



## Annual Club Report 2017-2018

**Alaska Rush** is proud to continue as member, since 2005, as an affiliated partner with Rush Soccer, the largest soccer club in the world with more than 85 clubs around world serving over 32,000 members. Rush Soccer is committed to providing an unparalleled soccer experience for all who have interest in the game of soccer. The Rush promotes the spirit of sportsmanship, the electricity of competition and the importance of pure enjoyment. The Rush accepts the responsibilities of teaching life lessons to our athletes to further their development inside the game and out. The Rush is committed to making soccer a pleasant, safe and rewarding experience for everyone involved, regardless of age or ability. We believe that all players are winners because everyone is afforded an equal opportunity to explore their potential and pursue positive outcomes on and off the field.

### NOTABLE HIGHLIGHTS

- Hiring of new Technical Director, Brian Lux.
  - USSF A License; USSF Goalkeeper License; USSF Youth License; NSCAA Premier Diploma; Rush Select National Director; Colorado ODP staff; coach for US Air Force Academy and Colorado College
- Partnering with Juneau Soccer Club to become an Alaska Rush affiliate providing multiple opportunities for joint player development including camps, in-state tournaments, and out-of-state travel
- Two State-Champion Teams: 2001 Boys and 2001 Girls
- Two State Finalists: 2004 boys and 2006 girls
- Multiple players selected to Rush Select national and international events
- Significant portion of players, and coaches, in the Alaska Development Program and on Region IV ODP pool teams
- 2006 Boys and Girls team to Rush Fest in Colorado Springs
- New Collegiate players: Ruby Grajalaas (Dodge City); Amy Hatter (George Fox); Alisa Paimore (George Fox); Kiara Simpson (Boise State)
- Experienced coaches added to our coaching staff including Dave Gonzalez, John Oliver, Johnny Turner, and Lauren Meehan
- Significant growth in our developmental program Rush Youth Soccer League
- More than 20% increase in competitive player participation



*ALASKA RUSH SOCCER CLUB*

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### TOURNAMENTS

- 🌈 Alaska Airlines Cup: Alaska's largest soccer event with nearly 100 teams
- 🌈 Goldstrykers' Futsal Cup: The original and oldest futsal tournament in Alaska
- 🌈 Spooky 3v3 Tournament: The first annual costumed 3v3 tournament

### CAMPS

- 🌈 Alaska Airlines College ID Camp: Ten college coaches and nearly 100 participants
- 🌈 Portland Timbers Spring Break Camp
- 🌈 Rush Juneau Soccer Camp: Juneau's largest camp now conducted by National Rush Select coaches serving over 150 players
- 🌈 World Cup Camp: World Cup themed camp centered around World Cup 2018



# ANCHORAGE YOUTH SOCCER CLUB

Developing Youth Football Players in Anchorage Since 1986

## AYSC 2017-2018 REPORT

### CLUB PHILOSOPHY

AYSC focuses on educating players and coaches while maintaining a positive environment. The club promotes sportsmanship, respect, and hard work while teaching the technical, tactical, physical and psychosocial components of the game.

Creating a positive club culture is as important to us as creating a highly skilled and competitive player. In order to stay true to our philosophy, the club has placed great emphasis on the following:

- Long term development of all players, not just the better ones.
- Providing opportunities for our players to participate at all levels of play.
- Implementing age-appropriate training sessions by educated & licensed coaches.
- Encouraging our coaching staff to further their soccer education.
- Promoting teamwork that encourages personal discovery in players.
- Encouraging players to become well rounded athletes that love to compete.

### TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **'01/02 Boys** – Finished 1<sup>st</sup> in UAYSL, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the High School Division at AAC, 1<sup>st</sup> in Far North. The 02 players combined with the 03 boys for State Cup due to injuries and finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will be attending President's Cup in June as a 02/03 team.
- **'03 Boys** – Finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the High School Division in UAYSL, 4<sup>th</sup> in the High School Division at AAC, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Far North and combined with the '02 boys for State Cup and finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will be attending President's Cup in June as a 02/03 team.



