



BLOUNT UNITED RUSH SC

2026/27 COMPETITIVE TRYOUTS

We sincerely appreciate you coming out to Blount United Rush SC tryouts and showing your support for our nonprofit, community-driven, and elite-level soccer program. Your participation helps us continue our mission of developing young athletes both on and off the field, while strengthening the local soccer community. Thank you for being a part of the Blount United family!



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BLOUNT UNITED RUSH SC

Board of Directors and Leadership Team



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Director of Coaching



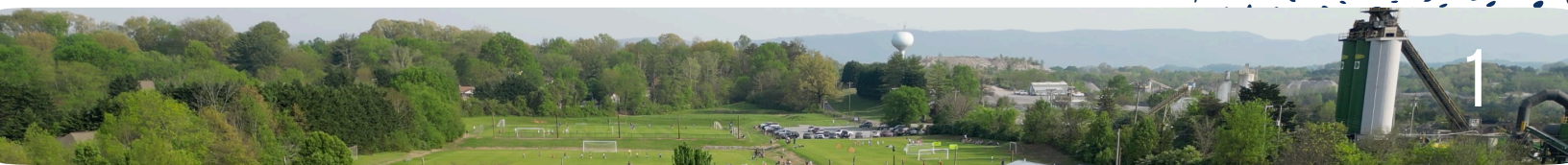
Anna Land
Director of Academy
and Growth



Marco Browning
9v9 and Tournament
Director



Luke Newman
7v7 Director





BLOUNT UNITED RUSH SC

Brief History and Our Mission, Values, and Vision

OVER TWO DECADES OF IMPACT

More Than A Sport



est. 1997
29 years of teaching youth valuable life skills on and off the field.



Vulcan Fields
The only club in Blount County and Knoxville to have dedicated, private grass fields only for our players and club partners



Lifelong Trajectories
Players who become coaches and directors. Creating multiple pathways in the sports industry



Partnerships
The only club in East TN to have a global soccer partner. Assisting players, coaches, and club administration in creating the best club environment



Mission

provide excellence in soccer training & development for the youth of Blount County



Values

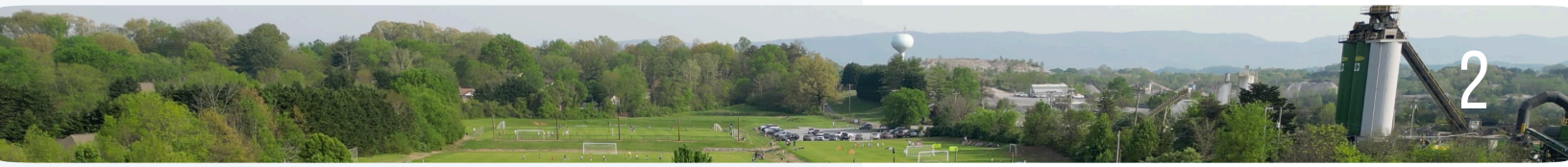
founded on the principles of fair play, sportsmanship, and community spirit



Vision

foster and grow the best environment and opportunities for youth soccer development

Blount United Mission Values & Vision



UNMATCHED BENEFITS AT BLOUNT UNITED RUSH SC

ALL players now have access to **14+ additional programs and events** to support their development and goals on and off the field

Showcase Teams: Additional college showcase opportunity. Our 11v11 coaches form teams based on skill and players interested in playing in college, and take the showcase teams to tournaments where they can play in front of hundreds of college coaches!

Position Specific Skills Nights: FREE additional training opportunity that focuses on enhancing players' ability and game IQ for specific positions

CAP: College Advisory Program is FREE for all high school-age players. CAP offers players free accounts on ProductiveRecruit to search and contact colleges they are interested in attending and/or playing for. CAP also assists with academic success through free ACT/SAT prep programs, a peer mentorship program, monthly CAP video calls, highlight video services, a CAP curriculum that will help your player know what to do to get recruited, free templates for contacting colleges, and more! Contact our local CAP director, Ethan Brass to learn more.

