Rush Select at the Fest

One aspect of the Rush Fest is for the Rush Select staff to begin to identify the best players in the



country. Rush Select is a program where the best players in the Rush nation are pulled together, given the opportunity to train together and ultimately play together in a national level tournament representing Rush soccer.

This program has been very successful in the past with just this past February, 165 of the best players in Rush aged U13-U17 meeting in Phoenix, AZ for the <u>Presidents Daty Tournament</u>. Twenty two coaches, including 2 Regional Technical Directors and 12 Technical Directors were on staff, resulting in two championships and a tournament record of 27-11-6.

Rush Select will bring the upcoming staff for next years U13 team to be there soley to scout the best players and put them in the Select pool. There are other opportunities to be entered in the pool, including recommendations, <u>ID camps</u> and other scouting opportunities. This will be though, in most cases, the first chance to be seen by the <u>Select Coaching Staff</u>.

In the past the Rush Select teams have entered other tournaments such as the <u>Alaska Airlines Cup</u>, <u>Surf Cup</u> and the <u>Open Cup</u>. Also with the new relationship with Adidas, the best two <u>97' Boys Select players</u> are going to <u>Real Madrid</u> to represent Rush at the <u>Bernabeu</u> alongside the top thirty 97' Boys players in the world.

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