



## SPI ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

Based in Littleton, Colorado, the Rush Soccer is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization established to provide an unparalleled personal growth experience through the game of soccer and to promote life-long participation in the sport. Formed in 1997 through a merger of two local clubs, Club Columbine (est. 1974) and Lakewood United Soccer Club (est. 1982), the Rush now services over 5,000 players locally, 32,000 nationally and another 6,000 internationally on an annual basis. As a member of the Federation International Football Association and the United States Soccer Federation, the Rush offer recreational and competitive programs for players of all ages and abilities.

Over the past ten years, the Rush has become recognized as the top soccer club in Colorado and one of the premier youth soccer organizations in the nation. Only two clubs in the country rank higher in both boys and girls. Rush competitive teams have won an unprecedented fourteen (14) United States Youth Soccer and US Club Soccer national championships. Rush competitive teams compete locally in leagues organized by the U.S.S.F. and F.I.F.A.

The Developmental, or recreational, branch consists of nearly 18,000 players participating on over 1,400 teams. In addition to organizing teams and coordinating league operations for these neighborhood-based programs, the Rush offers a wide variety of educational programs for players, coaches and referees through the Developmental branch.

In addition to the core advanced, developmental and adult programs described above, the Club offers special programming that includes athletic programs operated in conjunction with local school districts, special needs teams, inner city outreach programs, family financial aid, a college advisory program and a video library. Furthermore, the Rush also operates over 45 annual soccer tournaments around the country.

Rush Soccer just recently expanded its brand overseas with its first partner Nkomazi Rush, three hours east of Johannesburg, South Africa. Nkomazi Rush has approximately 3,000 boys and girls playing in the club. Since then, the international expansion exploded to 17 clubs in 4 continents.

Rush maintains a permanent coaching staff of 16 and an administrative staff of 14. Volunteer posts include the 9-member board of directors, coaches, assistant coaches, team parents, referees, team managers and team treasurers numbering over 10,000 individuals!. Both staff and volunteers alike provide the overall direction for the club in offering coaching and instruction, workshops and clinics, and licensed training for volunteer and staff coaches. Our high-quality training accommodates the novice to the elite players. Recent accomplishments include:

- (14) USYSA/US Club since 1998; including one USYS National Championship in 2009
- (105) State Cup Championships in the past five years;
- More than 34,000 players ages 4 to adult; more than 1,400 recreational and competitive teams;
- (38,000) Rush Base Membership;
- (26) Clubs in 24 different states in the U.S.;
- (17) International Partners in four continents;
- (10) Current youth players playing on USA Youth National Teams; (19) players in national pool;
- (100+) Olympic Development Program (ODP) players; (13) Alumni playing professionally, including World Cup and Olympic teams, in the U.S. and Europe;
- (Millions) In scholarship money. College Advisory Program to assist students with college placement (academic/athletic) and scholarships;
- (100,000) Pieces of equipment collected through the REACH, Rush Eager to Assist Children program to aid children in Asia, Africa and South America;
- (53+) Acres located in Southwest Denver for future development for a state of the art sports complex.

### **Vision Statement**

Our aim is to partner with likeminded clubs around the world and create a player base which is unmatched in both quality and quantity, which in turn is used to develop elite level players that will eventually feed into a Rush professional team representing one of the most recognized brands in the world