

## Viking and the Norwegian Football Federation Announce New Partnership

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National Teams

LOS ANGELES--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Viking® (<a href="www.viking.com">www.viking.com</a>) (NYSE: VIK) and the Norwegian Football Federation (NFF) today announced a long-term agreement making Viking the main sponsor for the National Team Academy (Landslagsskolen) and Norway's Ulevel national teams. Through the "Future Vikings" program, Viking's sponsorship will help lay the foundation for Norwegian football's top talent development for at least the next five years.

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"We believe
Norwegian football is
entering a new
golden age, and we
are pleased to be part
of the journey. The
National Team
Academy gives
committed players

the opportunity to develop further, and it is fantastic to contribute to our next generation of stars," said Torstein Hagen, Chairman and CEO of Viking. "At Viking, we believe that with hard work nothing is impossible—the same applies in football. We are proud to support young people who love the game and aim for the top."

The National Team Academy aims to identify, stimulate and develop Norway's most promising 12 to 16-year-olds—with the goal of identifying those who can develop into top players at national and international level. Since its start in 2015, players like Ada Hegerberg, Caroline Graham Hansen, Martin Ødegård, Erling Braut Haaland and Antonio Nusa have attended the National Team Academy. The following phase is the U-level national teams, which range from ages 14 (for girls) and 15 (for boys) to 23. The U-level national teams have achieved notable results in recent years, regularly qualifying for major championships.

"Our talent development program is a unique model in Europe and builds strong bonds between grassroots and top-level football. The 'Future Vikings' program aims to build the

next generation of Norwegian stars. We are very happy that Viking is stepping in as the main sponsor. It creates a stable, predictable and good framework for the program in the coming years," said Karl-Petter Løken, General Secretary of the Norwegian Football Federation.

Today's announcement marks the continuation of Viking's longstanding ties with Norway. Torstein Hagen is originally from Nittedal, played football in his youth, and has retained deep appreciation for his homeland. Viking already plays a significant role in supporting local Norwegian communities—its Norwegian-flagged small ocean ships make regular calls at 12 ports, ranging from Kristiansand to Honningsvåg, throughout the year. In addition, Viking partners with leading Norwegian cultural institutions, such as the Munch Museum and Nasjonalmuseet, the National Museum of Norway.

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