RSD: Rush Soccer Development offers FREE Train @ Home video training program with monthly challenges, position-specific courses, parent resources, curriculum for our coaches, a juggling club, and futsal ID camps

Summer 5v5 League: A great way to keep touches on the ball all summer long. This is a player-led environment where they create their own teams or join as an individual free agent and compete in weekly games and an end of season tournament. Open to ages 4-100, even adults can get in on the action! Click [here](#) to learn more and register. Season starts the first week of June!

Rush Select: The next tier in the Blount United player pathway is here! 9U+ players now have the opportunity to join Regional and National Rush Select teams. These teams play in major tournaments and showcases around the country and provide our players with opportunities to get in front of college coaches and play against elite competition. Learn more at www.blountunited.com/rushselect

Rush Academy: Blount United is now the ONLY club in East Tennessee with direct connection to a live-in soccer academy for the most elite players. Rush Academy players complete school, train, and play all at the Academy grounds in Florida & Hawaii

Rush Fest: Players have one chance to attend a week long soccer festival over the summer as they age up to the 11v11 format. This event is the first opportunity for players to be scouted by Rush Select. Players also meet other Rush players from across the nation, attend classroom and field training sessions, and compete in a tournament. All rising 11v11 teams should plan to attend this event. Click [here](#) for more information.

Girls Night: Blount United hosts this seasonal one-night event, FREE for all female players to have fun and develop as leaders. Future plans include the development of a Big Sister, Little Sister program. More info, email dag@blountunited.com

Community Day: FREE annual event held in the spring that invites all soccer and youth development organizations to come together for a day of community, networking, competitions, food, music, and fun. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Club Recommended Tournaments: One way Blount United focuses on club culture is by recommending tournaments each season for the majority of our teams to attend. This ensures optimal tournament selections, supports our families with multiple players, and creates chances for our teams to support one another on and off the field

Club Day: Another way Blount United continues to grow our club culture is by starting every season with a day in which each team plays coach-led friendlies against other club teams. This is a fun day for the club to come together a prepare for another great season.

Winter Futsal: Players can continue to improve their skills all year long with our indoor winter futsal program. This program focuses on speed, confidence, and individual skills on the ball. Learn more by clicking [here](#)

Rush Travel & Professional Teams: Players and families have opportunities to join soccer mission trips to donate jerseys & support soccer communities around the world with R.E.A.C.H. In addition to R.E.A.C.H., players can join overseas soccer trips to play in incredible environments and train with the Rush professional teams: Varazdin Rush and SKN St. Pölten Rush (women's team). Click [here](#) to learn more.



Learn more at blountunited.com
Questions? Email info@blountunited.com



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Home of the Hammers and Lady Hammers

Jersey orders must be placed no later than June 27th, 2026



NEW players only. Club players from the previous 2025/26 season do not need to order new jerseys until our next jersey cycle in the 2027/28 season



Emails with instructions on how to order your uniform kits will be sent out once registration is complete



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2026/27 COMPETITIVE FEES

For 2026/27, we have introduced a simplified fee structure. Club and team fees are combined into clear monthly payment schedules. You can still choose to pay in full or on a month-to-month basis.

7v7									
Age Group	Registration Fee	August 15	September 15	October 15	Winter Break	January 15	February 15	March 15	April 15
9U	\$250	\$200	\$200	\$200	-	\$250	\$200	\$200	\$200
10U	\$250	\$200	\$200	\$200	-	\$250	\$200	\$200	\$200

9v9									
Age Group	Registration Fee	August 15	September 15	October 15	Winter Break	January 15	February 15	March 15	April 15
11U	\$250	\$242.00	\$242.00	\$242.00	-	\$250	\$242.00	\$242.00	\$242.00
12U	\$250	\$242.00	\$242.00	\$242.00	-	\$250	\$242.00	\$242.00	\$242.00

11v11									
Age Group	Registration Fee	August 15	September 15	October 15	Winter Break	January 15	February 15	March 15	April 15
13U	\$250	\$309.00	\$309.00	\$309.00	-	\$250	\$309.00	\$309.00	\$309.00
14U	\$250	\$309.00	\$309.00	\$309.00	-	\$250	\$309.00	\$309.00	\$309.00

11v11 High School Boys				
<i>Play club soccer in the fall, high school soccer in the spring</i>				
Age Group	Registration Fee	August 15	September 15	October 15
15U	\$250	\$309.00	\$309.00	\$309.00
16U	\$250	\$309.00	\$309.00	\$309.00
17U	\$250	\$309.00	\$309.00	\$309.00
18U	\$250	\$309.00	\$309.00	\$309.00

