

True Talents of Africa International Football Academy

East Africa's First Full-Time Residential International Football Academy

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Years of transforming
lives of African Athletes.

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About the Academy

Since 2019, True Talents of Africa has been creating genuine global pathways for young African athletes — transforming dreams into reality through dedication, excellence, and opportunity.

Our full-time residential academy brings together world-class training, internationally recognised education, and a supportive lifestyle environment under one roof. More than football — it's a comprehensive preparation for success on the global stage.



[Watch Academy Video Here](#)

30+

Player Placed Globally.
African Talent Meets
Global Opportunity.

Our Home Facility

Situated just 30 minutes from Nairobi's central business district, our campus sits on a 6-acre facility and offers the perfect balance of accessibility and tranquility, providing an ideal environment for focused athletic and academic development.

Our purpose-built sports campus features state-of-the-art training pitches, modern residential accommodation, dedicated classrooms, and a fully equipped gymnasium – everything needed for holistic player development.



Years of transforming the lives of African Athletes.



About Our Founder

Kimathi Kaumbutho, is a former athlete having played 8 years in the United States at various levels of the game. He is also a National Championship winner and Champion of Character having won awards in various capacities during his time there.

Today, Kimathi develops young athletes in East Africa and grants them opportunities at the highest level of sports internationally through True Talents of Africa.

6+

Years of transforming the lives of African Athletes.

ABOUT THE ACADEMY

Vision & Mission

It's not just about developing footballers. Our academy is the answer to a question every young person is silently asking: Does anyone believe in me enough to build a place that fights for my potential? We believe in you. And that belief changes everything for a young person. Not just on the pitch. In life.

Our Vision

To raise a generation of empowered African youth whose talent, character, and education enable them to thrive globally – in football, education, and life.

Our Mission

To blend football excellence with academic achievement and character development, creating pathways to professional sports, global scholarships, and community leadership.



ACADEMY DIRECTOR

"Our mission is simple – to bridge African talent with world-class opportunity. Every player who joins us carries the dream of a continent."

We do not just develop footballers. We develop young people with character, resilience, and the tools to succeed in whatever path they choose. Your child's well-being is our first responsibility.

Our Core Values

ACRONYM: DREAMER



Dreamer

Believing in possibilities beyond current circumstances, fueling ambition with vision



Role Model

Leading by example, inspiring others through actions and integrity



Extra 110%

Exceeding expectations, giving maximum effort in every endeavour



Accountability

Taking ownership of actions, commitments, and personal growth



Manifest Family

Building supportive community bonds that extend beyond the pitch



Education

Prioritising learning both on and off the field for holistic development



Resourceful Creativity

Finding innovative solutions, adapting to challenges with ingenuity



Our Men's Success Stories

Since the Academy's inception in 2019, we have helped over 25 African players to play across the world through our pathway opportunities. Over 800 families have been impacted through our program. Lives changed. Dreams realised.

25+

Players Placed Globally. African Talent Meets Global Opportunity.



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Our Women's Success Stories

Since the Academy's inception in 2021, we have helped over 10 African players to play across the world through our pathway opportunities. Over 800 families have been impacted through our program. Lives changed. Dreams realised.

10+

Players Placed Globally. African Talent Meets Global Opportunity.



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USA & CANADA

Our Success Stories



Angela Wachira
Milligan University - USA



Shadrack Omondi
Wayland Baptist - USA



Deborah Meron
Brandon University - Canada



Kennedy Obanda
Houghton University - USA



Kevin Ngula
MNJU - USA



Peter Kolenyo
Viterbo University - USA



Keturah Ligeyi
University of Northwestern
Ohio - USA



Derrick Onyango
Viterbo University - USA



Taira Oloo
Bethel University - USA



Alvin Shivere
Grandview University - USA



Janice Mwai
Tabor College - USA



Mammo Yohannis
Indiana Tech University -
USA

EUROPE

Our Success Stories



Cedric Mucui
FC Talent (IV Division) - Poland



Brian Gicheha
Sportsmate 360 - Poland



Zachary Migosi
Wilga Garlowin (IV Division) - Poland



Jeremy Mucui
Soccerviza - Romania



Sydney Ngala
FC Malaga City - Spain



Kelvin Kimathi
SoccerViza - Romania



Victor Kimutai
Sportsmate 360 - Poland



Immanuel Opiyo
Sportsmate 360 - Poland



Gemm Ngugi
University of Macclesfield - England

AFRICA

Our Success Stories



Trevor Wema
Fleetwood Town International -
South Africa



Hawi Rabongo
Fleetwood Town International -
South Africa



Tevin Tikan
Fleetwood Town International -
South Africa



Alex Mulama
Fleetwood Town International -
South Africa



Praise Barka
Fleetwood Town International -
South Africa



Dennis Mugo
Fleetwood Town International -
South Africa



Leo Wichenje
Fleetwood Town International -
South Africa



Ayden Kanyingi
Fleetwood Town International -
South Africa



Fischer Lumumba
Fleetwood Town International -
South Africa

Player

Testimonials

There are things TTA has given me that no academy would have given me.

