# RUSH UNION

#### Welcome! Rush Union Update

We are already midway through the summer, and so much has been going on at Rush Union since the conclusion of the spring season. Now that summer programs are in full swing, we would like to congratulate our competitive teams who finished their seasons in style. We had multiple tournament successes at the AFU Academy Cup, AFU Elite Select Cup, GSA Revolution Cup, GA Express Cup, NTH Adidas Cup, UFA Extreme Cup and the SCCL Jr Cup. Great job by all involved with those events!

In late May, we hosted tryouts for our competitive teams and had a record turnout for our younger competitive programs. This puts us in a great place moving forward with a tremendous talent pool at the younger age groups to help our Academy program continue to grow and develop new players. If you missed tryouts, and still want to be considered for a team please reach out to us or visit our website: <a href="https://www.rushunionsoccer.org/tryouts">https://www.rushunionsoccer.org/tryouts</a>

We are looking forward to our signature Camp at the end of the Summer which is newly named the "Complete Player Camp". This three-night camp will offer everything a player needs to continue to develop the game from soccer, to yoga, to strength training, and video analysis. For more information on the Complete Player Camp and all the summer programs options available please visit our website.

Rush Union is an organization that cares about our players and families on and off the field. We have implemented a series of Mental Health workshops that are open to players, parents, and coaches to participate. We are proud to partner with Rush National to offer this to our community. The third workshop of this series will be held on June 19.

We will be adding more Coaching Education courses in the fall season, and several of our coaching staff are completing courses this summer. Many of our coaching staff are also taking advantage of the Rush Way certification pathway which is unique to Rush Soccer and was released last year. A renewed effort will also be placed on parent education in the coming fall season. Look for more parent specific workshops and orientation meetings surrounding our programming.

We previously announced exciting news concerning renovations at our Milton facility. The work on the facility started in early June, and we are targeting an early August completion of the indoor field renovation. There are some initial photos of the project included with the newsletter, and we will continue to update everyone on the progress of the renovation. During the summer months we are also paying very close attention to our outdoor fields and taking the necessary steps to make sure they are in the best possible condition for the start of the fall season.

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All our Fall 2023 Program registrations are open, and we look forward to seeing everyone back for the fall season. Our Recreational programs continue to grow, and we have already surpassed where we were this time last year for player enrollments. If you or a neighbor who wants to learn more about our fun recreational leagues, please reach out to our staff. For those adults who want to do more than watch their children play, we have many options for adult leagues in both Dunwoody and Milton. Check out our website do details and join the fun!

At the end of the spring 2023 season, we established our RU Community task force. The task force's role is to expand the ways our players and membership can get involved in their local communities in the form of service projects. Our first service project was a food donation drive in Dunwoody, and you can see some of the photos taken during the project. We will share additional opportunities for folks to get involved in future events later this summer and fall.

We have shared important information on how families can support the family of Coach Boris "Boki" Fridman, and that information is shared again at the bottom of this newsletter for anyone wanting to contribute.

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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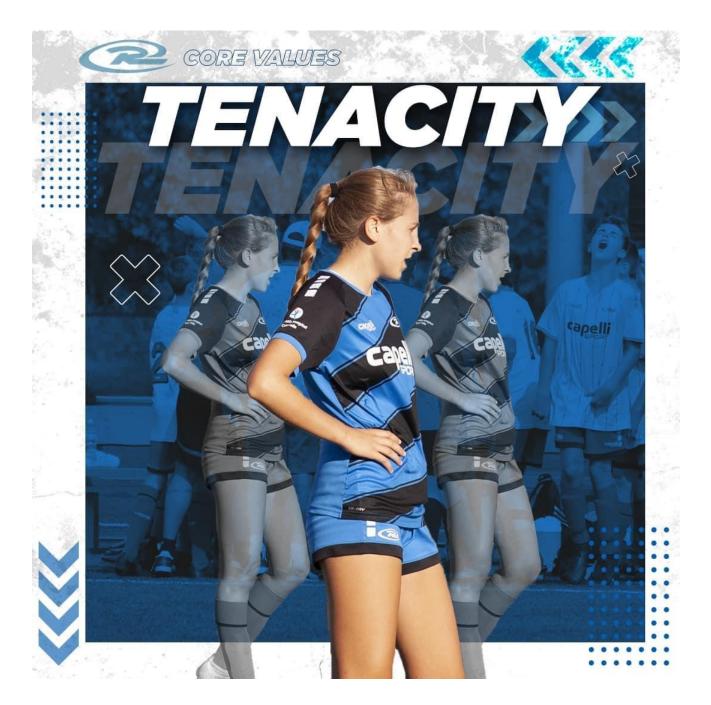
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Neil McNab Jr. CEO Rush Union



