



# EUROPEAN RESIDENTIAL ACADEMY



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
A.C. CHIEVOVERONA



# W E L C O M E

Welcome to the Global Image Sports European Residential Academy. This exciting venture has evolved from our direct partnerships with some of Europe's most prestigious soccer academies. We have been overseeing Elite player camps in the USA, Australia and Asia for nearly 10 years, with the coaches directly from the professional academies.



The best players have been invited from those camps for an Experience in Europe at the Academy and we have been thrilled with the feedback from players and parents alike, with more often than not the response being – “how can we get more of this training?”

Now, via our excellent relationship with Chievo Verona, of Italy's Serie A we can offer young players from around the world an opportunity to live and breathe the lifestyle and culture of a young soccer player in one of the world's leading soccer countries!

GIS Founders  
***James & Jacqui Abrahart***









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## GLOBAL IMAGE SPORTS

Global Image Sports was formed in 2010 evolving from the success of the West Ham United International Academy which began in 2006. We have continued to grow and are now partnered with 11 professional football clubs and over 350 youth clubs/organizations around the world.

### EXPERIENCE

We pride ourselves on our high level of experience and expertise when it comes to soccer coaching, training, camps, tours and more. Our expertise allow us to help partner European professional soccer clubs with youth soccer clubs around the world. The youth teams are encouraged to participate in international soccer travel tours, training, playing, and attending live games and sightseeing.

### EXPERTISE

Choosing GIS means you can benefit from unrivalled access to expertise within the world of professional soccer. All our services are delivered by recognised leaders within their profession and are provided to the highest professional standards to ensure successful outcomes.







# EUROPEAN RESIDENTIAL ACADEMY

The European Residential Academy is an elite soccer program for talented athletes from all over the world who wish to develop their personal growth in a world class professional environment. Global Image Sports along with its long-time partner Chievo Verona (currently playing in the top Italian tier, Serie A) have developed a residential academy program for talented student-athletes aged 14-17.

The program is intended for all those who wish to improve their soccer development while living abroad, discovering new cultures and meeting players from across the world. The athletes will have the unique opportunity of living in Verona, one of the safest and most beautiful cities in Italy.

What makes the program unique is the involvement of a professional club, who will supply the expertise and facilities, giving players all the necessary tools to succeed.

The Player Development Program will be carried out by the Chievo Verona academy coaches, following the methodology and training methods developed by the club, all focused on the individual's personal and technical growth.



# FACILITIES

The new Bottagisio Sport Center is a complex that covers a surface of 1500 sqm and hosts the youth sector's offices, Chievo Academy, along with a snack bar and restaurant. The upper floor is equipped with dormitories for players and guests, while on the exterior lies a parking lot with more than 40 spaces available. The new Bottagisio Sport Center was built with the intention of respecting the environmental norms concerning renewable sources of energy and energy saving.

Soccer field:

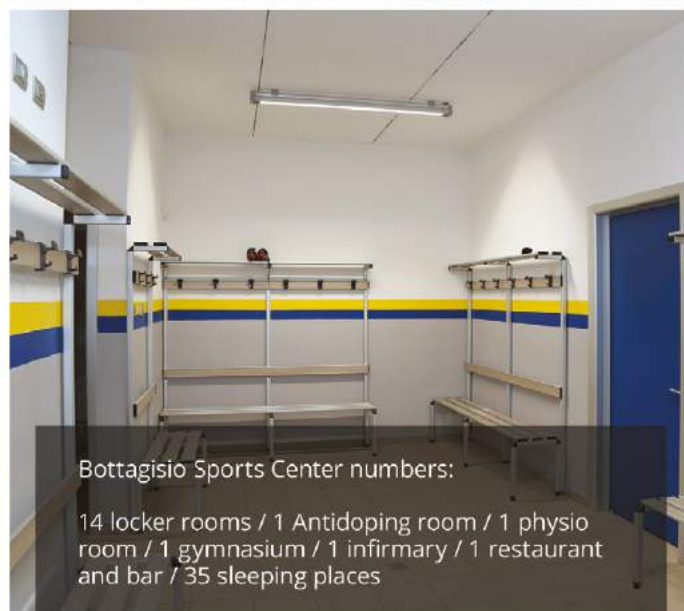
2 X 11-a-side fields (105mt X 60mt)  
1 X 9-a-side field (60mt X 40mt)  
1 X 8-a-side field (55mt X 35mt)



Spreading over 1500 mt of land, situated between the Adige river and the Chievo Dam, the center hosts all of the Chievo academy teams, along with the youth sector's offices.