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## TEAM HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

- **'04 Boys** –Entered 2 teams into the UAYSL Outdoor season and they finished 4th & 5<sup>th</sup>. They finished 4<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> in AAC and we merged the teams for Far North & State Cup. That team finished 1st in Far North and 4<sup>th</sup> in State Cup.
- **'04/'05 Girls** – Finished 7<sup>th</sup> out of 9 teams in UAYSL, 3rd in AAC, 2nd in Far North, and 4th in State Cup.
- **'05 Boys** – Finished 1<sup>st</sup> in UAYSL, 1<sup>st</sup> in AAC, 3rd in the '04 Division in Far North, and 2nd at State Cup.
- **'06 Boys** – Finished 3rd in UAYSL, 5th in AAC, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Far North, and 5th in State Cup but they missed advancing to the semis by 1 point.
- **'07 Boys** – Just added a bunch of new players from our recreational league and improved throughout the season by finishing in the middle of the pack in a 9 team division in AAC, 5<sup>th</sup> out of 6 in Far North, and 4<sup>th</sup> in their division in State Cup.
- **'07 Girls** – Just added a bunch of new players from our recreational league and improved throughout the season by finishing 5th in AAC, 4th in Far North, and 4th in State Cup.
- **'08 Boys** – Have been together and developing for a few years and are a very strong team. Scores are not posted and placement is not kept per USYS player Development Initiative. But they participated in UAYSL, AAC, and Far North.
- **'08 Girls** – We have added several new players to this group and they are becoming a strong team. Scores are not posted and placement is not kept per USYS player Development Initiative. But they participated in UAYSL, AAC with the 07 girls, and in Far North.
- **'09/10 Boys** – This is a newly formed team with using players from our recreational league. Scores are not posted and placement is not kept per USYS player Development Initiative. But they participated in UAYSL, AAC, and Far North.



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## CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

- AYSC hosted the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual FootGolf Classic** at Fox Hollow Golf Course, we had 41 players enter and we had youth & adult divisions playing a scramble format.
- AYSC hosted the **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Far North Invitational Tournament** at Kincaid Park. This year AYSC brought Marcelo Gonçalves a former Brazilian National Team player to attend Far North as the Key Note speaker and talk about his World Cup experience. He also watched the World cup final with us as we streamed the game in the chalet. He also helped hand out the awards during the closing ceremony. A huge thank you goes to Felipe Abreu & Jason Brune who helped bring this unique opportunity to the Alaskan Soccer community...**Far North 2019 will take place at Kincaid July 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>.**
- AYSC hosted the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sterling Camp** right after Far North. We had over 65 players attend the camp. We brought up 6 coaches to work the camp and we also had a guest coach, Gonçalves coach and had a great time working with the Sterling coaches & players!
- AYSC is on the **6<sup>th</sup> year running an in house Recreational League** offering age groups U5 – U16. We are offering a winter & spring recreational league at Fox Hollow & O'Malley Sports Center during the indoor season.
- AYSC is entering the **6<sup>th</sup> year offering a Futsal League** with seasons running September – May playing games on the courts at O'Malley Sports Center.
- AYSC offered a **Preschool Academy** in the fall and summer with over 70 kids registered.
- AYSC offered our **8<sup>th</sup> season of TOPSoccer** with our TOPSoccer Director, Megan Coleman. We had 24 players registered for our 6 week program that started in June. Megan is an Occupational Therapist at Kincaid Elementary and she is very passionate about TOPSoccer and hopes it keeps growing across the State.
- We have added over **50 players** onto AYSC teams.
- We added **7 new coaches** onto our coaching staff.
- AYSC had over **38 players selected for Alaska Development Program** with several selected to travel to ODP events and represent Alaska.



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## CLUB HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

- One of our 2003 players made the **top 18 players from Region IV** list and will be attending the upcoming Inter-Regional Event in Bradenton, FL.
- One of our 2006 players made the **2006 Region IV Player Pool** and will be attending the Winter Event in Elk Grove, CA.
- We had **35 players** that made the AYS All State teams from the 2018 State Cup event in Fairbanks.
- The 04/05 Girls & the 02/03 Boys were awarded the **Team Fair Play Award at State Cup**.
- AYSC is still working with the Refugee Assistance Immigration Services although RAIS programs have been adjusted in 2018 due to resources. AYSC still provides scholarships for 3 refugee players to participate in year round competitive soccer.
- AYSC awarded over **\$10,000 in scholarships** to AYSC players in need.

