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## Welcome! Rush Union Update

I do not want to start this newsletter off, or any club wide update with negative news. However, it is with a heavy heart that we want to let the membership know our beloved friend and Coach, Boris “Boki” Fridman passed away recently. Coach Boki was a tremendous coach and valued member of the Rush Union Administrative Staff. He was a guiding light to many players and a tough competitor in the Adult Leagues. He will truly be missed by all whose lives he touched. As an organization, we are continuing to discuss how to honor Coach Boki and provide the needed support to his family during this difficult time and in the future. Below in this newsletter you can read a further update on our plans and in the meantime, please keep the family in your thoughts.

We would like to congratulate all of our high school athletes who represented their school’s and Rush Union Soccer this Spring. The Georgia High School Soccer season is coming to a close season with many of our players being honored by their school programs. Congratulations again to all who competed this spring.

As we are near the end of the season, planning for the summer has been ongoing, and there will be a large variety for summer programs available during June and July. We will have 7v7 leagues, camps, weekly clinics, team training options, and more available. Of course, we will have our signature Camp at the end of the Summer which is newly named the “Complete Player Camp”. This three night camp will offer everything the complete player needs from soccer, to Yoga, to strength training, and video analysis. For more information on the Complete Player Camp and all the summer programs options available please visit our website.

During the month of May, we have tryouts for our competitive programs, Pre-Academy, Academy, and SCCL. Tryouts will run from May 16-June 1. Please note that all new and returning players must register for tryouts. For specific tryout information (including dates and times for you player’s age group) and to register for tryouts please visit our website here - <https://www.rushunionsoccer.org/tryouts>

Rush Union is an organization that cares about our players and families on and off the field. We have implemented a series of Mental Health workshops that are open to players, parents, and coaches to participate. We are proud to partner with Rush National to offer this to our community. The first of this workshop series was held on March 20 and the second one has been rescheduled for May 7. More information will be shared shortly.

We added two more USSF Grassroots Courses in April as part of our commitment to coaching education. We hosted the 7v7 and 11v11 courses at Pleasantdale Park. Many of our coaching staff are also taking advantage of the Rush Way certification pathway which is unique to Rush Soccer and was released earlier this year.

May 2023

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We have very exciting news to announce concerning our Milton facility. We are extremely proud to announce that a full renovation of the indoor field will happen in the coming months. The full press release is included below in this newsletter and has been emailed out to all members of the organization. We will keep everyone updated as this exciting project develops.

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 back on the field soon.

R|U Ready?



**Neil McNab Jr.**  
CEO Rush Union



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**SUMMER PROGRAMS**

Including • Recreational Skills • Goal Keeper Training • Pre-Academy Skills Camps & Complete Player Camp

**MILTON AND DEKALB LOCATIONS**

PLAN FOR YOUR ATHLETE NOW AND **#KEEPITKICKING** ALL SUMMER LONG!

VISIT [RUSHUNIONSOCCEER.ORG](http://RUSHUNIONSOCCEER.ORG) AND FILTER BY LOCATION

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*One of 11 core values, Passion is the core value for May!*

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## Social Media

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[www.Facebook.com/rushunionsoccer](https://www.facebook.com/rushunionsoccer)

Instagram: @RushUnion

Twitter: @Union\_rush

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*The Fall 2023 Competitive team Tryouts are just around the corner, tryout registration is now OPEN for Rush Union Soccer!*





## Exciting News!!!

Rush Union is excited to announce major renovations will be coming to the Milton Indoor facility. A complete remodel of the indoor field will be taking place in the next few months. The renovation will include replacement of the turf, lighting, repair of the ceiling, and walls. Also, during the renovation, new doors and locks will be installed at the facility. While we are still working with our general contractor, we anticipate the project will begin after Tryouts and we hope to have the project completed before the beginning of the Fall 2023 Season. During this time, we will also be assessing and making other needed repairs to the facility.

In addition to the Indoor field remodel, we have successfully negotiated an extension of our lease for the Milton facility. We are really excited about the long-term future of the facility and the programming possibilities this brings to our community for both youths and adults.