The new Chievo Verona Academy at Bottagisio Sport Center was inaugurated in December 2013; and is considered one of the newest and innovative training facilities in Northern Italy.



Bottagisio Sports Center numbers:

14 locker rooms / 1 Antidoping room / 1 physio room / 1 gymnasium / 1 infirmary / 1 restaurant and bar / 35 sleeping places



Although there are various athletic activities that can be practiced at Bottagisio (fencing, canoe, mountain bike ect.), it is a facility of excellence for the development of football players.





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Student-Athletes will live, train, and eat on campus without having the necessity to leave. During 'free time' athletes will have the opportunity to assist academy teams training sessions meeting players from across the world, creating life-long friendships within the industry.

## ROOM & BOARD



The upper floor of the structure is reserved for the accommodation of the Chievo Verona athletes who come from abroad.







Comune di Verona

CENTRO D'ECCELLENZA SPORTIVA BOTTAGISIO



Verona club verona





# SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

During a typical academy week players will have 6 training sessions with the Chievo Verona Academy coaches (Monday-Saturday). The morning training sessions are focused on technical development, while afternoon sessions will be run in the fitness center.

There will be a minimum of 2 friendly matches per month against professional soccer teams in the area, giving the participants a chance to put into practice the new skills learnt throughout the training sessions.

Every week athletes will be selected to train with the Chievo Verona Academy teams based on their efforts and development during the weekly practices.

All of the athletes will be invited to the Chievo Verona home games, giving them a chance to experience Serie A soccer at its best!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKEND
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Technical session	Technical session	Technical session	Technical session	Technical session	WEEKEND ACTIVITIES
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Friendly matches
Study period	Study period	Study period	Study period	Study period	Stadium tours travelling
Fitness training	Fitness training	Fitness training	Fitness training	Fitness training	Dinner
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Supervised free time
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## B E N E F I T S

**Grow as a Person** - GIS have chosen the Chievo Academy due to their unique methodology which aims at developing athletes first as individuals (respecting the values and principles on which the club was built on) and ultimately as a player. By working on both the attitudes and competencies of players, the development and growth will be facilitated.

**Chievo Methodology** - Chievo have developed a very successful methodology in regards to player growth, which has allowed them over the years to develop into one of the best youth sectors in Italy. Having far less resources than its competitors, Chievo has been able to fill the gap with richer teams due to its innovative methodology of work, culminated by winning the U19 Italian National Championship last summer.

**Professional Environment** - Being exposed to a professional team environment is not very common in the soccer industry. Taking part in the residential academy means dealing on a daily basis with professional staff members, where a lot can be learned. It is a great way to extend your network in the soccer industry, and to learn by simply observing those around you.



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# EDUCATION



## STUDY ABROAD IN VERONA

For more than 25 years, the Verona International Program (V.I.P) has been dedicated to providing its students with the unique opportunity of studying and living abroad in Verona, one of Italy's most historic and culturally-rich cities.

While in Verona, students have the opportunity to participate in Italian courses provided by inlingua Verona, or to enroll in one of our American High School Courses provided by Academica Virtual Education. To complete the cultural experience we organize social events and recreational activities to take the students' experience far beyond the classroom.

The Verona International Program has become a reference point for a number of Universities and Colleges in the USA and abroad who use our services to organize specialized Study Abroad Programs for their students and faculty in Verona. We organize Study Abroad Programs for different Colleges and Universities among which Northeastern University, Colby College, University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia Southern University, Armstrong State University in Savannah.

## ITALIAN COURSES

inlingua Verona is a Language school located in the heart of the city center next to the ancient Arena. We organize Italian language and Italian culture courses throughout the year. We offer a large choice of different programs, from standard courses to tailor-made individual lessons.