Cedric Mucui (Pictured) – TTA Alumnus who went on to play in the fourth division in Poland.

My biggest growth in football has been in TTA. My technical ability and understanding of the game have become way better than before – how I see football is completely different.

TTA creates a family environment, which makes it easy to interact on and off the pitch and become close.

Angela Wachira – Joined Milligan University on a football scholarship through TTA

30+

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Player Testimonials

Football has made me a better person, purely because I needed to learn, relearn, and unlearn to be a better individual, for me to be a better player on the field, to be a better teammate, and to be a better captain. TTA is an amazing place to enable growth in football and life

Janice Mwai - Went to Tabor College on a football scholarship through TTA.

TTA showed me a whole different standard of coaching and really made me see how much the right guidance can level up a player.

Deborah Meron (Pictured) - Joined Brandon University on a soccer scholarship

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Parent Testimonials

TTA PARENT

"TTA has transformed this young man from a timid school boy into a purposeful, assertive, confident young man. We have TTA to thank for the transformation it gave the young man. We thank you."

My son Warren Njanja joined the Academy in February 2023, immediately after high school. He was about to turn 18 years old. He has an immense passion for football, and he has been looking for a football Academy. He was delighted to join TTA. He would wake up early at 5 am and prepare for the training. He would leave the house by 6 am to ensure he is at the Academy training grounds by 6.45, for training at 7 am. That became his routine for 10 months, till he left the country for Manitoba University, Canada.

The strict timelines and training discipline at TTA transformed Warren into a very time-conscious person who would use his time very well. He would wake early and be ready for the day. The TTA training also made him a very focused and highly oriented person.

The result was that we felt certain that he had matured enough to be in a foreign land on his own. This is how we felt he could join the University of Manitoba, Canada. He's taking a degree in Aeronautical Engineering.

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Francis Njanja – TTA Parent

TTA PARENT

TTA Academy has not only nurtured my son's talent in football but has also instilled great discipline and fostered a sense of responsibility in him 🙌 Love that TTA team also gives back to the community 🙌

Sarah Ochieng – TTA Parent

TTA PARENT

Speaking from a pioneer parent point of view, I have seen TTA grow, and many boys and girls have benefited and continue to benefit from the club.

Bringing up two boys in TTA from the ages of 10. I have no regrets, but a good review for this TTA. They went in as boys and came out as well-disciplined young men. We enrolled the boys to keep them occupied, and we got more than we asked for. Keep up the good job.

Carol Murwayi – TTA Parent

TTAIFA vs European Academies

Before you send your child abroad, understand why TTAIFA is the smarter pathway for African talent.

CATEGORY	TRUE TALENTS OF AFRICA	EUROPEAN ACADEMY
Pathways	Realistic African player pathways — designed specifically for African players and their realities	Generic pathways not built for African player contexts or families
Track Record	Proven success — 30+ players placed locally and internationally	Little transparency on African-specific outcomes
Facilities	6-Acre High-Performance Residential Campus — full control over every aspect of training and living	Shared or rented facilities; variable standards
Coaching	Curriculum by Coach Dan Elliott — former Premier League Scout & Coventry Academy Coach	No equivalent structured curriculum
Identity	A place that celebrates African identity, culture, and pride in who you are	Players often feel culturally isolated far from home
Environment	Serene Tigoni setting — high altitude, clean air, lush surroundings, ideal for athletic development	Urban environments with limited outdoor access
Education	Dual Cambridge IGCSE & A-Level pathway — globally recognised academic credentials	Education often secondary to football; limited options
USA Pathway	Dedicated US College placement via Sports Recruiting USA — NCAA, NAIA & D3	No structured USA college placement support
Mind & Character	Mental conditioning sessions + psychometric personal development programme — building resilience, self-belief & mental toughness	Rarely offered; seen as non-essential
Cost & Access	World-class development at African pricing — accessible without relocating the family	High costs, travel, visa complexity for African families

Global Partners



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Our Partners

Our strategic partnerships open doors that transform talented players into internationally recognised athletes, providing clear pathways to professional careers and academic scholarships.

