A Word From... is part of a series of monthly articles from Alaska Rush Soccer Club's Techinical Director and Directors of Coaching. Each week, a different Director will submit an article pertaining to Alaska Rush, Rush Soccer or even world football in general. It's an opportunity for our readership to gain more insight on the sport and understand further what Alaska Rush Soccer Club is about and what Rush Soccer offers it's Members.

A Word From... Director of Coaching Girls

It was about two years ago when I decided I wanted to pursue my dream of having a career in soccer. I had returned home to Fairbanks from playing soccer in Wyoming, Kansas and Utah and started working one-on-one with goalkeepers and began coaching teams.

As I spent the last year couple of years working in soccer in Fairbanks I held every job from Assistant Coach to Head Coach to Director of Goalkeeping to even Technical Director. Though Fairbanks has a great soccer community with dedicated players, parents and coaches, it quickly became apparent this was not the place to be for someone who wanted to choose the profession Soccer Coach as a career.

After about a year coaching in Fairbanks, I decided to look into finding a job as a coach where I could work full-time doing what I love while still being able to support myself independently. The advice I received from a few more experienced coaches than myself all concurred I should head to the big city, Anchorage. Through my research, I found that there were multiple competitive clubs in Anchorage. However, one immediately caught my eye: Alaska Rush.

Alaska Rush Soccer Club is more unique than any other club in Alaska. What makes the club standout is its domestic and international partnerships. Rush Soccer has over 36,000 players nationally and internationally. With the large portion of its players and clubs within the United States, it gives not only a large amount of opportunities to our players to travel and compete, but also a large amount of coaching opportunities for coaches as well.

When doing a little more research into Alaska Rush, I found there were even more benefits to joining the club. Alaska Rush does not only focus on competitive teams, but developing individual players as well. With Elite Programs like Next:1 Training, Next:1+ and The Future, Alaska Rush's dedication to not only improving teams but improving players to reach the highest levels is evident.

The support, education, and employment opportunities Rush offers is by far superior to any other club in the state, country or world. With resources and a philosophy like these, is was clear what my choice would be. I didn't want to coach for any other club besides Alaska Rush. And I believe made the right choice.

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