We appreciate all of the commitment and involvement from our members and we are looking forward to see what 2019 brings AYSC and the State of Alaska.

### **For the Good of the Game...**

2 AYSC coaches, Jeremy Johnson & Jo Reid, used their soccer background to become members of the US National FootGolf Team. They will be attending the FootGolf World Cup Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> in Marrakech, Morocco.



**Annual Report for Chugiak Soccer Club a proud partner of SSAAK,  
Southcentral Soccer Alliance Alaska Soccer Club (Chugiak/Palmer/Eagle River)  
Submitted to Alaska Youth Soccer for the year 2018**

SSAAK Chugiak/Palmer/Eagle River Soccer Club Locations:

2017 to 2018 provided many changes to Chugiak Soccer Club;

With the hiring of a New Executive Director and Director of Coaching for Player Development a complete review and reorganization of Club philosophy and methodology was enacted. The Chugiak Executive Director brought 45 years of Youth, Camp, State Select, ODP, Semi-Professional, College, Professional Coaching and Playing experience to the club.

SSAAK also added a Director of Operations and Director of Programs Director to its Club Staff. These additions helped to refine proficiency and effectiveness of club day to day operations.

The South Central soccer community provided many options and entities for players to consider. A philosophy was implemented to encompass the many soccer programs in the general area under one umbrella. Each organization maintained their own identity and leadership but each organization would work to support and nurture the sport of soccer to the community and help grow the sport here in South Central Alaska. From this ideology, SSAAK, "Southcentral Soccer Alliance Alaska", was created to meet this need. Today, SSAAK supports and promotes Alaskan Soccer community programs and resources for all players; including their needs and expectations at all levels of their development of Recreational to Competitive play, from youth to adult.

The expansion of this philosophy has benefited SSAAK locations in Chugiak, Palmer and Eagle River. It has provided options of programs and development for community residence. Most importantly it has created a business model that supports community growth and direction for the youth soccer player and their family.

With all entities working for the community and supporting the sport of soccer, growth and development has seen an increase of participation for all local entities. The numbers of individuals participating in local soccer programs at all levels of development in the South Central area have increased nearly 33%. The continuity of effort of club coaches supported by the consistency of leadership by the clubs Board of Directors has only benefited the most important resource of the community, that being its youth.

With our community working as one, there have been a number of benefits and accomplishments for our community.

**Some notable changes at SSAAK Chugiak/Palmer/Eagle River locations are:**

- Consistency and direction of Club coaching education throughout all club teams
- We increased playing and training venues to accommodate community logistic concerns and opportunity
- Support and playing opportunities for membership players
- Added and increased Club Coaches and resources
- An New interactive and updated Club Website Platform

- Added a New and interactive 2019 Zane Cup Memorial Tournament Website with an APP for up to date Cell Phone minute by minute alerts and updates. Our Tournament website is user friendly and Tournament specific and inclusive.
- The re-establishment of the Alaskan community Zane Cup Memorial Soccer Tournament that Honors and remembers one of its own.
- The establishment of a College Experience Program that directly meets the needs and understanding of the college recruitment process for the player and their parents. This understanding provides a more realistic and actual path of the playing, coaching identification and application process.
- The opportunity to participate and interact with some of the most respected and credentialed club, youth and college coaches during our annual summer Team Camp.
- The Team Camp also provides a College night for all participants allowing Camp Coaching staff and the players and their parents an opportunity to meet and hear real time accounts of the process and procedures college coaches reflect upon when considering a potential player prospect.
- The club instituted a variety of programs that tested the membership's players in different aspects of the general game of soccer, such as a 3 vs.3 tournament, Fun Finishing Night, Goal Keeping and Speed and Agility Training.
- Our club supported and participated in local Alaskan Soccer Tournaments, these being the 2018 Zane Cup Memorial Tournament, Alaska Airlines Cup, Far North Invitational, Alaska State Futsal League and the Alaskan State Cup.

