



Rush Soccer has a new partner in Africa! Sierra Leone Rush becomes Rush Soccer's 14th international partner. Located on the western coast of Africa, Sierra Leone is a country of over 6 million people. The new club will be located in the town Wellington, a relatively poor community a few miles outside of the nation's capital, Freetown.

Sierra Leone Rush aims to provide its members with high quality soccer instruction through a group of volunteer coaches, many of whom are former Sierra Leone national team players. The membership of Sierra Leone Rush is more than 105 players, with boys and girls from 9 to 18 years of age. Two of the club's players are on the U17 national team in Sierra Leone.

The club caters to the needs of competitive and developmental players. It also provides educational support services such as access to a library and computer training. The club has high demand and will likely grow in size in the coming months.

The new club will be led by Abdulrahman Sesay, who will serve as the Club President.

"Abdul has the experience and commitment to make the club a great success," said Rush Soccer Community Outreach Manager, Betsy Kummer. "He is a role model to the youth in Wellington and someone who has been successful on and off the field."

Abdul is a former national team member and also played on the Los Angeles Galaxy reserve team. He holds a master's degree in sports psychology, holds a USSF coaching license, and runs a grassroots nonprofit organization (Give Back to the Children Project) dedicated to the wellbeing of youth in the Wellington community where he grew up.

Abdul is very excited about partnering with the Rush. "It's official and I'm happy. We have a new partnership with the best youth soccer organization in the United States," said Abdul. "Everything Rush stands for, I stand for. This is what I'm looking for."

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