



ANB Futbol invited to “Challenge de Champagne” tournament for 2nd year



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ANB Futbol has been invited to participate for the 2nd edition of “Challenge de Champagne” U-12/U-13 ('04 & '03 born) tournament hosted by ESTAC Troyes in Troyes, France, taking place on 4 & 5 June, 2016. The fourteen player roster representing ANB Futbol will travel to the formation centre of ESTAC Troyes (Ligue 1 – France) before the tournament and spend one week training on the club’s grounds & watch training sessions of the Academy teams.



ANB Futbol athletes will be competing against professional clubs such as ESTAC Troyes, SM Caen, AJ Auxerre, Stade de Reims, and Olympique Lyonnais, among others. The tournament is a rigorous 2 day event, with teams playing a series of 15 min. games in an 8 vs. 8 format, the normal formation format for French youth teams at this age. The athletes will be billeted with French families during their stay & exchanging a cultural experience. In the past, ANB Futbol has participated in similar French tournaments hosted by SM Caen (Normandy, France) and have had very good results. In 2015, ANB Futbol finished 11th (of 24 teams) and won the “Fair Play” award.

ANB Futbol Academy Director, Bassam Naim, expects another challenging tournament due to the quality of the teams, “This is the 2nd year we are participating in the event & we hope the experience from last year will help the players attain a higher result. The speed of play is the most significant difference, even at this young age, and we have been training the players for this type of competition. We are very grateful to ESTAC Troyes for the opportunity to participate in their event again.” ANB Futbol has made player selection from its pool of players within the Academy.

Tournament qualification rounds have been finished & the team pools have been selected. Further information on the tournament can be found on the tournament website, <http://challenge-de-champagne.estac.fr/>. Additionally, there is a video showing the drawing of teams into their respective pools - http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x42dqhj_edition-2016-challenge-de-champagne-tirage-au-sort_sport

ANB Futbol's vision is to become Canada’s leading soccer development organization. Its mission is to identify Canadian soccer talent, and to maximize the potential of players at any level, through professional coaching and training.

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