



Welcome!

Rush Union Update

Our Spring season ended with a lot of fun and excitement. We had numerous teams make the finals of their respective tournaments, and many of them are highlighted in this newsletter below and on our social media channels. We had teams competing in the AFU Academy Cup, AFU Elite Select Cup, Adidas Academy Cup, NTH Select Cup & Showcase as well as several other events. Congratulations to all our teams who finished off their spring season in style!

Reaching the end of another great season of soccer and school year brings a different level of anticipation for families who may be looking for something to keep their players involved between summer travels and the start of the next season. Rush Union has many great programs coming up over the summer, including; training programs, weeklong camps, 7v7 team play, mini camps, futsal, and our Complete Player Camp at the end of the summer. Please check out all the options we have available this summer via our website and of course reach out if you have any questions.

If you are looking to get out in the community this summer, we have two great events that our families can participate in on July 4th in each location. We will be participating in the Dunwoody July 4th Parade for the fourth year in a row. Players and parents are encouraged to walk with us and can sign up here: [Rush Union Dekalb: Dunwoody July 4th Parade \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com). We will also be participating in the City of Milton July 4th Celebration as a sponsor and will have a Rush Union booth available for folks to visit. More information can be found here: [Milton Independence Day Walking Parade | Milton, GA \(miltonga.gov\)](https://miltonga.gov)

Planning for our Fall programs has been underway and Tryouts for our competitive programs were held in late May. If you missed tryouts and still want to be considered for one of our competitive teams, please reach out to us. We will be offering our Recreational Leagues at both locations this fall along with our expanded program options, including Advanced Rec Skills training and Futsal Program, which will be offered at both locations, and Brazilian Soccer Skills which will be offered at our Milton location. These programs were all a huge success, and we are looking forward to offering them again. We continue to look for ways to diversify our program portfolio to further engage all our families. For more information on all our programs please visit our website.

Building for a new season gives the Rush Union Coaching staff an opportunity to prepare and improve. We will be holding a series of individual development sessions for our coaches and will be working with our teams of coaches to develop age group specific training goals. We will be using this to identify learning objectives and needs of our players as we continue to implement a player development framework. More information on the development framework will be shared with parents as we get close to the start of the fall season.

In addition to the coaching development plan, we will be offering more Jr Referee workshops, and planning for some on site parent engagement offerings that our soccer parents can participate in during their child's practice sessions.

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Some of our staff will travel to Colorado on July 11-14 for the Rush Summit which is an annual meeting of all the organizations in the Rush Network. The collaboration between the Rush organizations leads to better programming and education for all our membership on a local level. Several of our 2012 players will also be traveling to Colorado to compete in Rush Fest on July 8-12. Rush Fest is the first event in the Rush Select player platform where players can participate and serves as the gateway to Rush Regional and National team selections. We will be nominating players for the Rush Select player pools later this summer and will have teams competing in the Rush South Cup in early August. We will also be hosting visits from the Rush College Advisory Program staff in August and the Rush Select Development staff later in the fall season. Very exciting times are ahead for our players and coaches.

We are thrilled to share that long time Rush Union player and coach, Jack Maher, will be taking on a leadership role at our Dunwoody location, effective immediately. We are pleased with Jack's growth as a coach and leader within our organization and are looking forward to his continued development. I had the privilege of coaching Jack as a youth player, and he has most recently been coaching my daughter, which is a wonderful full circle moment for the organization. We wish Jack all the best on this journey, and you can read more about this below or on our website: [Coach Jack Maher taking on leadership role! | Rush Union Soccer](#)

If you have any questions about Rush Union, our programs or anything soccer related please reach out to our staff at any time.

Thank you for being part of our Rush Union family. We look forward to seeing you back on the field soon.

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Neil McNab Jr.
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Jack's Journey:

I am extremely grateful and excited to be stepping into a director position for Rush Union here in Dunwoody. I have watched this club over these last 4 years not just merge with, but ingrain itself in this community, and likewise have seen the community do the same with us. I am intensely passionate about our mission at Rush Union, and am excited to grow that mission in our parents, coaches, and children alike. I am really looking forward to building more relationships throughout the club, to continuing to chart new areas of service, development, and inspiration for our membership, and to become a larger part of the community myself.

I grew up playing for Chiefs FC (Now Rush Union Soccer) over at Pleasantdale Park (colloquially called "Pleasantdirt" back then). I remember feeling so invested in, and the positivity and fun I experienced had me fully impassioned from an early age. It didn't mean we always won, but we were playing at a high level, and it was intoxicating; I could see our potential so clearly. High school came around and our current CEO Neil McNab took over our team. I found myself going from a rotatable outside back to the starting center back, playing the entire game. I saw myself improve dramatically, take on leadership roles on and off the field, and eventually be named captain. The difference in my confidence and ability on the field was staggering, even from my own perspective.

I think there are a lot of places I would've been overlooked early in my soccer career, not given the room or nurturing to grow to my full potential as a player and as a person. I have practiced on baseball fields and dirt patches for seasons at a time, been a part of great teams falling apart, and partial or full rebuilds, and I truly believe sticking by the coaches and people who believed in me and approached the game the right way has made all the difference for me to this day. I had adults to not only teach but model the values of the game and how they translate to life, and I don't believe that can be overvalued. I learned how to win. How to lose. How to embrace challenges. That the most important play is the next one. Make a team greater than the sum of its parts. The list of lessons goes on far longer than I have the room for here!

Today, I coach my former coach's daughter, Aria, as a part of my 2013G Academy team, completing a full circle of soccer coaching. I am also coaching our 2008G and 2009G, where I have seen some players develop much more at older ages, much like I did. I have fallen in love with soccer all over again from the other side of the sideline and am honored to perpetuate and grow the values and visions that were foundational in my youth through our community here in Dunwoody, in the national Rush organization, and beyond



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Rush Union and The Collective continue to work together to implement a strategic plan for Rush Union as we strive to be the best organization we can be!



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Save the dates... Rush Union Fall Cup will be on November 16-17, 2024!

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