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One of 11 core values, Passion is the core value for June!

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Spring 2023 Tournament Success and a variety of tournaments, congratulations to all teams who finished their spring season off in style!



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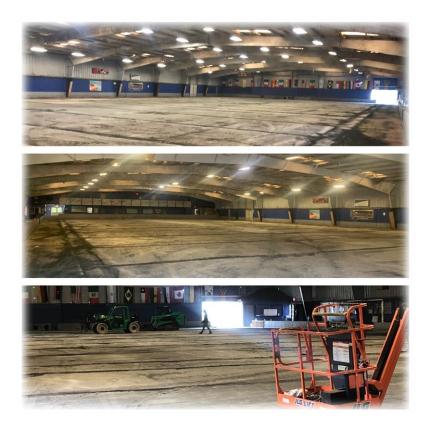
#### Indoor Renovation Update!!!

Rush Union is excited that the major renovations have started at the Milton Indoor facility. A complete remodel of the indoor field is taking place and will be completed in the next few months. The renovation will include replacement of the turf, lighting, repair of the ceiling, and walls. New doors and locks have been installed at the facility. We are working with our general contractor, and we anticipate the project will completed before the beginning of the Fall 2023 Season. During this time, we will also be assessing and making other needed repairs to the facility.

In addition to the Indoor field remodel, we have successfully negotiated an extension of our lease for the Milton facility. We are really excited about the long-term future of the facility and the programming possibilities this brings to our community for both youths and adults.

Further, we have partnered with The Collective Global, a consulting firm, that will lead us through a strategic planning process. The Collective Global has a history of working with soccer clubs, like Rush Union, and we are eager to gain their knowledge to help us better serve our membership.

As always, we thank you for your support of Rush Union and are looking forward to what the future brings for our players, families, staff and the community as a whole.



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More end of spring Tournament success!

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RU Community food donation drive held at Brook Run Park, thank you to all those involved and especially the Millrud family for coordinating the event!

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Even more end of spring tournament success!

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Rush Union is always looking for the right people to join our coaching team. If you, or anyone you know is interested in making a difference in the lives of young athletes please send them our way!

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



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Missed tryouts? Don't worry, reach out to us to schedule an evaluation!

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As many of you know, Boris Fridman "Coach Boki" passed away in April. Coach Boki was a member of our coaching staff and administrative staff for over 5 years. To honor his memory, we have worked with his family to set up a 529 Education Plan for his daughter, Evelyn. The account was setup through the Georgia Path2 College 529 plan and will help to provide a tax-advantaged program for the family to save for future education expenses.

The program provides an easy way for family and friends to make contributions to the plan through Ugift. If you're considering a gift for Evelyn in the future, we would suggest you consider using Ugift<sup>®</sup>. It's a free-to-use service that makes it easy to contribute to the 529 plan account at any time.

There are no fees with Ugift; your entire gift will go to Evelyn's 529 account. You can make a secure gift contribution any time you'd like. All you need is the following Ugift code -

Evelyn's Ugift code: 379-W15

To make a gift contribution using Ugift:

- 1. Go to Ugift529.com
- 2. Enter the Ugift code: 379-W15
- 3. Enter your name and the amount of your gift
- 4. Make your gift via electronic funds transfer or check

Thank you for your support of the Fridman family.

### Boris Fridman

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