



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT UNITED FC RUSH SOCCER

## Q: Why a change?

A: This is an opportunity to grow and develop our players and coaches, as much as they want, through a wider variety of programs that Rush supports. United FC Rush will be able to give more playing opportunities to players at all levels.

## Q: What does it mean for our players?

A:

- This partnership will allow United FC Rush players to be evaluated for regional and national level events, as well as player sharing opportunities with Twin Cities Rush and Rush National for local and tournament play.
- Rush also offers unique programs that we have not had the infrastructure to offer.
  - [The College Advisory Program](#), also known as CAP, which is an opportunity for our players going into high school age athletes to get on the collegiate pathway.
  - [Rush Fest](#) which is an opportunity for our U12 players to travel to Colorado.
  - Rush Select Events which will give those members of our community the chance to strive for higher levels of play within a supported environment.

## Q: Why Rush?

A:

- The organization functions with [11 Core Values](#), that we believe promote our Mission Statement (*We promote the importance of education, self-esteem, diversity and teamwork in a safe, fun environment, allowing players to develop to their fullest potential in soccer and in life.*)
- [Rush](#) is a nationwide franchise, and we are collaborating with Twin Cities Rush.
- [United FC Rush](#) will offer a player-centered approach, backed with a national-level program and elite-level coaching. This will provide a positive playing and learning environment that fosters long-term player development and personal growth, positioning all members and players for their ultimate success.



**Q: What does it mean to STMA United?**

A:

- The club will remain as our own 501(c)(3) organization, doing business as United FC Rush, focused on our members, but growing in a way to allow them the best opportunities to develop all aspects of the game.
- The club will benefit from the business model which allows for more resources right here in Minnesota but also at the national level. Being a part of the Rush family offers United FC Rush access to full-time national support staff, which means HR Department, marketing, lawyers, national technical directors, as well as a nationwide player pathway and age appropriate curriculum are just some of the behind the scenes offerings from Rush.

**Q: When is this happening?**

A: Our first official event as United FC Rush will be our U9-U11 tryouts on July 18, 2022.

**Q: Will the tryout process change?**

A: No

**Q: Will there be a new board or staff?**

A: No, the current board will remain in place until the Annual Meeting in August 2022 when elections will be held as usual. The current staff we have will remain in place.

**Q: Who will be the coaches?**

A: Our frontline coaching staff will remain intact. Our coaches will have additional resources and training available to them through the Rush family.

**Q: Where will we play our games and practice?**

A: Our practice and home game schedule will not be changing. We will remain right here in our communities as we have been.



**Q: Will we have to buy new uniforms?**

A: Yes, we are on cycle to purchase new uniforms for the 2023 season, and at that time we will be switching to Rush Capelli Uniforms.

**Q: Will United FC be part of TCSL or MYSA?**

A: Nothing changes, teams will be placed in the most appropriate league and level.

**Q: How is this going to affect membership fees?**

A:

- The Rush fees are \$9 per player for U15 and above and \$18 for players U14 and below, because the older players have less club soccer season time due to high school sports.
- However, we want our families to be aware of the fact that the cost of soccer has increased across all aspects, including tournament registration, cost of rentals, coaching costs, referee costs, equipment costs and such, so there will need to be additional increases to fees across the board as we move into the next season.

**Q: Will this change our recreational program?**

A: No, our Recreational soccer program will remain as it is. We will continue to offer 4 seasons of recreational play.

**Q: When will we be able to purchase merchandise with the new logo to support the club and change?**

A: More information to follow

**Q: I have additional questions and want to learn more. Who can I contact?**

A: Feel free to reach out to contact the Board with any questions [questions@unitedfcrush.com](mailto:questions@unitedfcrush.com)