11v11 High School Girls				
<i>Play high school soccer in the fall, club soccer in the spring</i>				
Age Group	Registration Fee	February 15	March 15	April 15
15U	\$250	\$309.00	\$309.00	\$309.00
16U	\$250	\$309.00	\$309.00	\$309.00
17U	\$250	\$309.00	\$309.00	\$309.00
18U	\$250	\$309.00	\$309.00	\$309.00

Questions about fees?
Email treasurer@blountunited.com



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WHAT TO EXPECT

7V7 COMPETITIVE TEAMS

7v7 teams will train (practice) twice per week at Vulcan Fields

Local League Play: travel to Knoxville and surrounding areas to compete in a local competitive league

Friendlies: host or travel to friendlies to be determined by coach, manager, and team

Tournaments: participate in up to three tournaments, with at least one being an away tournament (further than 60 miles away). Away tournaments do usually require a two-night stay at a hotel, not included in team fees.

9V9 COMPETITIVE TEAMS

9v9 teams will train (practice) twice per week at Vulcan Fields

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Friendlies: host or travel to friendlies to be determined by coach, manager, and team

Tournaments: participate in up to three tournaments, with at least one being an away tournament (further than 60 miles away). Away tournaments do usually require a two-night stay at a hotel, not included in team fees.

TN State League (TSL): some of our 9v9 teams also participate in TSL. This league allows teams to compete against teams from across the state to hopefully earn a spot at the end-of-season State Cup!

11V11 COMPETITIVE TEAMS

11v11 teams will train (practice) two to three times per week at Vulcan Fields

Local League Play: travel to Knoxville and surrounding areas to compete in a local competitive league

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TN State League (TSL): some of our 11v11 teams also participate in TSL. This league allows teams to compete against teams from across the state to hopefully earn a spot at the end-of-season State Cup! Additional travel and team fees (\$50) are included for TSL teams

College Showcase Teams: High school players have the opportunity to be selected for one of our club's college showcase teams. Teams are built on both skill and players pursuing college soccer opportunities. All players must meet CAP+ and showcase team requirements. Showcase teams do have additional fees to cover the tournament costs. Interested? Email doc@blountunited.com



BLOUNT UNITED RUSH SC

Strategic Vision and Player Pathway

FUTURE VISION AND GROWTH

Leading The Next Generation



Remove Barriers

Summer 5v5 League, Winter Futsal, and Rec+ offer low cost programs to eliminate the barrier to entry and support more of our community



Welcome Everyone

TOPSoccer is a FREE program for players with disabilities. Making sure soccer is for everyone!



Create Pathways

New partnerships with Rush Soccer and Parks & Rec to assist all players and coaches on their individual pathways and goals

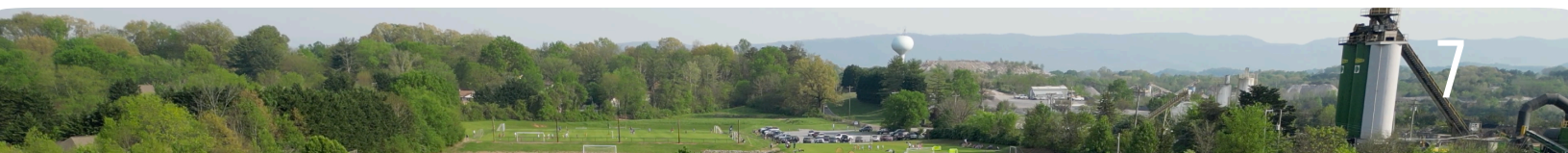


Enhance Our Facility

Corporate and community fundraising for more scholarship opportunities and capital improvements

SUPPORTING YOUR PLAYER'S JOURNEY

Blount United Rush SC Player Pathway





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Strategic Vision and Player Pathway

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Blount United Rush believes in holistic player development at all stages of the youth soccer process. We aim to achieve this through several methods and philosophies.