Some notable accomplishments from SSAAK Chugiak/Palmer/Eagle River locations are:

- 3 Alaskan State Cup Championships in two years.
- Our 2006 Eagle Boys became repeat Alaskan State Champions
- Our 2005 Thunder Girls became first time Alaskan State Champions.
- The SSAAK Chugiak Chicas were Finalists at the 2018 Presidents Day Tournament in Phoenix, Arizona.
- The 2005 Thunder Girls have participated and won Two Lower Forty-Eight Soccer Tournaments. The Bend Premier Cup and the Las Vegas mayor's Cup.
- The 2005 Thunder Girls were Quarter Finalists at the 2018 Presidents Cup.
- The 2005 Thunder Girls were the only Alaskan State Soccer Team offered an invitation to participate in this year's Northwest Region of the National Premier League.
- Our SSAAK Chugiak Chicas College Experience Team competed in and Won the top U-17 Girls Playing Flight of the 2018 USA Schwan's Cup.

Closing statement:

Our SSAAK Philosophy of player development focuses on working together with fellow programs and associations to find players within our communities and teach them the Technical, Tactical, Physical and Psychological aspects of the game mandated down from the US Soccer Federation. We offer prospective community athletes developmental programs that help them grow while they enjoy learning the beautiful game. All SSAAK Chugiak/Palmer/Eagle River Club Staff and Administrators are here to teach and educate our membership and surrounding communities.

We look forward to 2019 and working with our Alaskan State Association and our fellow League Associations in supporting the growth and development of Alaskan Student Scholastic Athlete's.



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### About Cook Inlet Soccer Club

Cook Inlet S.C. was founded in 1982. The club was founded for the elite player and strives to place these players with knowledgeable and motivated coaches.

Cook Inlet S.C. regularly competes in the USA Cup, Dallas Cup, Surf Cup, WAGS, Las Vegas Mayors Cup, Crossfire Challenge, US Club Regional's, Far West Regional's, President's Day Tournament, NIKE Friendlies in Bradenton, and numerous College Showcase Tournaments across the country. To date, Cook Inlet SC has produced over 80 Alaska State Championship teams, and over a 100 local tournament champions. Additionally, we have won tournaments from the west and east coast of the lower 48 states.

Cook Inlet Soccer Club is located in Anchorage, Alaska, with our office and fields just south of Dimond Blvd. Cook Inlet Soccer Club is a 501 (C) 3 non-profit that serves the greater Anchorage community by promoting the game of soccer, serving over 1,000 youth participants annually. Cook Inlet S.C. offers playing opportunities for the entry level to the most advanced and provide a full service professional office staff and club trainers that are dedicated to serving its members. The club programs focus on player development in a fun, soccer passionate environment while offering professional training to assist our players on advancing to the highest levels of play.

Many of the local high school and amateur teams are comprised of Cook Inlet Soccer Club players and many other players in the area have been developed in the club's recreational and pre-competitive programs. Cook Inlet Soccer Club has promoted players to many colleges and university in the United States and has placed local players on the State ODP, Regional ODP and even at the National Team Level.

Social Media outlets include [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and the [Cook Inlet S.C. website](#).

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## Board of Directors

Cook Inlet S.C. has been constituted as a non-profit corporation governed by a seven-person Board of Directors: President - Cathy Stone; Vice President - David Wight; Secretary - Erica Jenson; and At-Large positions held by Justin Atteberry, Mike Lash and John Johnson.

## Programs

Cook Inlet S.C. provides a multitude of opportunities for youth soccer players of all ages and experience, including the:

### Recreational Soccer Leagues (5 seasons per year)

- ✓ Kiddie Soccer (2 & 3)
- ✓ U6 (4 & 5)
- ✓ U8 (6 & 7)
- ✓ U10 (8 & 9)
- ✓ U12 (10 & 11)
- ✓ U14 (Middle School Ages)
- ✓ U19 (High School Ages)

### Development Academy

- ✓ For U9/U10 players who want advanced training and higher level soccer.
- ✓ Pre-competitive age group, training offered two to three times a week in the Dome or at Anchorage Gardens. Teams participate in UAYSL and local tournaments.
- ✓ Licensed, CISC Staff Coaches
- ✓ Focus is on individual skill development and introducing simple tactical ideas.

