



Two Rush teams advanced to their respective Championship Games at Far West Regionals in Boise, Idaho on Sunday. The U17 New Mexico Rush boys started the day at 8:30 taking on La Roca Premier out of Utah. Rush would go up 1-0 about 15 minutes into the first half only to be answered moments later by La Roca. The next 55 minutes of soccer were very even with both teams creating half chances. New Mexico Rush would grab the lead for good with 12 minutes to play and never look back winning the first Far West title for New Mexico Rush, and only the second Rush team outside of Colorado to win a regional title (Florida Rush won on Friday). The boys finished the weekend a perfect 6-0-0.



In the second final of the day, the U18 Colorado Rush girls scored twice in the opening minutes off of a set piece smash by Maddie Yoswa and a great header by Denali Murnan. The Rush would go into halftime with a 2-0 lead but Real So Cal would score twice in the second half to force overtime. Neither team was able to

produce a goal in overtime and the championship game moved to a shootout. Both teams converted on the first four kicks. Colorado goalkeeper Molly Poletto confidently dove to her right to save the 5<sup>th</sup> Real shot and Captain Sam Harder stepped up and buried her shot to seal the win and a trip to Phoenix and USYS Nationals in late July! The Colorado girls finished the tournament with a record of 5-0-1.

Congratulations to both team Champions and to all of the other teams who attended Far West Regionals in Boise. A special thanks goes out to the staff of the Idaho Rush who were great hosts to all teams in attendance. Best of luck at Nationals to Colorado and New Mexico Rush!