USING THE GAME AS THE TEACHER

Within the calendar year, you can expect your team to play roughly 20 external competitions per season (20 for single season, 40 total for dual season teams). This balanced number of games will be used to allow your player to experience the game. This balance aims to provide an experiential learning environment and prevent the risk of overuse. The club will also use weekly training opportunities and other planned intra-club games for additional for player development opportunities. These games are not counted in the 20/40 yearly external game count, but are tracked by the club in a yearly overall count of games.

PLAYING TIME

Playing time for any individual is completely at the coach's discretion. Players should be exposed to the game as much as possible. Players should not experience instances of not playing in games attended without prior communication from coaching staff/players.

Coaches may determine playing time based on a few factors including:

- Attendance (Training Sessions and Games)
- Attitude (Coachability and Attention)
- Effort (Willingness to Train/Play and Perseverance)
- Player Readiness (Injuries and Workload Management)



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REFUND POLICY

The competitive program at Blount United Rush SC has a stringent refund policy because a player's acceptance has the effect of denying another player an opportunity to play on a competitive team. Additionally, costs accrue to the Club for services provided to the team based on player headcount. Accordingly, fees are not refundable and not transferable. Fees for participation in the Club cover the entire seasonal year. The parent/guardian of a player who accepts an invitation to play with the Club, by signing the Permission to Roster form, commits to pay all the fees (including team fees) for the full seasonal year. No refunds, partial or full, will be made to players who choose not to participate at any point after the binding date (defined by TSSA) for the current seasonal year for any reason, including players suspended from the program. The only exceptions are (1) In the event that a player has a season ending injury, the board may consider a partial refund after review of records provided by the treating physician or facility, on a case by case basis and (2) For families that move during the season, the board may consider a partial refund, on a case by case basis. Under these specific circumstances, the parent/guardian of the player must make a refund request to the board by emailing the request, including supporting documents, to doso@blountunited.com. Please note that refundable amounts are time-sensitive as costs accrue to the Club for services provided to the team based on player headcount each month. Consequently, the refundable amount will be affected by the date you request the refund, not the date of the event. Team fees are not refundable under any circumstances.

IMPORTANT DATES

Players who will be offered a spot will receive notification as early as night one of tryouts and no later than the Sunday after their specific tryout dates. Notifications are via Playmetrics, email, and/or phone call. Important dates to consider:

Early Bird Registration

Save \$25 by securing your spot by June 7th, 2026

Binding Date

June 15th, 2026, is the binding date, meaning that a Commitment Letter obligates the player to the club. If the player signs a Commitment Letter prior to the Binding Date and changes their mind, they may do so per TSSA policy, but must notify the club and TSSA of their desire to no longer be bound and change clubs. If done after the binding date, the player must undergo a player release process, but regardless, will still be financially obligated. *See TSSA Policy 26 for supporting documentation*

Late Fee

Players who register on or after June 16th will incur a \$50 late fee



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DISCOUNTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Blount United is proud to announce that with the support of our incredible sponsors we awarded over **\$40,000** in scholarships during the 2025/26 season. In the 2026/27 season, we are excited to continue our scholarship program to make soccer affordable for all. All scholarship/financial aid requests can be submitted at the time of tryout registration. Parents can also access the financial aid form in Playmetrics by navigating to Club Programs > Financial Aid tab > click on the blue Request Financial Aid button (top right corner). **All applications must be submitted by May 31st, 2026.** Players who are awarded a scholarship will be notified via email through PlayMetrics after June 2, 2026.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- The individual registering the player must be the player's legal guardian and must create their own PlayMetrics account.
- The owner of the PlayMetrics account is responsible for the payments.
- Payments may be made in monthly installments ONLY IF a credit card is on file in PlayMetrics.
- Full payments may be paid by credit card through PlayMetrics OR by check or cash paid directly to the club Treasurer (full payments ONLY).

Questions? Please email treasurer@blountunited.com

2026/27 BLOUNT UNITED RUSH SC SPONSORSHIP



Supporting youth athletes in our community

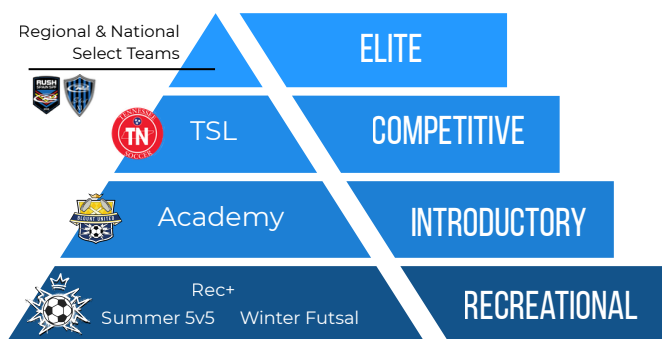
Your sponsorship directly supports player scholarships, capital improvements, and special projects—making competitive soccer more accessible and impactful for all. It's more than support; it's an investment in the future of our athletes and community. Thank you for your contribution!