### Academy

- ✓ For U11-U15 players who want to advance their technical skill and tactical ideas.
- ✓ Competitive age groups, training offered two to three times a week in The Dome or at Anchorage Gardens. Teams participate in UAYSL, local and out of state tournaments.
- ✓ Licensed, CISC Staff Coaches
- ✓ Focus is on advanced technical skill, reading the game tactically and executing game management.

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## Elite Academy

- ✓ For U16-U19 players who are serious in developing into a well-rounded player who is preparing for collegiate soccer.
- ✓ Competitive age groups, training offered two to three times a week in The Dome or at Anchorage Gardens. Teams participate in UAYSL, Soccer Alaska, The Alaska Premier League, in state and out of state tournaments.
- ✓ Licensed, CISC Staff Coaches
- ✓ Focus is on developing the whole player and creating competitive training sessions that push players to their maximum effort. Combined training sessions create an environment that is always intense.

## **Supplemental Training**

The CISC Supplemental Training's are offered twice a week through the Fall, Winter & Spring. These training sessions are open to all competitive and pre-competitive age groups within the club at no extra cost.

Individual Skill Development will focus on the individual players skill on the ball. This includes ball manipulation, passing & receiving, crossing, volleys/headers, striking, and more.

Also offered within Supplemental Training is Injury Prevention & Fitness. This is an opportunity for players to develop good running habits and hit their highest fitness point. This program can be geared towards the oldest players or youngest in the club. Offering age specific work outs and injury prevention plans.

## **College Advisory Program**

Competitive Players within Cook Inlet S.C. have the opportunity to utilize the CISC College Advisory Program. This opportunity will help our competitive players decide on which program level or specific schools they would like to attend.

We explore programs of all levels of the game - D1, D2, D3, NAIA and Junior College on the Men and Women's sides, and wade through the maze of information that includes:

- + Athletics Scholarships
- + Academic Scholarships
- + Accessing the NCAA Eligibility Center

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- + Academic Processes
  - + Grants and WUE
  - + Preparing emails and contacting college coaches
  - + Preparing video and player profiles

## Development Philosophy

In 2017, Cook Inlet S.C. adopted a new Development Philosophy that allows the club to come in line with US Soccer PTI's. This new philosophy reiterates the clubs purpose of developing players of all levels. To reach out Development Philosophy in whole, check out [www.CookInletSC.com/AcademyPhilosophy](http://www.CookInletSC.com/AcademyPhilosophy)

## Office Staff

Brad Horton - Executive Director

Tim Valesko - Director of Coaching

Rachel Hoskins - Office Manager

Mackenzie German - Staff Coach


Woody Morgan - Staff Coach

## 2018 Alaska State Cup

Cook Inlet S.C. had a wonderful 2018 Alaska State Cup performance, winning 8 State Championship age groups. Congratulations to the following 2018 State Cup Champion teams:

 2002 Boys

 2002 Girls

 2003 Boys

 2003 Girls

 2004 Boys

 2004 Girls

 2007 Boys

 2007 Girls



## ***Report from Eclipse State of the Eclipse Soccer Club 2018***

The Club continues its strategic focus on comprehensive player development. This season, Eclipse has grown by adding U9 teams to the mix. We have built a system whereby U9s and U10s play 7-a-side on a smaller field, the U11s and U12s play 9-a-side on a medium sized field, and the U13s and older play 11-a-side on a full sized pitch. We have experienced steady growth over the past year with over 320 at tryouts and approximately 285 players rostered on teams. We are sporting an all-time record number of teams and a record number of member/players in the club. Eclipse is currently fielding 17 competitive teams (hoping for 18 by May 2019). This is the first time in many years we have a team in every age group for both genders—U9 through U18. We are focusing like a laser beam on our youngest ages with the formation of a *Grassroots Academy* (u9s and U10s playing 7 a side) and an *Advanced Academy* (u10s and U11s playing 9 a side). While maintaining pure age team competition in the summers, these academies will emphasize age-appropriate skill development and will train some in multi-age or co-gender settings. David Powers, our Technical Director, is the overarching director of both these academies. We are encouraging our TD and the lead coaches in these academies to innovate and pull out all the creative stops in finding ways to develop our youngest players! Our executive board has engaged at the state level more than it has in many years. The board members benefiting from the AYSA leadership conference and increased knowledge about state initiatives.

