



ATALANTA INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATE CLUB 2023

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ATALANTA BC AND ADELAIDE CITY SIGN AN AFFILIATION DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Adelaide City Football Club is honoured to partner with Italian Serie A club Atalanta Bergamasca Calcio in an affiliation development agreement.

Here is a message from Atalanta BC officials.

“Atalanta BC wishes to announce the new cooperation between the club and Adelaide City. Being the first international affiliation of Atalanta, the agreement marks a historical milestone in the history of the Club.

“As an effect of the aforementioned collaborative agreement, key synergies and activities, pivoted around a thread linking Italy and Australia, will be implemented within the following months to provide all young players and trainers with sporting and training experiences.

“As an ulterior positive effect, the agreement will foster touchpoints between the two academies to enable a proactive dialogue and exchange, embedded in a path of mutual cultural and football-related growth.

“We wish to tender our most heartfelt wishes to all players, trainers, executives and partners from Adelaide City Football Club.

“Our best wishes and until next time!”

Sunday, March 5 marks a historic day for the Adelaide City football club.

Adelaide City is a unique club in SA that now has a legitimate development pathway with Atalanta BC, Italy’s leaders.

Adelaide City president Val Migliaccio says he is delighted with the affiliation.

"This relationship was borne more than 20 years ago; inspired by Atalanta BC's youth manager Loris Margotto whom I respect and trust," Migliaccio said.

"We regularly talked about a dream to give Adelaide City juniors all the proper tools of development for the best part of two decades.

"I visited Atalanta BC's upgraded headquarters hosted by Loris Margotto in 2019 and this was the catalyst where I saw first-hand how much more advanced Atalanta BC is in the youth sector.

"The Adelaide City board also backed the vision that youth is the most important foundation for any good club around the world.

"We can learn from Atalanta BC.

"After witnessing for several years, the hit-and-miss nature of development in SA due to a number of factors, it is time our club stood up to implement stability, a pathway and pour more of our resources into our club's children.

"This affiliation opens the club-to-club doors in development and other opportunities, there will be hope shown by actions rather than words for our children.

"Every child deserves a chance with our club and we're respecting their faith in return for our investment with Atalanta BC."

Some of Adelaide City's juniors will be given their first opportunity to get an insight into what it takes to become a professional with an exclusive training experience at Atalanta BC's training headquarters this year.

The project will be led by Atalanta BC's head of international affiliation Domenico Gangemi.

Gangemi made a brilliant first impression when he visited the club's junior and senior headquarters at Unley and Oakden last year and is now in town to celebrate the milestone.

He worked tirelessly during his five-day visit, conducting the professional flavours of Atalanta BC to our juniors, coaches, parents, and club officials before the Serie A club was satisfied that Adelaide City would suit its world-famous development project.

Mr Gangemi will regularly visit Adelaide City's headquarters to help guide our club's junior players and coaches throughout 2023.

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