People from all over the world come here to learn the language, the culture and the Italian way of life. Our method is based on direct communication. We teach students in a way that directly accesses the target language at hand instead of filtering it through another language.

The primary aim of the inlingua method is to enable the learner to communicate as competently as possible in the foreign language. Our teachers are trained in the inlingua method, motivated and interesting. They involve students and continuously keep their level of attention high. They are university graduates, native speakers and are competent in both traditional teaching methods and more modern didactic approaches. They use a variety of techniques, ranging from role play and rhythmic exercises to games and quizzes.

## VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

In order to offer our students the most complete educational experience we offer them the possibility to attend fully-accredited (SACS CASI) American High School Courses through Academica Virtual Education.

The virtual courses are entirely in English and include access to all materials through our online platform under the guidance of American teachers supervising the students' progress. The primary focus of the program is to provide students with an academically rigorous and intellectually enriching program.

In addition to being matched with fully-certified teachers, all students are provided access to a Single Sign-On (SSO) account that allows them to easily access all of their course materials, programs, and applications wherever in the world they may be.

In a span of 1 month to a full semester - or a full academic year - students can earn from 5 to 6.0 credits through Academica Virtual Education. Parents and students alike can login 24/7 to check their progress, grades, course updates, and pertinent announcements.

They can also easily message teachers, program directors, and key stakeholders. Students regularly take part in high-definition video conversations, group activities, and discussions in order to make the course material "come alive" and ensure that they apply what they are learning to their everyday life experiences.



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# QUESTION & ANSWER



## What is the European Residential Academy?

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GIS along with its long time partner Chievo Verona (currently playing in the top Italian tier, Serie A) have developed a residential academy program for talented student-athletes aged 14-17. The program is intended for all those who wish to ameliorate their soccer development while living abroad in a professional environment. The athletes will have the unique opportunity of living in one of the most beautiful and safest cities in Italy (Verona) for semester/full year, while benefitting from the expertise and training methodology from one of the most successful youth sectors in the Europe.

## Where would I stay?

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The Chievo Academy (Bottagisio Sport Center) will host the ERA, and student-athletes will have the advantage of sleeping, training, eating, and studying all in the same complex. Built over three floors, the top floor of the academy is dedicated to the dorms (doubles/triple rooms) and a common room used for educational/ leisure purposes. The first floor hosts the restaurant, meeting rooms, offices, and changing rooms while the bottom floor is reserved for the fitness center and storage rooms for day to day activities.

## Who runs the ERA Academy?

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The European Residential Academy is run as a partnership project between Global Image Sports and A.C. Chievo Verona. The project is developed and implemented by GIS (company with years of experience in the sport and travel sector), with the unique involvement of a professional soccer club like Chievo Verona. By combining our expertise in the sector and Chievo's development methodology and facilities, we are able to offer one of the best study abroad programs for potential soccer players.

## Who are the coaches?

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GIS's business strategy includes having formal signed partnerships with European Clubs, which aims at developing and promoting the club's brands in North America, Asia, and Oceania. Part of the agreement with clubs includes sending legitimate academy coaches to participate in camps/events in locations across the globe. For the residential academy project, it is no different: it will be the Chievo academy coaches (UEFA licensed) who will guide the student-athletes through their development. The Chievo methodology imposes each coach to work with a reduced number of individuals, with a coach-player ration of 1:8.

## Where is the training facility? What does it consist of?

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The "Bottagisio Sport Center" or Chievo Academy is home to all of Chievo Verona's youth teams, and occasionally hosts first team training sessions. Inaugurated in December 2014, the center, situated between the Chievo Dam and the Adige River, extends for over 1500 sq.mt. Equipped with four UEFA approved soccer pitches, a medical/physiotherapy center, a gym, dormitories, a common room, and a restaurant: It is considered one of the most innovative and vanguard sporting facilities in Italy.

## Will it help my with my college application?

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Joining a unique program like the ERA is of great contribution to include in a college application form. It is a cultural experience that will definitely develop you as a player and give you the necessary tools to succeed in your college application. Upon request, a evaluation sheet compiled by a Chievo Academy coach will be released, which may be included in your application.



