Rush Union Newsletter October 2023



### Welcome! Rush Union Update

We are near the halfway point of the Fall Season, and many Rush Union families enjoy a short fall break in early October, our Administrative Staff will be buys preparing for our Winter Programs, putting everything in place for the end of the Fall Season, and beginning to plan for the Spring Season.

We announced last month that Rush Union is now offering a Futsal Program, along with other new indoor program options for the fall season. The new programs have been a big success and we are continuing to look for more opportunities to engage our members in different programs with us. More information on our exciting new programs is available now via our website: Rush Union Soccer | Home

All of our winter program offerings are now open for registration via our website. We have indoor and outdoor options at both locations. We are very excited to be able to offer our members a wide range of programs. Let's also not forget about our adults. We will have indoor and outdoor options for our adults this winter as our adult leagues continue to grow.

Rush Union hosted two more USSF Grassroot Courses for Coaching during September, more than any club in the area. Our continued effort to support our coaching staff does not end there. Our coaches are all on the Rush Way License Pathway to support their ongoing educational needs. This licensing pathway is unique to Rush Soccer and a one-of-a-kind development opportunity for our professional and volunteer coaches alike.

Planning for our Rush Cup began a long time ago and we are looking forward to making the November event the biggest and best Rush Cup yet. We are excited to host teams from all over Georgia and the Southeast on November 11-12 for the Rush Cup Tournament. For more information on our Fall Rush Cup, please visit the Rush Cup website here: <a href="Event Details - Rush Academy Cup">Event Details - Rush Academy Cup</a> (sincsports.com)

We previously mentioned in an earlier newsletter that we have partnered with The Collective Global, a consulting group, who is leading Rush Union Soccer through a strategic planning process. In the coming weeks and months this process will engage more members in the form of surveys and focus groups. We already have two focus groups called "Local Committees" that meet periodically to discuss ways we can improve our organization and our families' experience. If you would like to get more involved in Rush Union, please reach out to us.

We had our annual Atlanta United night on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Mercedes Benz Stadium. Some of our players participated as player mascots, flag bearers and even as part of the high five tunnel. The evening provided a great opportunity for our players and teams to support our local MLS team and have a great evening out. See some of the images below. A special thank you to Coach Steve Reid for helping coordinate this event for us again this year.

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We have placed a great emphasis on our Referee development and Jr Referee Program. We held two new Jr Referee courses in August and have a new group of Jr Referees working this fall season. Many of our Jr Referees have now graduated from the program and are fully certified referees, which is extremely exciting for the program. We still have a need for more Certified Referees and Jr Referees in the organization. If you are interested in getting involved (and making a little money as a referee), please complete this questionnaire which will put you on our list for future courses: <a href="REF COURSE INTEREST: FALL 2023">REF COURSE INTEREST: FALL 2023</a> (google.com)

We are extremely proud to announce the reintroduction of the Rush TOPSoccer Thunder Program, an adaptive program which provides the means for children with physical and intellectual disabilities to participate in soccer. The program will begin later this fall or winter. We have had a tremendous response to our request for volunteers for the program and are proud to partner with The City of Milton to bring this program to our community.

Finally, the news of our indoor renovation project was featured in the Milton Neighbor this month, please check out the story below in this newsletter.

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.
CEO Rush Union



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Many of our Recreational teams have faced off across locations for the first time this fall season, creating a very friendly rivalry!

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### RUSH UNION'S RENOVATION REVEALED

BY ABBY LADEROUTE









RushUnion Soccer started remodeling their outdated indoor soccer field in January of this year. On August 23, they hosted an event to mark the project's completion. Families that use the field were invited to visit and view the new indoor facility.

The Mayor of Milton, Peyton Jamison, was also invited to come and cut the ribbon for the new field. The field is used by many local families and teams and the new soccer field will open up more opportunities to these people.

RushUnion strives to provide a competitive soccer environment for all who are interested in playing. RushUnion promotes "the development of character, the electricity of competition and the importance of pure enjoyment." RushUnion teaches their players to "play it forward." They encourage them to be kind and help those in need. Their mission statement explains that they want to provide equal opportunities for everyone so they can explore their potential. With the renovated field, RushUnion also plans to start a program for children with special needs to play soccer, The Thunder Program. The new field will offer many opportunites for RushUnion to increase their impact in our community and help our athletes to grow.



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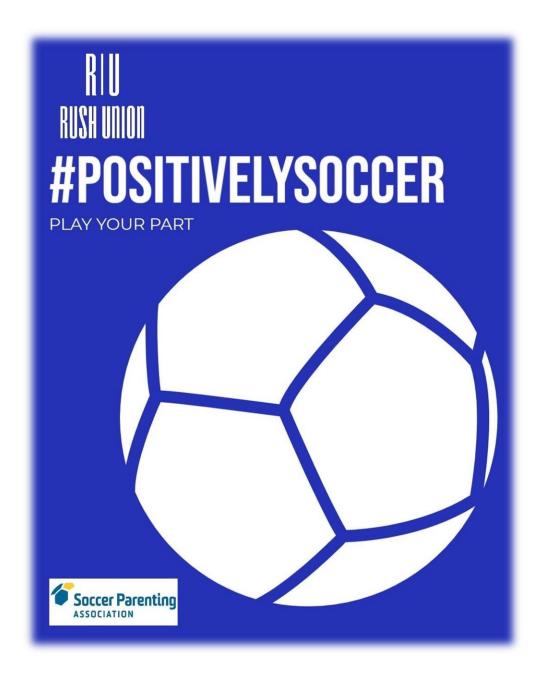






Everyone had a great time at the Rush Union Atlanta United Night on September 23.

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We are still looking to strengthen our referee program at Rush Union Soccer. Please reach out to us if you are interested in getting involved.



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



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