About Blount United Rush SC

About

We are non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization bringing soccer to the Blount County community and surrounding areas since 1997

Programs



Elite - offers regional and national exposure to colleges and professional clubs

Competitive - Next level competition for U9-U19 players

Academy - introductory program for U5-U8 players

Recreational - low cost programs open to players of all ages

Staff

Blount United employs five directors and over twenty coaches to lead 300+ players in their soccer and character development

Scholarships & Philanthropy

In 2025/26, our sponsors supported over \$40,000 in player scholarships. In addition, Blount United now offers TOPSoccer, a free program for disabled youth, and waives all registration fees for New Hope Children's Advocacy Center players in our recreational programs

Special Projects & Capital Improvements

Completed projects include backstop net replacement, concession stand, fence replacement, field grading, and installation of covered area for the field mower. Future projects may include sports lighting, covered playing field, additional fencing, field reseeding, new gates and more hard structure additions

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SPONSORSHIP



Sponsorship Levels

	Gold \$1,500	Silver \$750	Bronze \$400
Social Media Shoutout on club social media pages	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sponsor Shirt Logo on the back of 2025/26 sponsor shirt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Club Banner Logo displayed on club banner at the concession stand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Website Logo added to sponsor section on club website	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fence Banner Sponsor banner displayed on field fence line	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Sponsorship Opportunities

Goal of the Week Sponsor - \$750 per half season

Logo on every "Goal of the Week" post in either the Fall or Spring season

Program Sponsor - \$1,500 per program

Support Summer 5v5, Winter Futsal, Academy, or TOPSoccer

Logo on all program advertisements and jerseys

Major Sponsor Opportunities - \$5,000+

Contact Anna Land, our Director of Academy and Growth if you are interested in our major sponsor opportunities. Email - dag@blountunited.com

Sponsor Application

All applications for the 2026/27 seasonal year must be completed by June 30th, 2026. Questions? Email dag@blountunited.com

[Click HERE to complete the Sponsor Application](#)



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PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

Failure to abide by the Player's Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, suspension, reduced playing time, and/or dismissal from the Club.

1. Any form of verbal or physical abuse, violence, or misconduct is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate disciplinary action by the club and TSSA, including but not limited to suspension from games, removal from the team or club, and potential legal consequences.
2. Players should understand that a commitment to playing for Blount United does not prevent their participation in other sports. They will, however, be expected to concentrate on playing soccer and understand that their team's practices, games, and tournaments will take priority over any other sport's activities.
3. Players commit to attending at least 80% of training sessions and understand that soccer events include weekends (Saturday and Sunday games), as well as occasional holiday weekends. Repeated absence or tardiness will result in disciplinary actions or reduced play time by the coach and/or Club.
4. Players should never consume, possess, or distribute alcohol, illegal drugs or unauthorized prescription drugs.

Practice/Training:

All players will arrive 15 minutes prior to the official start time of training.

Shin guards must be worn at all times.

Each player must bring a properly inflated soccer ball to each training session.

It is the responsibility of the player to contact the coach prior to the scheduled event if the player will be late or unable to attend.

The coach must approve any absence from a training session in advance. Failure to do so can impact the player's playing time.

Injured players should attend all training sessions unless excused by the coach.

While the coach or trainer is speaking, all players will direct their full attention to the speaker and refrain from talking.

Profanity, verbal, or physical misconduct will not be tolerated at any time.

All Blount United players will strive to improve at each training session and will always give 100% of their effort.

Games and Tournaments:

All players will arrive at the game field 45 minutes prior to scheduled start time.

All players will arrive wearing the appropriate uniform.

Each player will arrive with all of his or her needed equipment.