# CHIEVO VERONA

## DEVELOPMENT METHODOLOGY

The main focus of the Chievo Verona philosophy is based on the individual development of every player (both technical and tactical). The growth process has various steps, each one fundamental in the shaping of a young footballer's career. This methodology has been updated throughout the years using the most innovative training exercises, creating one of the most unique and successful programs in Europe.

- Development of the necessary physical abilities required in professional football.
- Development of the 'decision making' process in different game situations.
- Development in the ability to adapt and react to different game situations.
- Development of the required mental attributes in order to succeed at a professional level.
- Specific goalkeeper development program
- Progressive and coherent exercises shared by all the academy teams (under 9- under 17).
- Specific individual technical advancement
- Individual tactical work in order to improve positioning on the pitch.
- Group development in blocks (defence, midfield, attack) with progression and attitudes to adopt on the pitch.
- Conditional and functional training program developed by our trainers.
- High intensity exercises with reduced numbers to simulate game speed.
- Quantative Methods: Exercises executed through small groups in work stations, each followed by a coach. Constant rotations and repetitions to increase technical abilities.
- Specific role training
- Assessment of technical growth through various tests at specific intervals.



Many are the players that have developed at the Chievo Verona Academy or have worn the Chievo jersey at a young age before becoming football legends. Among them are Michael Bradley, Alberto Paloschi, Nicola Legrottaglie, Sergio Pellissier. Without forgetting 3 world champions such as Simone Perrotta, Andrea Barzagli and Simone Barone, along with the current head of the German football association Oliver Bierhoff.

Chievo Verona has a rich history and prides itself on the successful development of such players. YOU COULD BE NEXT!



SIMONE BARONE



CYRILL THEREAU



ALBERTO PALOSCHI



AMAUR



NICOLA LEGROTTAGLIE



ROBERTO BARONE



ANDREA BARZAGLI



LUCA MARCHEGIANI



OLIVER BIERHOFF



SIMONE PERROTTA



MICHAEL BRADLEY



SERGIO PELLISSIER



## Menù



### Breakfast

buffet with: bread, toast, yogurt, cereals, fruit, butter, jam, honey, milk, coffee, tea, orange juice.

### Dinner

choice between two first courses, choice between two second courses, vegetable/fruit, water.

### Lunch

choice between two first courses, choice between two second courses, vegetable/fruit, water.

## Training Kit



GIS will provide all athletes with the same training kits given to the Chievo Verona Team.

### CHAPERONE

A GIS appointed chaperone with up to date criminal and background check will reside on site with the players, ensuring 24/7 supervision. The chaperone will oversee all the off field activities and be a point of contact for all parents of the young players.

### CODE OF CONDUCT

Each player will sign a Code of Conduct prior to entering the Academy - their behavior off the field is expected to be exemplary.

## CHIEVO BENEFITS

Gym and individual physical program to be practiced in the gym. The use of the gym will be free in the morning and regulated in the afternoon.

Each player will have access to the gym three times a week in the afternoon.

The time will be established by G.I.S. and Chievo Verona representatives according to gym availability.

Transfer Malpensa-Verona/Verona-Malpensa, and BottagisioVeronello/Veronello Bottagisio.

## Best of week

The best player of the week, selected by the head coach, will have 2 training session with Chievo Verona teams in the afternoon.

## Chievo Membership Card

follow every Chievo Verona home Match



### TRAINING & COACHES

2 hours each morning from monday to saturday with the exception of one morning per month (due to visit to first team training session). coaches: two coaches. For goalkeepers: they will train in the morning and have two training session per week with Chievo Verona goalkeeper coach in the afternoon. Friendly match: 1 every two weeks to be played at Bottagisio sport center. Are also included psychological counseling, nutrition counseling, yoga lessons.

Laundry (training kit and personal items).





**Global Image Sports will guide you throughout the admission process:**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Fill out the European Residential Academy registration form, giving us the details

**DOCUMENTATION**

Each player must provide an athletic CV, listing the clubs where the athlete has played, along with sporting references.

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