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Arlington Soccer Association U16 Boys Win National Championship Capping Off the Club's Most Successful Year

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Arlington, VA - Arlington Soccer Association's U16 Boys team today won the **US Youth Soccer National Championship** in Frisco, TX. The title is the **first USYS Championship in the club's history**. The team, led by head coach Osman Cuadros and assistant coach Chase Bruggeman, bested NCFC Elite from Raleigh, NC with a 1-0 win. The goal in the 95th minute of overtime was scored by Brandon Johnson with an assist by Diego Ochoa.

Arlington's **Director of Travel Coaching German Peri** says "The entire club is extremely proud of the U16 boys and their success this year. The boys showed perseverance and determination throughout their long journey to the National Championship and we are excited for them and for all it represents to Arlington Soccer."

The title caps off Arlington's most successful year in its almost 50-year history with the U14 Girls team also advancing to the National Championships. The girls, led by head coach Mo Tayari and assistant coaches Alexis Koppius and Elizabeth Oden, **represented the first girls team from the club to ever advance to the national championships** capping off a historic run including clinching the Eastern Regional League Championships and a 2nd place, undefeated finish in the USYS National League.

Other accomplishments for Arlington this year include the **Super Y National Championship** title for both the U14 and U15 girls teams, **five Virginia State Champs** (U12, U14, U15 Girls and the U14 and U17 Boys) and all five teams and the U16 boys competing at the Eastern Regional Championships held in Fredericksburg, VA in July.

Arlington's Executive Director Adam Brick says "Our travel program has had tremendous success this year, culminating in the U16 Boys national championship title. We are proud of our teams as they compete with great effort and class, and are excellent ambassadors for Arlington Soccer."

"The future of all of our soccer programs is strong," says **Board President Allie Signorelli**. "We have grown tremendously under the leadership of our excellent staff and coaches and our players continue to reap the rewards of their dedication and hard work. This is just the start for our club."

About Arlington Soccer Association: Founded in 1970, the Arlington Soccer Association provides quality soccer programs and experiences for people of all abilities, backgrounds and financial means to encourage personal growth, promote a love for the game, and advance soccer in Arlington and surrounding communities. Arlington Soccer offers recreational, developmental and travel soccer, as

well as a number of camps and clinics to more than 9,000 children per year. Arlington Soccer is dedicated to providing participants with the opportunity to learn, have fun, and reach their full potential.

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