



On February 6, 2012, Alaska Rush Soccer Club introduced **Yeniel Bermudez** as the club's new Director of Coaching Developmental.

Yeniel began his playing career in his native Cuba with FC Cienfuegos in the Campeonato Nacional de Futbol de Cuba before eventually being honored with the captaincy for the Cuban U-23 National Team. He defected to the United States in 2008 during Olympic qualifying and since then has played in the USL with the Charleston Battery and the Los Angeles Blues and coached the youth academy's for those teams.

'I am very happy to be with Alaska Rush and look forward helping grow the club and develop it's players,' said Yeniel. 'I believe this is a good fit for me as a coach and couldn't have asked for a better situation here in Alaska.'

This specific role will require Yeniel to oversee the Youth Academy developmental program, SoccerMania summer camp, and SoccerFest. In addition, Yeniel will coach the 03B Nike and 99G Swoosh teams as well as act as Lead Coach for a technical academy Alaska Rush will introduce in March 2012.

'We are very excited and fortunate to have Yeniel onboard with the club. He's a great addition to the coaching staff and will contribute greatly to Alaska Rush becoming the best soccer club in the state,' said Technical Director Jason Leonardis.

'Yeniel has a wealth of knowledge and experience in the game of football that is very difficult to duplicate, especially here in Alaska. We are honored to have him with the club,' added Jason.

Welcome to the Rush Yeniel!