



**Premier
Soccer Academies**

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Premier Soccer Academies Announces Club Affiliation With The Rush Soccer Club

The Rush Soccer Club Becomes PSA's Second Affiliate Club

Lorain, Ohio. - Brad Friedel's Premier Soccer Academies, the first full-scholarship youth soccer academy in the United States, has announced the Colorado Rush Soccer Club as its second affiliate club. The Cleveland United Soccer Club became the first PSA Affiliate Club in August.

Through a merger of two local clubs, Club Columbine and Lakewood United Soccer Club, in 1997 the Colorado Rush was born. Since then Rush Soccer has grown to include 20 clubs based in 18 states across the US and now services over 32,000 players. All Rush affiliates operate on the philosophy of the "Rush Way" to provide an unparalleled personal growth experience through the game of soccer and to promote life long participation in the sport.

"The Rush is yet another example of the types of organizations PSA wants to be affiliated with," said Brad Friedel, co-founder of Premier Soccer Academies. "They have been a very ambitious organization and their plans for the future clearly fits in with ours. I am very happy to have a relationship with the Rush."

“Our partnership with PSA is undoubtedly a great step for Rush Soccer,” said Tim Schulz, President of Rush Soccer Club. PSA is a first class operation and a pioneer in some new innovative concepts. When we first took a look at PSA, we were impressed with the character of the employees that made up the organization. Brad Friedel has attracted and compiled a great group of professionals. This for us will be a great resource and we look forward to a long lasting relationship.”

At the centerpiece of this affiliation is the ability for the Rush to select a number of their own club players to receive weekly professional training at the Premier Soccer Academies training facility throughout the year on PSA Experience Weeks. Additionally, many of the players within their twenty affiliate club programs will participate in PSA’s 2008 Regional Fever 5 Futbol Tournaments across the country.

Other unique affiliate benefits to take affect in 2008 include; the Rush hosting a three-day PSA Combine, PSA hosting and including Rush coaches in a coaching symposium, and the opportunity for the Rush to select an all-star team to compete in a soon to be announced PSA hosted tournament.

About Premier Soccer Academies

Located in Lorain, Ohio, Brad Friedel’s Premier Soccer Academies, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, is the first residential soccer academy of its kind to offer full year-round scholarships to athletes in an effort to develop the next generation of professional soccer players. Each year players from across the globe, ages 12-18, will be recruited based on ability and skill level, not the parents’ ability to pay.

Additional athletic, academic, and health/nutrition programs along with an assortment of different level coaching clinics, will be offered throughout the year targeting all ages and skill levels. Facilities are state-of-the-art and include three and a half soccer fields, indoor fieldhouse, 5,000-square-foot workout facility, student housing and academic learning center. PSA officially opened August 20, 2007 with the arrival of the first class of residency members. PSA’s official website is www.gopsa.com.