



Southwest MO Rush

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

How does this new club benefit my child?

By combining organizations, we will be able to better provide opportunities for each child to be placed in an environment that is most advantageous to their development. Through our affiliation with RUSH Soccer, many resources and events will be made available to players and coaches that will enhance their training.

What is the expected timeline for the club kickoff?

Rush competitive tryouts will be June 2020 at Lake Country Soccer's Cooper Family Complex. Registration for tryouts will be open soon on swmorush.org.

Will my child's team be broken up or will my child be able to stay with the team they are currently on? For competitive teams, coaches will be selecting their players through the tryout process. Teams will NOT be forced to break up for the sake of the new club. Some players may be offered roster spots on different teams that their coach feels may be better for their overall development.

Will our team keep our current coach?

In most cases SWMO Rush coaches will stay with their same teams. New coaches may be added as needed to create the best developmental environment for the players.

What ages can participate in the new club?

There will be developmentally appropriate programs for kids ages 3 through High School.

Is Lake Country Soccer now SWMO Rush?

No, Lake Country Soccer will still exist to operate facilities, leagues, and tournaments for all teams in the area.

Who are the leaders of this organization?

We are happy to announce these members of the SWMO Rush organization:

John Markey-Lake Country Soccer Executive Director

Thaylan Johnson-Technical Director

Tyler Bennett-Boys Director

Bruce Deaton-Youth Academy Director

Hakim Tahiri-Assistant Youth Academy Director

A national search is underway for a Director of Coaching and a Girls Director

Will it cost me more to play soccer next year?

Fees will be very similar to other Springfield area soccer clubs. A fee schedule for each team will be available prior to tryouts.

What is your system for determining player scholarships?

The first determining factor in awarding scholarships will be based on eligibility of the school free and reduced lunch program. There will be a scholarship committee that will decide further financial assistance as needed for things such as uniforms and tournament fees. . It is not the intention of SWMO Rush to deny any player an opportunity to participate due to financial hardship.

Will SWMO Rush be implementing payment plans/work with families for flexible options?

Payment plans will be available for all Rush families to take advantage of.

What is the estimated roster size for each team?

SWMO Rush roster limits are as follows:

4v4 teams – 6-8 max

7v7 teams – 10-12 max

9v9 teams – 12-16 max

11v11 teams – 15-18 max (rosters allowed to go to 22)

Can we still play outside leagues such as Heartland/SLYSA?

Yes, coaches and directors will determine the best league options for each team.

What leagues will the Rush teams play in?

Teams will be placed in the league that is most advantageous to the development of the players on each team. This will be a team by team decision.

What are the SWMO Rush practice facilities?

All Lake Country Soccer facilities will be available for Rush teams for practices which include turf, grass and indoor.

Will SWMO Rush Soccer Club be utilizing “The Old Soccer Dome”?

Yes, the Old Soccer Dome will be partnering with SWMO Rush.

What training will be provided for each team?

There will be 2 practices per week per team with an additional 3rd skills training night. The 3rd night will be optional. This puts the responsibility of player development directly on the shoulders of the player. The more they want to train, the more opportunities we will provide.

Is supplemental foot skills and /or goalkeeper training provided and does it cost extra?

Individual skills training and goalkeeper training will be provided weekly at no additional cost. For any one on one training outside of the optional 3rd skills training night, payments will be between the coach and the player.

Are players allowed to miss practice for other activities?

While we ask for a total commitment to the player's team, we also understand that the kids have many things going on in their lives. However, we know that a commitment to training has a direct impact on their player development.

Will there be opportunities for winter training and competition?

Yes, players are encouraged to participate in winter leagues and/or indoor trainings.

Will there be a concerted effort to hire female coaches for girls' teams?

There will be a concerted effort to hire the best coaches possible for all teams. The girls program will be a priority as it is a major need in Springfield. We will work to hire female coaches that will bring a positive experience for their players.

Will players rolling in from existing clubs need to purchase new uniforms?

Yes, they will be at a discounted rate the first year.

Who chooses the tournaments for each team?

The SWMO Rush coaching staff will work together to select the best tournaments for each team which are the most developmentally appropriate. Each competitive team will participate in 2-3 tournaments per season.

Will SWMO Rush have recreational soccer teams?

Yes, at all ages. Teams will train 1-2 nights per week and play an 8 game season at Lake Country Soccer. Optional skills training from our professional coaching staff will be made available to all recreational players at no additional cost.

What is Lake Country Soccer and the city doing to move forward with obtaining more turf fields? We are working with Cogeo, a company that helps with non-profit fundraising, to head up our \$10 million capital campaign. We are working to engage the community in raising the funds. The Springfield-Greene County Park Board is trying to get a sales tax referendum on the ballot. If they can get the tax approved, one of their key projects is to begin putting turf on many of our soccer fields. To get involved contact johnm@lakecountrysoccer.org.

How can I get more information?

Check out the website at swmorush.org

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