



# IOWA RUSH

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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*Pictured Above - Highlights from the 2023 Heartland Invitational Tournament in November.*

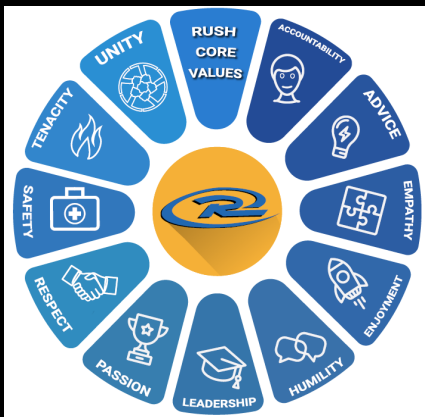
## Abby Warner's Player Pathway

Abby Warner's soccer journey exemplifies the impact of player pathways, from Iowa Rush South to VSA Rush, and her



commitment to further her soccer career at the University of Iowa. Click below to read more about her inspiring player pathway story.

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To learn more about our core values and Everlee's selection for this honor, click below.

[Iowa Rush Core Values](#)



Congratulations to Marlee Buchan and Grant Anderson for being honored as Iowa Rush Core Value Players of the Month for December and January!

## Iowa Rush 2023-24 Registration By the Numbers

### Iowa Rush Central

- Kicks for Kids: 262
- Spring Academy & Rec: 799
- Fall Academy & Rec: 727
- Select: 311
- VSA Rush: 210

### Iowa Rush North

- Kicks for Kids: 212
- Academy: 19
- Select: 80

### Iowa Rush South

- Spring Rec: 223
- Fall Rec: 196
- Select: 99



## Rush Shoutout: Diane Calvert

The Iowa Rush Soccer Club extends its deepest gratitude to Diane Calvert for her exceptional dedication and service during her six year tenure on the board. Diane's



unwavering commitment to the club's mission and invaluable contributions have made a lasting impact on our organization. In addition to her board role, Diane's support as a parent and volunteer has greatly enriched the Iowa Rush community. As Diane steps down from her position, heartfelt thanks are extended, and continued success is wished for her in all future endeavors.



## Introducing Iowa Rush Central New Board Members:



**Brett Schlegel**  
Treasurer



**Ahmed Agyeman**  
Board Director at Large



**John Welch**  
Board Director at Large

The Iowa Rush Central Board of Directors is comprised of volunteers dedicated to youth soccer. The Board consists of nine members who oversee the property, affairs, and activities. Click below to learn more.

**Iowa Rush Central Board of  
Directors**

## End-Of-Year Campaign: Coaching Education

**Thank you, Iowa Rush families, for your incredible support in our  
End-Of-Year Campaign!**

How does your support and generous donations impact coaching

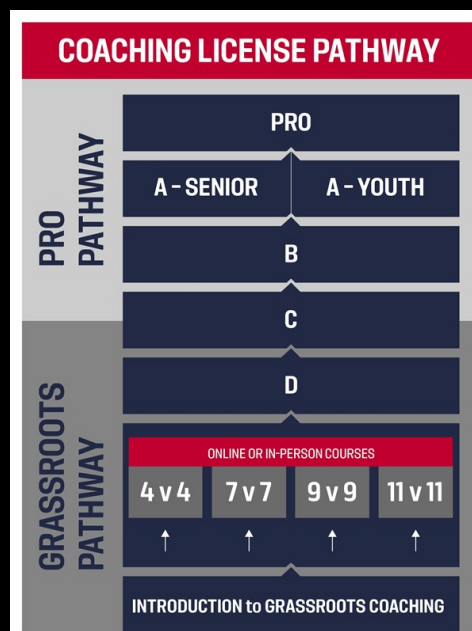
education opportunities at Iowa Rush?

For 5U-10U coaches, raising funds supports grassroots coaching courses and provides access to a more robust curriculum. For staff and full-time coaches, raising funds provides support for sending coaches to US Soccer Coaching Courses and educational opportunities, such as attending national coaching conventions and participating in opportunities through the Rush National system.

Listed below are some of our Iowa Rush coaches and where they are on the coach license pathway.

## Iowa Rush Coaches:

- Antonio Melendez: Enrolled in D-License course
- Chris Allen: Enrolled in C-License course
- Jeff Adamiak: B-License
- Jordan Burns: C-License
- Kirk Artist: C-License & USC Premier Diploma
- Lora Gralheer: Enrolled in A-License course
- Luke McClyman: C-License
- Meg Brandt: Enrolled in D-License course
- Scott Schultz: C-License
- Will Nurre: Enrolled in B-License course
- James Price: D-License
- Jami Reichenberger: Enrolled in D-License course
- Jake Rasbeck: Grassroots License
- Scott Treft: Grassroots License



"The Iowa Rush coaches hold each of my children accountable for their development, behavior, teamwork, and a positive team culture. Iowa Rush coaches are individually focused on their own personal coaching development as well as how to be the best leaders they can be within youth sports."

-Matt Borich (Iowa Rush Parent)

"The Iowa Rush coaches have positively impacted my player pathway by always believing in me, guiding me, but not doing things for me. The coaches have presented great loyalty to the club, players and trusting the process."

-Mady Postma (VSA Rush Player)





## Rush Midwest Festivals

The debut Midwest Festival in Minneapolis on January 27-28 provided a fantastic weekend chock full of fun and fierce competition. It provided an excellent opportunity to gain extra playing time on the field as we gear up for the spring season.



## What are Rush Midwest Festivals?

- Rush Midwest Festival Weekends provide 11U (2013) and 12U (2012) Boys and Girls teams associated with Rush the opportunity to build

community, while providing developmental experiences in a collaborative environment

- Teams play 2-3 games at central locations across the Midwest during each festival-style weekend. Players and coaches can focus on development in a competitive atmosphere, while fostering partnerships across the Rush network of Midwest clubs
- Iowa Rush looks forward to hosting the upcoming Midwest Festival in Des Moines on March 1-3

**#RepYourClub**

**#GrowthMindset**

**#BringTheFun**

**Rush Midwest  
Festivals**



**THREE REASONS WE'RE EXCITED FOR THE MIDWEST FESTIVALS**

- 1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MORE VARIETY IN COMPETITION**  
PLAYERS WILL COMPLETE AGAINST CLUBS FROM AROUND THE MIDWEST REGION
- 2. CAPITALIZING ON THE NATIONAL RUSH NETWORK**  
RUSH CLUBS FROM AROUND THE REGION CAN COME TOGETHER TO COMPETE AND CHALLENGE ONE ANOTHER
- 3. YEAR-ROUND PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES FOR 9V9 TEAMS**  
AN EXTRA OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YOUNGER PLAYERS TO STAY SHARP AND FIND HIGH QUALITY 9V9 MATCHES



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Iowa Rush Soccer EXTRAVAGANZA - Friday, August 9th**

The Iowa Rush Soccer Extravaganza will officially return for year two on August 9th! In preparation for a fun filled day, the Iowa Rush team is already hard at work planning and preparing countless details that make the day so special. We are calling for any and all parents who would like to volunteer in this year's planning committee! Fill out the form below to get more info on how you can volunteer. 2024 Soccer Extravaganza will be better than ever!



**Volunteer Form**

## Iowa Rush Tryouts - First 3 weeks of June

More details coming soon!

### Sponsor Iowa Rush!

Please fill out the form below if you are interested in becoming a sponsor for the 2024-2025 season to support our initiatives and events.

**Sponsorship Inquiry**



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