



## Welcome! Rush Union Update

Hello everyone,

Spring soccer is now in full swing. Our Recreational, Academy and Select programs have all reached the midway point of the season, as we enter spring break. We are holding Spring Break Camps over the public-school breaks for anyone who is staying in town. All registrations for our Summer Programs are opening by the middle of this month. We are offering day camps, training programs and our Directors' Camp at the end of the summer.

We are excited to offer two more Grassroots USSF Coach Licensing courses in April, one in Milton and one in Dunwoody. Both courses are almost full, and we have at least 8 of our staff coaches planning to participate to continue with their coaching education. Being able to offer these courses for our coaches is a huge benefit to the program's growth and development.

Coaching Education is not the only area we are seeing expansion this season. Our Referee Jr Program recently added another 18 youth players to its pool of Jr Refs. With a statewide shortage of referees, it is important that we do everything we can to support and grow our programs internally. We ask that all parents and coaches respect our officials and encourage our younger referees with words of support and thanks. They can be easily seen around the facility wearing bright orange Jr Referee shirts.

We held a social event on March 27 at The Main Event in Alpharetta, the event was well supported with many coaches and families coming out to enjoy the fun. The Main Event is just one of our new sponsors this spring season. We are also very excited to announce DirectTV and Village Orthodontics as Rush Union Sponsors. You may have already seen them on our social media platforms. We greatly appreciate the support of our sponsors provide to our organization.

We were featured in the Milton Neighbor again this month. Please see below for a copy of the article that highlights one of our amazing recreational coach, Jim Maher, who has been a longtime volunteer at our Milton location. Thank you, Jim, for your dedication to the program.

Rush National has two different programs that we will be supporting this Summer. Rush Fest is for our players born in 2010. We will have two teams and several coaches traveling to Colorado in mid-July to play against other 2010 teams from all over the country. We will also be supporting Rush South Center which will be held July 29-31 in Lafayette LA for U14-U19 teams.

April 2022

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There are some other great things coming just around the corner. We are changing our website platform to Demosphere which will enable us to put all our programs and locations onto one platform. There are some other great features and benefits, including how we will administer our adult programs, communicate to our membership and manage our referee and game schedules. If you have feedback in the new website, please reach out to us.

We are excited about our growing programs and Rush Union currently has an opening for a full-time Administrative Support Manager. The position will be responsible for assisting the Executive Director with the day-to-day operation of the administrative functions at Rush Union Soccer Club. For more information on the position, or to apply, please submit a resume with cover letter to [agray@rushunionsoccer.org](mailto:agray@rushunionsoccer.org)

Finally, this April two of our coaches, Callum Mordey and Tiffany Rodriguez will be getting married. It is our first official Rush Union wedding. We are so excited for Callum and Tiffany and want to wish them all the love and happiness as they start their married life together. Congratulations guys!

If you have any questions about Rush Union, our programs or anything soccer related please reach out to our staff at any time.

Thank you for being part of our Rush Union family. We look forward to seeing you on the field very soon.

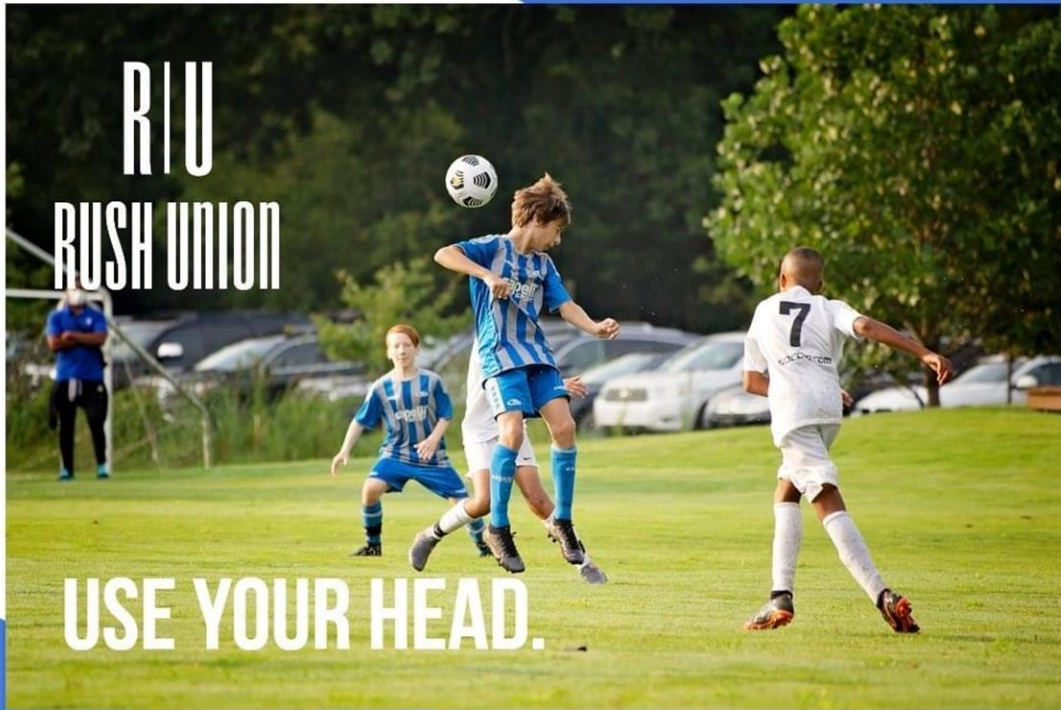
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## Coach's Corner:

### Jim Maher

BY LISA LOSSIE

Coach Jim Maher grew up playing soccer and lacrosse and rose to the collegiate level. And now, even with 40 years of playing and coaching experience, there is no place he would rather be than playing, watching, or discussing sports.

Now Coach of the U14 Rush Revolution, Maher has been coaching soccer at Rush since 2017.

"The community that Rush has is #1. Rush does a great job communicating their vision and making this a top-level experience for the rec players. I really appreciate that. Also, it is an affordable option to play rec and keeping costs on rec side low. I am passionate about affordable youth sports, and I am thankful for Rush for that," says Maher.

Jim and his wife Kathy are now parents to twin thirteen-year-old boys, Ryan and Will, who have inherited their dad's love for sports.

"The core group at Rush has been together for a long time, and I just really enjoy seeing them all thrive," says Maher.

Growing up in West Islip, New York, Coach Maher grew up playing soccer and lacrosse. He was fortunate to play on some amazing teams that captured state titles and #1 rankings in New York and the United States. Coach Maher went on to play lacrosse at St. Michael's College in Vermont.

"I started playing in 1976 and was fortunate to play or coach for the last forty years plus. My boys have been playing soccer for almost 10 years and I wanted to be part of every second with them in this great sport," says Coach Maher.

Besides coaching, Coach Maher is active in the community with organizing All Pro Dads and serving on Middle/High School Advisory Councils. In his spare time, he enjoys competing in Crossfit and loves to get to the beach as much as he can.

But his true passion is coaching, and that's where he leaves his heart on the field.

"The excitement of the game and the back-and-forth action," says Coach Maher. "Watching the boys bend and not break and then counter and take back control of the game. Just being fortunate to coach them and watch them grow as players and friends has been the best part for me."



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*Congratulations to Tiffany Rodriguez and Callum Mordey who are getting married this month. Both Tiffany and Callum Coach at our DeKalb location.*



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