Sports Recruiting USA – USA & Canada



The world's leading U.S. college soccer recruiting agency, SRUSA connects talented players from around the globe with U.S. college programmes, securing scholarships and placements. They are TTAIFA's primary gateway to the American student-athlete pathway.

Sportsmate 360 – Poland



A European agency and academy that develops players to the level where they can sign professional contracts across Europe. Based in Poland – one of the most accessible football markets for African players – Sportsmate 360 has placed over 45 players into professional clubs and secured 90+ trial invitations.

7 Elite Academy – South Africa



A development and education programme based in Cape Town, offering boys aged 14–19 pathways into professional football and academic growth. Part of a global football network spanning Liverpool, the US, Tanzania, and Australia, with onward club connections into European football.

Soccerviza – Costa Rica



A professional development agency that builds complete player pathways, with players developing within SoccerViza's own environment and earning direct entry into their professional teams. Since 2012, they have helped over 400 players secure professional contracts across 30+ countries.

VIA Academy – Spain



VIA offers players a season-long opportunity to train daily with UEFA Pro coaches while competing within a professional club as a licensed player. They also provide short-term trial and development programmes for players seeking European club exposure.



Academy Structure

At TTAIFA, every pillar of our structure serves one purpose: producing complete, well-rounded athletes.

Coaching Excellence

At TTAIFA, coaching excellence means more than qualified staff – it means every player is truly seen. Our UEFA and CAF licensed coaches combine world-class credentials with a 16:1 player-to-coach ratio ensuring personalised attention at every stage of development. Backed by Veo camera technology, GPS tracking, and individual training plans, we don't just coach football – we build complete players.

UEFA & CAF Licensed Coaches

Internationally certified professionals with proven expertise

Optimal Player-Coach Ratio

16:1 ratio, ensuring personalised attention and development

Advanced Analytics

Veo camera technology and GPS tracking for performance optimisation

Virtual Analysis Sessions

Video review and tactical discussions to enhance understanding

Individual Training Plans

Customised programmes tailored to each player's needs and goals



THE TEAM

Meet the Team



Dexter Otieno
Football Director



Xavier Shawn
Head Coach - PDP Men's Program



Impeesa Ken
Head Coach - U17 Boys' & Girls' PDP Program



Roypeter Gichuki
Head Coach - Junior Academy u15



Faith Mwalali
Head Coach - Junior Academy u11



Collins Chiaji
Assistant Coach



Dan Elliott
Technical Director (Curriculum)

The Curriculum Behind the Academy

The TTAIFA coaching curriculum was developed by Dan Elliott, a former Premier League scout for Wolverhampton Wanderers Academy and coach at Coventry City Academy in England.

Every player at TTAIFA is trained and developed against the same standards used at the highest levels of the English game.

Training and Match Play

At TTAIFA, every day is a step closer to the global stage. Our full-time training programme develops players across every dimension of the game — technical, tactical, physical, and mental — while providing the competitive platform and international exposure needed to turn potential into opportunity.

Full - Time Daily Training

Comprehensive programme developing technical, tactical, physical, and mental aspects.

Elite Competition

Compete in Kenya's top youth leagues against the nation's best talent.

International Exposure

Annual Pro Showcase Week with scouts from around the world.

Mental Conditioning

Character-building sessions designed to build player character for excellence on and off the pitch.

Strength & Conditioning

Dedicated gym sessions for building athletic foundation.

Virtual Analysis Sessions

Theory Sessions are designed to teach the tactical side of the game.



Mentorship & Mental Conditioning

At TTAIFA, development doesn't stop at the final whistle. Our residential environment is built around round-the-clock support, ensuring every player has the guidance, safety, and emotional foundation they need to thrive — on the pitch and beyond. From mental conditioning to career preparation, we invest in the whole person.

24/7 Support System

Dedicated staff presence ensuring continuous guidance, safety, and player well-being throughout their journey.

Mental Conditioning

Specialist sessions developing resilience, focus, and psychological strength essential for elite performance in any field, not just football.

Career Preparation

Guided mentorship preparing players for professional trials, scholarship interviews, and life transitions.



Women's Programme

TTAIFA's Women's Programme is built on the same high-performance foundation as our men's programme — because African women deserve the same pathways to greatness.



100 +

Players Impacted. 10+
Players placed globally.

Women's Football Programme

Our Women's Programme provides a structured, full-time residential environment designed to develop technically excellent, mentally strong, and academically grounded female footballers. We are building the pipeline for the next generation of Kenyan and East African women to compete at the highest levels — regionally, nationally, and internationally.

Technical Training

Daily sessions covering ball mastery, tactical awareness, position-specific development and match simulation under UEFA-qualified coaching staff.

