



# **Institutional Affiliate Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**

## **1. Purpose**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into by NEXTGEN Foundation ('NEXTGEN') and the Partner Institution to establish a collaborative relationship for ethical football talent development and youth empowerment. It provides a clear framework for integrating Partner Institutions into the NEXTGEN ecosystem, ensuring compliance, transparency, and safeguarding standards.

## **2. Scope of Affiliation**

This MoU applies to various institutional categories, including professional football clubs, amateur or semi-professional teams, school sports programs, and independent football academies. It is a flexible, non-binding, and non-exclusive framework that allows for adaptation according to the Partner Institution's structure, compliance needs, and regional regulations.

## **3. Roles and Responsibilities**

**NEXTGEN FOUNDATION will:**

- Provide access to its Affiliate Scouting Program.
- Deliver onboarding, safeguarding, and ethics training to nominated representatives.
- Offer co-branded development modules where appropriate.
- Share trial invites, development updates, and relevant non-confidential materials.
- Maintain a secure referral and communication portal.
- Conduct annual reviews and compliance audits.

**The Partner Institution will:**

- Nominate 1-3 staff members as Certified NEXTGEN Affiliate Scouts.
- Facilitate local talent identification and referrals through the portal.
- Uphold NEXTGEN's Ethical Scouting Guidelines.
- Coordinate logistics for co-branded training modules (if implemented).
- Support safeguarding, parental, and legal compliance processes.

## **4. Co-Branded Development Programs (Optional)**

Partner Institutions may launch a 'NEXTGEN [Partner Name] Academy' module. This includes the use of local facilities for NEXTGEN-run sessions, co-branded identity and kits, digital presence, and alignment of training schedules around the Partner's existing operations. Joint performance reviews and evaluation tracking will be conducted periodically.

## **5. Player Pathways**

Partner Institutions can refer players to the following pathways:

- a) NEXTGEN Academy Track: Structured residential training, regional and international trials, tactical and physical profiling.
- b) NEXTGEN Foundation Track: Career transition advisory, legal/visa support, safeguarding oversight, and promotion to pro clubs or universities.

## **6. Financial & Legal Terms**

**This MoU does not involve the transfer of player rights or financial obligations. It does not create an exclusive or contractual agency relationship between NEXTGEN and the Partner. Any affiliate rewards are directed to the individual, not the institution. All activities must comply with local federation and FIFA regulations.**

## **7. Ethics & Safeguarding**

**Both parties commit to zero tolerance for misconduct, bribery, or unethical behaviour. They will uphold transparency, confidentiality, and guardian involvement in all dealings. Data will be managed in compliance with GDPR and other relevant local data protection laws. NEXTGEN reserves the right to terminate the affiliation for breaches of ethics or non-compliance.**

## **8. Term & Renewal**

**This MoU is valid for 12 months from the date of signature and may be renewed subject to mutual review and updated compliance requirements.**

## **9. Signatures**

**For NEXTGEN FOUNDATION**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For PARTNER INSTITUTION**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_