No player shall question a referee's decision by word or gesture.

Blount United players will uphold our club core values and always be respectful of opposing players, coaches, and fans. At the end of each game, Blount United players will shake hands with the opposing team, referee, and coach.

No player will remove their uniform until they have left the field area.

Profanity, verbal, or physical misconduct will not be tolerated at any time.

Players will be supportive and positive of their teammates.

Players will commit to giving 100% of their effort at all times.

Players will wait a minimum of 24 hours after the game to discuss game specific conflicts with the coach.

Players will uphold all other coach and/or mandated team policies and procedures.



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PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of this “Code of Conduct” is to reinforce the behaviors that result in a professional, safe, and fun experience for your child and others.

Failure to abide by the Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, suspension, reduced playing time, and/or dismissal from the Club.

Any form of verbal or physical abuse, violence, or misconduct is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate disciplinary action by the club and TSSA, including but not limited to suspension from games, removal from the team or club, and potential legal consequences.

As a Parent/Guardian:

1. I WILL remember that the game is for the players, not adults.
2. I WILL teach my child that doing their best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game.
3. I WILL teach my child to be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
4. I WILL emphasize character & skill development and how it will benefit my child over winning.
5. I WILL be a positive role model for my child, upholding all club core values, and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game or practice.
6. I WILL respect the officials and their authority during games.
7. I WILL allow the coach to be the constructive influence on my child and team that he/ she is trained to be.
8. I WILL demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all events.
9. I WILL consider ways to support Blount United Soccer Club, such as attending workdays, fundraising events, and open meetings.

As a Parent/Guardian:

1. I WILL NOT ridicule or yell at my child or other participants, nor will I coach my child or other players from the sideline during games and practices.
2. I WILL NOT encourage any behaviors that endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
3. I WILL NOT engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent, such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands, using profane language or gestures, or any actions that conflict with the Laws of the Game.
4. I WILL NOT try to talk to the coach about conflicts about a game during the game, immediately following the game, or within 24 hours of the game.
4. I WILL NOT criticize or engage in negative comments amongst parents. Any issues of concern should be addressed directly to the coach or director(s) NOT team managers or other parents. If not satisfied with the coach's response, please contact your Technical Director or the Director of Coaches (DOC) at doc@blountunited.com



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Additional Resources

Blount United Rush SC Website

www.blountunited.com

Rush Soccer Website

www.rushsoccer.com

Blount United Rush SC Facebook Page

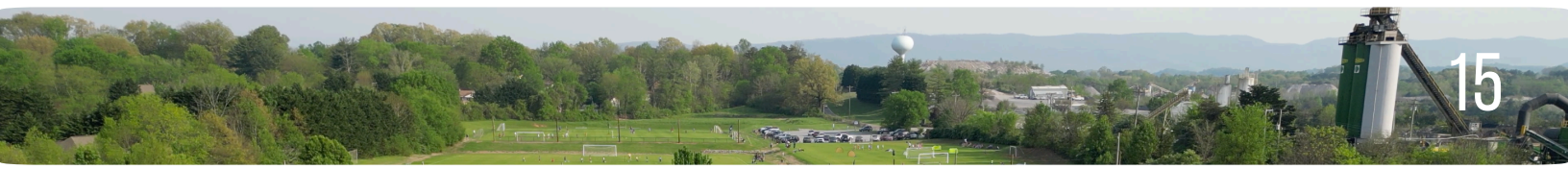
<https://www.facebook.com/BlountUnited>

Blount United Rush SC Instagram Page

<https://www.instagram.com/blountunitedrushsc>

Tennessee State Soccer Association Policies

<https://www.tnsoccer.org/governance/>





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SUMMER 5V5 *League*



8 JUNE - 25 JULY 2026
5U - ADULTS



CREATE A TEAM



JOIN AS A FREE AGENT



END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT



MORE INFORMATION
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BLOUNT COUNTY

COMMUNITY DAY

SOCCER FESTIVAL

MAY 30, 2026

Colleg Coaches & Players

Mini Games

World Cup Prizes

Local Vendors

Food Trucks

Music & More!



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THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Blount United Rush SC, our mission, and the opportunities available to your player(s). We hope your family has a great time during tryouts. We look forward to growing together in the 2026/27 season!



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