



### PRESS RELEASE

San Antonio Surf SC has announced their newest partner club, Buffalos FC, which will rebrand their club to San Antonio Surf, Stone Oak location by the start of the 2021-22 season; SA Surf will now have two locations in San Antonio, TX, Alamo Ranch and Stone Oak.

The Stone Oak Sportsplex was purchased by Buffalos FC in Fall 2020 and is a 25-acre complex which will have seven (7) fields and eventually will have an office/building for staff and classroom education. Buffalos FC will maintain ownership and operational control of Stone Oak Sportsplex.

*"We are excited to join one of the Nation's leaders in youth Soccer, and excited to see how this is going to change and challenge the current standards of youth soccer in South Texas." said **Chris Sage**, Buffalos FC Executive Director. "Our organization started with our members in mind, I am honored to say we allowed our members to be involved in the final decision of the rebranding process; through a club vote, our parents voted in favor of rebranding Buffalos FC to SA Surf with a 90% popular vote and 19-0 team votes.*

*Picking the right partnership took a lot of time over the past year and half, meeting with multiple organizations, both local and international; after meeting with SA Surf, I could tell immediately that this partnership would not only provide resources to be a top club, but would also provide more opportunities for our development players and provide a pathway for our top players to spread their wings on a national/international level. I can't wait to bring the Surf Mission of striving to be the Best of the Best here to the Stone Oak/Bulverde Area." said Sage.*

SA Surf (Stone Oak) will attempt to draw in players from surrounding area that have the ambition to maximize their personal development. Additionally, the top players at SA Surf will have direct access to Surf Select, a National identification program built through Surf Nation. The Surf Select program allows select players to compete in the best international and domestic events, picking from a player pool from 38 Clubs across North America.

"If organizations are serious about preparing youth athletes for the future, then why not come together and share resources and ideas. This is something that we have been doing as we partnered with CTX Flash to create Central Texas Surf SC and another organization in McAllen to form Rio Grande Valley Surf," said Executive Director, Rick Kuchka. "I think Chris, and the Buffalos staff are driven by the same things we are, and we will be able to accomplish even more for the players in San Antonio as we come together."

"We understand that in order to grow our players we have to grow ourselves, and that means we continue educating ourselves and sharing best practices, while finding ways to continually test our players at

higher levels. Surf has helped to provide these opportunities, especially through the Surf Select program where we've created state teams, regional ID camps, and National Surf Select teams that compete in some of the biggest youth tournaments in the world. This program puts the best of the best in front of college and professional scouts ensuring maximum exposure," said Kuchka. "We are excited about the growth and opportunities this new partnership provides."

**About Surf:**

For over 42 years, Surf has been one of the founding organizations in youth soccer. With over \$7 Million in charitable donations, 16 national championships, and countless professional, collegiate and youth national team players we are forever striving to be the "Best of the Best." Buffalos FC joins San Antonio Surf and the 40 Surf National Affiliates to comprise what we're proud to call Surf Nation.