24

HOMETOWN: Burlington, NJ

CITIZENSHIP: USA

LAST CLUB: TiPS (Finland)

ACQUIRED: Signed 4/5/2021

Kara, a winger from Burlington, N.J., spent last season with Tikkurilan Palloseura in Finland's top division, netting two goals in 10 appearances. She was decorated in college, setting a Drexel University program record for points in a season as a freshman when numbering 11 goals and three assists. After missing her senior year due to injury, Kara transferred to the University of Florida, racking up 10 goals and an assist for the Gators.

Kara earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Drexel before receiving a master's in sport management at Florida.

#33- JORIAN BAUCOM

PRONUNCIATION: Bow-come

POSITION: Forward

HEIGHT: 5'9"

DOB: Aug. 4, 1996

AGE: 24

HOMETOWN: Scottsdale, AZ

CITIZENSHIP: USA

LAST CLUB: MSV Duisburg (Germany)

ACQUIRED: Signed 4/5/2021

Baucom, who scored during Racing's preseason victory over West Virginia University, adds prior professional experience to Racing's group having most recently played for Bundesliga side MSV Duisburg in Germany, where she tallied four goals in seven appearances. Collegiately, she registered 33 goals in 61 appearances at Louisiana State University before transferring to the University of Colorado for her senior season, adding 12 more goals in 20 games. Baucom previously played in the NWSL for the Houston Dash, signing as a national team replacement player in the summer of 2019.

International: The Scottsdale, Ariz., native came up as a youth international, logging time with the United States U-15, U-16, U-19, and U-20 teams.



NWSL MEDIA POLICY

Media credentials and access will be granted only to individuals with a legitimate working function at a game, training session or event. The bearer must be on a specific assignment. Credentials are non-transferable. Any unauthorized use of a credential subjects the bearer to ejection from the stadium. Resale or attempted resale is grounds for seizure and cancellation.

The following actions may result in seizure of credential and/or ejection of its wearer from the stadium or training facility:

- Requesting autographs at any time.
- Taking photographs with players/coaches
- Using credential for family or friends of a working media member
- Conduction of unauthorized interviews
- Unprofessional behavior (Cheering in the press box, consumption of alcoholic beverages, failure to abide by posted rules, etc.)

Treatment of Credentialed Media

Postgame Media Access: Players from both teams will be available to media post-game in a mix-zone located outside the team locker rooms or in a location near the field of play. The mix-zone will begin 10 minutes after the conclusion of the match. Locker rooms will not be open to media at any point.

Team PR directors should be present to indicate the beginning and end of media access to players, and ensure media have access to the head coach and players after the match. All players are highly encouraged to be available to media post-game.

All regulations about post-game media access should be clearly communicated to team staff and security to ensure a secure environment.

No individuals other than League or Club representatives shall be allowed in Club locker rooms following a game.

Under no circumstances shall any club and/or its players discriminate in any fashion against an accredited member of the media based upon race, creed, sex or national origin.

Seating Access: Accredited media members will have access to the stadium, professional workrooms and stadium seating, if available. During the match, accredited media will have access to the press box which will be restricted to only those accredited media members.

In addition, each stadium should have a Press Box capable of seating no less than TEN (10) people, with separate areas for working press and electronic broadcasters, and sufficient power outlets for all needs. If possible, all accredited media members should be given a seat in the press box.

All credentialed media shall be seated in media seating areas, consistent with treatment afforded comparable media. In addition, all members of the media are to be afforded equal treatment and access to facilities and personnel, regardless of sex.

When the press box is fully occupied by working media, referee assessors or in-stadium observers shall be provided seating with a desk or table shielded from the weather and a vantage point to view replays (if available) from any telecast. The specific location may be determined by the Home Team but must provide these minimum accommodations.

In order to maintain the integrity of the working press box, seating is specifically reserved for media members. All other individuals (including player agents, VIP's and administrators) should be seated in overflow booths or assigned stadium seats.

Traveling Media: Members of the working media who travel with a visiting team are not to be treated in a discriminatory manner with regard to seating or any other privilege or facility accorded to the home media. Comparable seating and equipment should apply to home and road media (print and electronic).

Media Access to Practice: Clubs are encouraged to make all practices open to media. If a practice is closed, clubs must grant a 15-minute media access period at the start or end of practice, as well as making the coach and players available for interviews following the conclusion of practice. Clubs are strongly encouraged to ensure that ballwork is at least part of the 15-minute access period. If practices are open to the media, as defined above, they must be open to all media; if practices are closed to the media, they must be closed to all media.

Clubs violating the media access policies on practice days will be subject to fines or other discipline at the discretion of NWSL Commissioner Jeff Plush.

Guidelines for Photographers and Camera Operators: All photographers and television camera operators must stay behind the field boards at all times, unless released by the on-site photo marshal. The only exception to the field board rule will be when a staff photographer, a national rights-holder or NWSL has a crew at a game. These entities will be allowed to shoot from the area between the field boards and the touch lines in the area bounded by the top of the 18-yard box and the end line.

Each photographer will be permitted to use one monopod — but no tripods. No seats other than “lawn-type” photographer seats will be permitted.

Stand-alone remote units will not be permitted at any time on or around the goal posts. Units mounted on the top of field boards behind the end line will be permitted at the stadium’s discretion, provided the equipment does not interfere with the clear display of the field board and does not impede the operation of broadcast equipment.

Live television crews located on the baseline or sideline will be limited to two (2) people — a camera operator and a cable-puller — and ENG crews will be limited to one (1) person. In either case, the crew must maintain actual possession of the camera and any other equipment during all game action. Cameramen and cable-pullers from all television crews must remain off the playing field at all times.