Further, we have partnered with The Collective Global, a consulting firm, that will lead us through a strategic planning process. The Collective Global has a history of working with soccer clubs, like Rush Union, and we are eager to gain their knowledge to help us better serve our membership.

As always, we thank you for your support of Rush Union and are looking forward to what the future brings for our players, families, staff and the community as a whole.



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***Two coaching courses were held at Pleasantdale Park April 16-20 as part of Rush Union's continued commitment to coaching education!***

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***Check out the Positively Soccer Promotional video here:***

[\(1\) Watch | Facebook](#)

***Become a referee, we need your help... Watch this short recruitment video:***

<https://youtu.be/hAytYUfQR7o>









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**RUSH UNION**

COLLEGE ADVISORY PROGRAM

## WHAT MAKES CAP DIFFERENT VS OTHER CLUB

-  **Regional CAP Director assigned to our club**
-  **Free CAP Navigate Account (Rush's recruitment platform)**
-  **Free Access to CAP University**  
Step by Step, Grade-by Grade
-  **Free ACT/SAT Prep courses**
-  **Recruitment Bootcamps**
-  **Free Honest Game (NCAA/NAIA Eligibility tracker)**
-  **Guest Playing Opportunities with 80 other Rush Clubs across the United States**
-  **Two full time video analysts on staff to create highlight videos**



**You get the benefits of the Rush Select Program and all of Rush's opportunities such as Regional Showcase Teams, where players are seen by National Scouts and College Coaches.**

***CAP is one of the programs that makes us different!***

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**GOOD NEWS!**

**Rush Union is hiring  
coaches! Join the  
team**

**All levels. All locations.  
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Interested? Email [nmcnab@rushunionsoccer.org](mailto:nmcnab@rushunionsoccer.org)

*Rush Union is always looking for the right people to join our coaching team. If you, or anyone you know is interested in making a difference in the lives of young athletes please send them our way!*

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*Rush Union and The Collective will be working together to create a strategic plan for Rush Union as we strive to be the best organization we can be!*



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A promotional graphic for Rush Union Soccer's summer programs. It features a yellow background with a white soccer ball in the center. Above the ball, the text "ALL LOCATIONS" is written in a white, curved font. Below the ball, the words "SUMMER PROGRAMS" are written in large, bold, white capital letters. Underneath that, the text "VISIT WWW.RUSHUNIONSOCCKER.ORG FILTER BY LOCATION TO FIND YOUR SUMMER FIT!" is written in smaller white capital letters. At the bottom, a white rectangular button contains the text "REGISTER NOW" in bold black capital letters. At the top of the graphic, a blue square contains the "RIU RUSH UNION" logo in white.

*Come check out our summer programs in all locations!*

## **Boris “Boki” Fridman update:**

It has been a very hard time for the Rush Union family as our friend and coach, Boris “Boki” Fridman, was laid to rest. We appreciate the support shown to his family by the Membership, Coaches, and Administration. Rush Union would like to continue to support the family and honor Coach Boki. As such, we are planning a couple of things-

First, we would like to start a 529 Savings Plan to benefit his daughter, Evelyn, who is 1 ½ years old. We are currently discussing the setup of the account and how to accept donations to the account with our accountants. We will provide more information on the account once it is set up.

We are also planning to create the Boris “Boki” Fridman Legacy Award which would include a scholarship for the selected player. The award will be presented to the player who embodies the Rush Core Values which are something Coach Boki tried to teach all his players. The scholarship will be funded through donations, an annual Coaches game, and other club events.

Finally, Coach Boki will be honored at The Father Christmas Cup. The tentative date for the event is December 9, 2023. The Father Christmas Cup is an annual charity soccer tournament raising money for local families who have recently lost a parent. Below is the link to last year’s The Father Christmas Cup website for more information on the event. Please mark your calendars and try to organize a team for this event.

[Father Christmas Cup](#)

Thank you for your continued support of the Fridman family. We will send information as it developed and if anyone would like to help with these projects, please reach out to us.

## *Boris Fridman*

**JUNE 4, 1990 – APRIL 19, 2023**

