

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **ASL GIRLS WEEKEND A SUCCESS Bethesda Showcase Plays Host to Inaugural Event**

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**Bethesda, MD (November 14, 2011)** – The Atlantic Soccer league kicked off the 2011-12 year with the girls' inaugural event weekend as part of the Bethesda Thanksgiving Showcase. The Maryland Soccerplex played host to ninety girls teams from U14 to U18, competing in a tiered division format as ASL1 and ASL2 to insure competitive matches.

Clubs from seven states including New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and Georgia competed in front of over a hundred college coaches in one of the top soccer specific facilities in the country. "The ASL is extremely pleased with the level of competition and is convinced that such a successful opening event weekend will only continue to attract other top soccer clubs into ASL from around the region" says Kevin Darcy, commissioner. "Although there are areas to continually improve, the expansion into girls divisions has exceeded our expectations and promises to be an attractive league for future membership."

ASL returns to Bethesda this weekend for the boy's kick-off event with the hopes of great weather and competitive matches that made the girls weekend such a tremendous success. To view the girls weekend results check out the ASL website at [www.aslsoccer.net](http://www.aslsoccer.net).

The ASL has scheduled three major events throughout the fall, winter and spring and will culminate in a season-ending championship tournament. The 2011 season has kicked-off at the Bethesda Thanksgiving Showcase in Maryland, and is followed by the Triangle Friendlies event weekend in Fayetteville, NC. The Richmond Strikers will again play host to ASL teams in the prestigious Jefferson Cup Tournament to finish the regular season and SAC will host the ASL Championships, on Memorial Day weekend in Columbia, Md.

For additional information on the Atlantic Soccer League, clubs are encouraged to view the league Web site at [www.aslsoccer.net](http://www.aslsoccer.net). Specific questions on the league and the application process should be sent to ASL commissioner Kevin Darcy at [info@aslsoccer.net](mailto:info@aslsoccer.net).

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#### **About the Atlantic Soccer League:**

##### **Mission Statement**

To provide top level clubs in the East Coast region a high quality league (boys & girls) in a showcase format that has significant games, limits expenses, and provides a platform for collegiate recruiting. In addition, ASL will create a scouting program to identify the top players and will promote those players through the league website and the regional and national media. [www.aslsoccer.net](http://www.aslsoccer.net)

##### **About US Club Soccer:**

US Club Soccer is a non-profit organization whose mission is to develop competitive club soccer in the United States. A member of the United States Soccer Federation since July 2001, US Club Soccer has grown to include member clubs and leagues in all 50 states. In addition to sanctioning and administering tournaments, leagues and other competitions as well as offering a range of programs for its members, US Club Soccer annually conducts the *National Cup*. US Club Soccer also directs its own player identification and development program – *id<sup>2</sup>*. <http://www.usclubsoccer.org>