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The Rush takes great pride in the coaches that work for us, both full and part time. They are the cornerstone and the backbone of who and what we are.

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## **About Our Coaching Staff**

Developing soccer players is the primary objective for our coaches, but what cannot be underestimated is the importance of coaches shaping lives. Gone are the days when coaching responsibilities consist of working with X's and O's. Today, coaches must be technically proficient and tactically sound while also having an understanding of how to teach players to take care of their bodies. Running sprints is no longer the only method of maintaining fitness. Today's athlete must understand the importance of endurance; but strength, coordination and nutrition are all facets of physical conditioning. Understanding the psyche of youth players and managing those players is also a key component in coaching. Today's coaches must be able to motivate and build self-esteem in their players. All this simply means we need quality, well-rounded men and women to lead our youth to success both on and off the field. Coaches are now teachers, motivators, psychologists, mentors and more.

Our coaches continually strive to develop players on and off the pitch. It is a great privilege to coach in the Rush, the best soccer organization in America. And with great privilege comes great responsibility. We are proud to boast of the great many hard working coaches we have who embrace this privilege and thrive with this responsibility.

## **About Our Administrative Staff**

The administrative staff for Rush Pikes Peak is a key component to our club's overall success. We have a diverse staff of men and women who ensure that the club's day to day needs are met. Whether it is assisting the club's directors, sponsorship and fundraising, handling registration, answering phone calls and emails or simply working on general club business there are a few

things that will always be consistent. The Rush administrative staff is constantly striving to be organized, professional and courteous while making sure that the wants and needs of our members are priority number one.

The administrative branch of our club plays a role in every championship we win, every player we develop and every branch partner with whom we team.