Mental Conditioning

Structured mental toughness sessions using MTQ48 psychometric tools to build resilience, confidence, and performance under pressure.

Academic Programme

Cambridge IGCSE and A-Level curriculum delivered alongside football — because intelligence on and off the pitch matters.

Physical Development

Strength and conditioning, sports nutrition, injury prevention and recovery — all managed by our full-time performance staff.



Pathways & Opportunities

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Local Pathways

- 1 Academy Programme (U15–U23)**
Full-time residential training, education and development at our Tigoni campus.
- 2 National League Trials**
Facilitated connections and trials with FKF women's clubs and the national league.
- 3 Harambee Starlets Pipeline**
Target pathway to the Kenya women's national team selection and continental competitions.

International Pathways

- 1 USA College (NCAA / NAIA)**
Via Sports Recruiting USA — athletic scholarships at US colleges for qualifying players.
- 2 European Club/Academy**
Partnerships and scouting relationships with European clubs actively seeking African talent.
- 3 Harambee Starlets Pipeline**
Target pathway to the Kenya women's national team selection and continental competitions.

ACADEMY DIRECTOR

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FOR PARENTS

Staying Connected

Transparency is a core commitment. You will always know exactly how your child is progressing — on and off the pitch.



WhatsApp — Primary Communication Channel

Our main channel for parent communication. Regular match reports, training updates, and milestone announcements are shared directly with parents via dedicated WhatsApp groups.



Vevo Match Recordings — Every Game, Available to Parents

All matches across the academy are recorded using the Vevo system. Parents receive links to watch their child's full match footage — from anywhere in the world, at any time.



Progress Reports & Parent Meetings

Termly academic and football progress reports shared with parents. Parent consultations available to discuss your child's development, targets, and well-being.



On-Campus Visits — Welcome Anytime

Parents are encouraged to visit the campus. Open days are held each term. All residential facilities, training grounds, and classrooms are open to parents.



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Lifestyle & Facilities

World-Class Facilities

Every facility at TTAIFA has been designed with one question in mind: does this give our students the best possible chance to succeed? Two FIFA-standard pitches for elite training. Comfortable student accommodation for rest and community. A video analysis room for tactical development. Academic classrooms for intellectual growth. And a Student Lounge where young people can simply be young people.

Two FIFA Standard Pitches

Professional-grade playing surfaces meeting international specifications.

Student Accommodation

International standard student accommodation – a place that students can call home.

Video Analysis Room

Advanced technology for tactical review and performance evaluation.

Academic Classrooms

Modern learning environments supporting educational excellence.

Recreation Spaces

Dedicated areas for relaxation, social connection, and personal time.

ABOUT THE ACADEMY

Safe and Supervised Housing

Secure accommodation with comprehensive oversight, ensuring player safety and well-being at all times.





Balanced Daily Routine

Structured schedule integrating training, study, and recovery for optimal physical and mental development.

Dedicated Training & Study Time

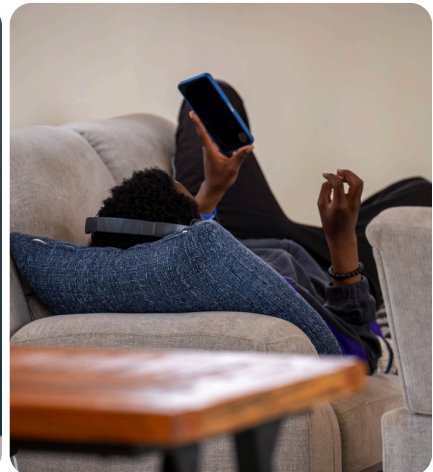
Students follow a carefully balanced daily programme that gives equal weight to athletic development and academic achievement — because we believe the two make each other stronger.

Dedicated Rest & Recovery Time

Structured rest, guided relaxation, and time in our Student Lounge are built into every day, because a well-rested athlete is a better athlete.

Family Atmosphere

Supportive community built on mutual respect, discipline, and shared aspirations for excellence.



Professional Meal Plans

Carefully designed nutrition programmes by certified dietitians, optimising performance and recovery. 4 Meals a day to fuel our student athletes. See our sample menu below.

Breakfast

Spanish Omelette
Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit

Lunch

Pasta · Creamy
Chicken Lentils
· Steamed Greens

Afternoon Snack

Orange
Brown Bread with
Peanut Butter

Dinner

Dinner
Rice · Beef Curry
Cabbage with Carrots





Education & Development

A groundbreaking integration of elite football training and Internationally recognised academic excellence.

