

NEXT LEVEL ID™ AGE 16–21 PROGRAM



Next Level Talent Days – Programme Details

The programme is divided into two age groups: 12–15 years and 16–21 years, with each group following a tailored schedule of assessments, training activities, showcase matches, and player development sessions.

Age Group 16–21: “Ready for Academy or Semi-Pro Level?”

Morning session

08:00–08:45 | Registration & Player Profiling

- Height and weight measurements.
- Preferred foot and playing position.
- Goals assessment.
- Players receive a numbered scouting bib and digital profile.

08:45–09:45 | Performance Testing

- Sprint timing.
- Agility testing.
- Repeated sprint ability.
- Vertical jump testing.

The programme also lists movement and athletic screening stations:

- 10m and 20m sprints.
- Agility circuit.
- Jump testing.
- Balance testing.
- Scouts observe players’ raw athleticism.

10:00–11:00 | Technical Talent Stations

- First-touch challenge.
- Passing circuits.
- Receiving under pressure.
- Dribbling challenges.
- Finishing station.
- Analysts collect scores.

11:00–11:20 | Break

11:20–12:30 | High-Press Tactical Games

- 7v7 and 8v8 games.
- Focus on scanning, speed of play, and tactical understanding.

Afternoon session

12:30–13:30 | Lunch & Scout Networking Lounge

- Lunch and networking opportunities.
- Parents can attend an academy pathways presentation and Q&A session.

13:30–15:30 | Showcase Matches

- 11v11 matches.
- Matches are fully filmed.
- Scouts receive live data sheets and player ratings.

15:45–16:45 | Elite Match Block

- Best performers compete together.
- Designed to provide an experience closest to trial football.

Evening session

17:00–18:00 | Debrief and Finish

- Review and conclusion of the day's activities.
- Best performers may be selected for showcase squads for the next “NEXT LEVEL” round.
- Selected players will be invited to train or play against partner clubs or an invitation team.

Professional Pathways Forum

- Dutch academies, US College Soccer, Spanish football pathways, Belgian football pathways.

Potential outcomes include:

- Academy showcase invitation.
- Next Level National Camp invitation.
- Partner Club Trial invitation.

International Scout Roundtable

– Players have the opportunity to ask scouts questions directly.

Optional additional evening activities

18:00–18:45 | Player Development Workshop & Scout Insights Panel

- Training like a professional.
- Nutrition.
- Recovery.
- Growth mindset.
- Scout Insights Panel featuring, Eredivisie, Belgian, Spanish, German, and partner scouts discussing what scouts really look for in players.

Talent Assessment Framework

Across the program, players are evaluated in five key areas, with the framework also considering their potential pathway opportunities.

Assessment area & What is evaluated

Technical – First touch, passing quality, receiving, ball mastery, finishing

Tactical – Positioning, scanning, decision-making, transition play

Physical – Speed, agility, repeated sprint ability, athletic potential

Mental – Confidence, resilience, leadership, communication

Future Potential – Coachability, learning speed, growth ceiling

Thank you for your interest in Next Level Talent Days. We look forward to welcoming you and seeing you on the pitch!

To participate, please complete the sign-up form available on our website.

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