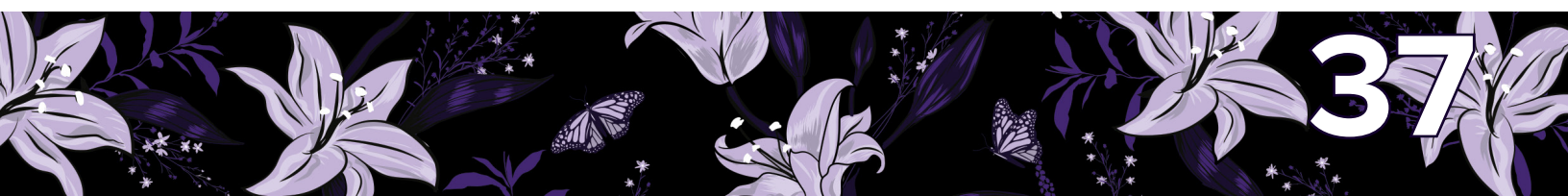
Photographer Access to field: Photographers and camera operators shall be permitted in the area between the field boards and the touch lines in the area bounded by the top of the 18-yard box and the end line (a C-shape that extends from the top of the 18, back behind the goal, and to the top of the 18 on the opposite side of the field).

Once situated, no movement between the two halves of the field shall be permitted until halftime. Changes in this policy will be allowed in cases where stadium facilities dictate alterations. No photographers shall be allowed to move from end to end on the bench side of the field.

Photographer Identification: In addition to their regular credential, it is strongly recommended that photographers and camera crews be issued with colored bibs or armbands. This makes them easy to identify, and they would presumably enjoy quick and easy access to their designated areas. This will necessitate a special area in or near the stadium where they can pick up their bibs, on presentation of their accreditation, either the day before the match or on game day, at the time media gates are opened. If they are not to be allowed to keep the bib, then it should be exchanged for a press card to be picked up following the game, or else signed out.

Photography Work Area: A work area should be provided for photographers, near the field where appropriate, with high-speed internet access. The size of the room may vary, but it should be sizeable enough for at least 5 – 10 people to work on desktops/tables. Like the press section of the stands, the photographers’ work room should have sufficient electrical sockets and compatible with the equipment being used for transmission.

Accreditation: Care should be taken when processing credential requests for photographers shooting for commercial agencies. NWSL does not permit the accreditation of photographers shooting specifically for commercial agencies. However, since many agencies offer editorial and commercial sales options (Getty Images, AP, Reuters, etc.) this must be handled on a case-by-case basis.



Non-Rights Holder Video Guidelines

Video Footage: All rights to match footage including all applicable copyrights belong to NWSL and its rights holders who broadcast each specific match. NWSL has one rights holders that will broadcast select matches in 2017: Lifetime. If an organization is interested in recording video footage at a NWSL match for non-news gathering purposes they should contact NWSL Communications.

Television Broadcasters

Game Action: Television broadcasters can use footage of NWSL events obtained either via 1) their own recording or 2) action dubbed from a NWSL rights holder broadcast (Lifetime) with credit only in connection with its regularly scheduled news programming within a week of the game. This footage should not exceed two (2) minutes. Highlights aired as part of a continuous news program should not be longer than one (1) minute per 30-minute segment. Credits: NWSL Media / Lifetime (for the Game of the Week); NWSL Media (for all other games).

Filming – Game Action: For televised events, non-rights holders / ENG cameras may record the first 15 minutes of each half (from 00:00 to 15:00 and 45:00 to 60:00 on the game clock). For non-televised events, non-rights holders / ENG cameras may record the entire game but are still subject to the aforementioned limits. This includes events that are web streamed live online.

Filming – Interviews and Scene Sets: There is no limit to the gathering of footage pre-game, at halftime and post-game. All footage gathered is subject to the usage guidelines indicated in this document.

Filming – In Seating Area: Video cameras looking to shoot in the concourse or seating area must contact home team and NWSL in advance of the event for approval.

Previews or Advances: In advance of a NWSL event, television broadcasters can use two (2) minutes of archival game action to preview an upcoming event. In the local/regional markets, broadcasters should mention the time and location of the game along with their report. Outside of the local markets, broadcasters should mention the time and broadcast information.

Television Broadcasters' Web Sites: Video produced for air as part of regular programming that is simulcast or archived online must be accompanied by a link to NWSLsoccer.com. Content produced exclusively for the Internet is subject to the guidelines for Online Video.

Online Video

Game Action: Online organizations (including print publications that post video online) are not permitted to film or use game action video without prior written approval by NWSL Media. Game action includes any footage of the field, teams, etc., following the beginning of the television broadcast window. Only video of off-field activities (i.e. interviews, training sessions) may be recorded.

Non-Game Video: Any video posted online that is recorded as part of media access is limited to the use of eight (8) minutes per day/activity date. Online video may not incorporate integrated advertising and must be accompanied by links to NWSLsoccer.com.

Professional Presentation: Online video is expected to be recorded, edited and presented in a professional manner. Video must be presented/hosted on an organization's website, and not solely on a site provided by a third-party (i.e. YouTube, Vimeo, Facebook, etc.).

Online Video Sites: Organizations who regularly post video to online video sites (i.e. YouTube, Vimeo, etc.) may not include advertising with video gathered as a result of media access. Allowing users to embed these videos is not permitted, and the description of any video must include a link to NWSLsoccer.com.

The National Women's Soccer League competition rules can be found at:
<http://www.nwslsoccer.com/rules-regulations>

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