TTA High School Programme

Launching August 2026

We believe your child should never have to choose between football and a world-class education. Through our partnership with [Sunrise Virtual School](#), students access internationally recognised academic qualifications alongside their full training programme — delivered through a blend of in-person teachers and virtual lessons.

This innovative programme represents the future of African football education, ensuring our graduates are prepared for success both on the pitch and in the classroom, with qualifications that open doors to universities across the globe.

Cambridge Curriculum

GCSE and A-Level qualifications recognised by universities worldwide.

Student – Athlete Focus

Specifically designed schedule balancing academic rigour with elite training.

NCAA Eligibility

Fully aligned with international university admission standards.

Integrated Campus Life

Study, train, and live in one location for seamless development.



Our Programmes

Our football programmes are structured, progressive, and built around the individual. Every player at TTAIFA receives a development plan tailored to their age, ability, and ambition.



OUR PROGRAMMES

Pro Development Programmes - Men

Gap Year Students - 17 - 21 Years of Age

Our Development Programme is a full-time, fully supported environment for football and personal development for male student-athletes aged 17-21.

Residential Program - Players Live on Campus

10 - Month Full Year

850,000 Ksh (6,599 USD)

Complete immersive experience with maximum development time.

4 - Month Season

300,000 Ksh (2,350 USD)

Intensive half-season residency option.

Short - Term Camps

Starting from 50,000 Ksh (400 USD) per week
2-6 week residential programmes for focused development.

Non-Residential Program - Players Commute to Training - Transport Available

10 - Month Full Year

260,000 Ksh (2,100 USD)

Complete programme with daily attendance.

4 - Month Season

110,000 - 120,000 Ksh
(900 - 1000 USD)

Intensive half-season training.

Short - Term Camps

Not Available in this program.

Flexible Payment Plans Available

We work with families to make world-class training accessible through customised payment options

OUR PROGRAMMES

U17 and U19 Programmes - Boys

Join the TTA U17, U19, and U21 Elite Teams for the Elite Camp Period.

The program is an elite high-performance pathway for players aged 14–20 who are ready to train seriously and pursue higher football opportunities. The program mirrors a professional team environment, combining intensive training, competitive match exposure, physical conditioning, mental development, and individualised support.

Elite Camp Residential 3 - 6 Weeks

90,000 ksh (900 USD) to 130,000 Ksh (1,300 USD)

Intensive residential experience for U17 and U19 players, combining elite training with full campus immersion and international exposure opportunities

Elite Camp Non - Residential 3 - 6 Weeks

15,000 ksh (150 USD) to 30,000 Ksh (300 USD)

High-intensity training for U17 and U19 players with daily attendance. Students commute daily to training sessions. Transport services available for convenience and safety.

OUR PROGRAMMES

Junior Academy Programme

Boys and Girls – Aged 5 – 13 Years

Our Junior programme focuses on developing fundamental skills, passion for the game, and positive character traits in a supportive, age-appropriate environment.

Season Programme (4 Months)

45,000 ksh (400 USD) – Training 2 times per week.

4-month structured development for young players building foundational skills.

Elite Camp Non - Residential 3 - 6 Weeks

Pricing: Prices range depending on length.

3 – 6 week intensive training experiences during school holidays.

OUR PROGRAMMES

TTA Women's Programmes

All programmes: Students commute daily – transport services available.

Our Women's Programme is a full-time, fully supported environment for football and personal development for female student-athletes aged 5–21.

Pro Development Programme

Gap Year Students
4-Month Season (Non-Residential)

Elite training for aspiring female footballers pursuing international opportunities

Pricing: 90,000 – 99,000 Ksh (750 – 850 USD)

U17 and U19 Programme

Elite Camp (Non-Residential)

3 – 6 week intensive development for young female talent.

Pricing: 15,000 Ksh (150 USD) to 30,000 Ksh (300 USD), depending on length

Junior Academy Programme

Ages 5 – 13 Years

4-Month Season

Elite Camp: 3 – 6 Weeks
Foundational development for young female players

Pricing (4-Month Season): 45,000 Ksh (400 USD) with training 2 times per week

Pricing (Elite Camp): Prices range depending on length

Flexible Payment Plans Available For Select Programs

We work with families to make world-class training accessible through customised payment options



TRUE TALENTS
OF AFRICA

JOIN THE ACADEMY

Start Your Journey Today.

Applications are open for the 2026 Academy year. Places are limited and allocated on merit. Take the first step and register your interest now.

[Apply Now](#) →

International Students & Families

If you are based outside Kenya or East Africa, we invite you to reach out directly to discuss how TTAIFA can work for your child. We'll walk you through the admissions process, visa considerations, and residential arrangements in a personal call.

[✉ Email Us to Book a Call](#)



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