



Rush Soccer is pleased to welcome New Zealand Rush to our growing international soccer family. New Zealand Rush, which currently does business as Olé Football Academy, is based in Wellington and serves 100 players at the 6-10 year old levels.

At New Zealand Rush, success is not measured by the number of league championships that are won, but rather on the level of personal and football development that players achieve through participating in our programs. The club is focused on the individual and has a proven track record of developing and placing elite New Zealand players at US universities and professional clubs. Through passion, commitment, and science, New Zealand Rush creates an environment that empowers players with the skills and character to succeed in both football and life.

New Zealand Rush Director Nate Winkel is thrilled to have partnered with Rush Soccer. “This is a great step forward for [the club] and the opportunities we can offer our players. We have had many offers to ‘partner’ with European pro clubs, but that often just meant a logo on the website/shirts and the opportunity for one or two players to trial for a pro contact. Our agreement with Rush is much more than that, there is a real commitment of resources and the opportunity for all our players to benefit.”

Nate began his football career at Marquette University and graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration before embarking on an 8-year professional footballing career with Minnesota Thunder (USA), Virginia Beach Mariners (USA), Höllvikens GIF (Sweden), Carolina Dynamo (USA) and Högaborgs BK (Sweden). Nate has been leading Olé Football Academy since 2009 where he has played a key role in developing players in New Zealand and ensuring that they have opportunities to play internationally.

Olé and Rush share similar objectives in terms of player development and advisory for US University scholarships. "These guys have a history of producing players. I am absolutely thrilled to have them part of the Rush," commented Rush President and C.E.O. Tim Schulz. " We always ask ourselves when adding a partner if they are going to make the brand better. Well, there is no question with this club. I am very proud to welcome the New Zealand Rush!"

See how the new club announced the partnership in New Zealand! [Click here](#).