



AFC Lightning **Macon Soccer Club** **Partnership**



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After the completion of the Spring 2023 season, Macon Soccer Club will be joining AFC Lightning Soccer Club and rebranding itself as AFC Lightning Middle Georgia. The purpose of the merger is to provide players, from both clubs, additional opportunities to develop to their full potential.

Operating as one organization, we will schedule many of our youth academy programs together. This will provide AFC Lightning Middle Georgia teams a deeper player pool for the scheduling of their weekend games and tournaments and give AFC Lightning players opportunities for additional games.

AFC Lightning Middle Georgia teams will continue training at the Macon Soccer Complex while AFC Lightning teams will remain at McCurry Park, PAC, or CHOA. AFC Lightning Middle Georgia players may take advantage of our “open training policy” and train with our AFC Lightning team in Fayette County for more opportunities as long as they’re meeting their own team’s practice requirements.

All AFC Lightning Middle Georgia teams will have membership to our Techne Futbol program.

Macon Soccer’s Adrian Juarez said “I am 100% positive that this is the right move for the middle GA soccer community. This affiliation with AFC Lightning will bring the much-needed development opportunities, competition, and exposure to all players in our area.”

“We’re excited and proud to join forces with the players, coaches, and families currently playing with Macon Soccer Club” said AFC Lightning Executive Director Steve Muccillo. “We’re eager to start sharing ideas and methods as soon as possible and believe both staffs will be able to create more developmental opportunities for all players in both programs.”