### **Coaching Staff**

Our coaching ranks have grown and developed over the past two years. We have a fantastic dedicated group of coaches working hard to help our players develop. First, the club-wide coaching leadership staff includes Howard Maxwell as Director of Coaching, David Powers as Technical Director, & newly appointed eclipse alumni & semi-pro player, Reed Thomas as Keeper Trainer.

Our group of solid head and assistant coaches are passionate, well-trained, dedicated and well-respected by their colleagues across the state. On staff we currently have: Howard Maxwell, David Powers, Charlie Parr, Danny Dominick, Damon Crutcher, Shannon Staiger, Steve Shaner, John Mayer, Rob Martinez, Peter Shurr, Fabio Mariutto, and Kenny Hoop. We have a strong group of assistant coaches as well, all working hard to help our players and to develop their skills as coaches. Many of our coaches have pursued coaching education and professional development this past year and several have emerged with new advanced coaching licenses. We are very lucky to have this stable of highly qualified, dedicated coaches working to make our players and our teams better every day! I know parents and club-mates alike are excited to watch as this staff of coaches work their magic, and as they take their teams to new heights and develop players' technical skills along the way.

### **June Team Camp**

Our annual team camp held in June at the FYSA complex was a great success once again. We had 8 strong high-level club and college coaches come in and work our teams and our keepers with great enthusiasm and success. Several of the coaches had direct collegiate coaching

experience and ties. Their expertise culminated in several initiatives including a town hall style college prep night and a boys and girls showcase game one evening. In speaking with our players, our parents and our coaches about the camp, the feedback was very positive.

### **College Players**

In addition to the Team Camp College night, we had several other initiatives directed at helping our college bound players navigate the process and get linked up with schools that may have opportunities for them. We currently have numerous alumni club players on college teams throughout the country and we have some current club players who have nearly cemented their specific plans and locations to play collegiate soccer.

### **Pre-Academy**

In addition to our 280+ current members, we are building a group of young boys and girls who will participate in our soccer *Pre-Academy*. These players in pre-comp ages U9 and below focus on fun foot skills and building passion for the game. Our pre-academy is currently run by our Technical Director, Coach David Powers. This Pre-Academy will start in January and run on selected Monday or Tuesday nights at Tanana Middle School. Reports are that we have a fantastic group of enthusiastic young players who are eager to sign up.

### **Special Programs**

In addition to our regular team training environments, we have also provided our members access to several key supplemental training programs throughout the year. These have been well received and include: *Fast Fridays & Mastery Mondays*, both programs designed to promote foot skill development; *Strikers and Finishing Sessions*, designed to improve our players technical skills and tactical decision making in the attacking third; *S.O.P. (speed of play), sessions* offered as supplemental co-ed training for our high school aged players; and *Jumpstart Boot Camp*: offered in late May to facilitate strength, conditioning, agility, and balance moving into the outdoor season; and, we are also actively looking to set up a venue to provide dynamic strength & conditioning sessions for our older players.

### **Future**

The future of the Eclipse Soccer Club is very bright indeed. Our relationship with FYSA and the Executive Director, Colt Chase, has never been better. The Club has office space in the FYSA offices and our two-way communication has improved dramatically since the hire of Colt four years ago. The quality and durability of our great field complex is in no small part linked to the FYSA leadership and membership. We enjoy working with the recreational base of players in Fairbanks and we anticipate exploring numerous opportunities for partnerships with FYSA and the Fairbanks soccer community going forward. At the state level we look forward to new programs and league play.

I would like to thank and recognize our major partnerships in Foundation Health Partners Orthopedics and SportsMedicine Fairbanks--Dr. Cary S. Keller as well as our new major partner, Somers & Associates Realtors Inc! Both have enabled our club to continue to grow and to better serve the soccer community in Fairbanks. Our Adidas relationship has also made many of our initiatives easier and more affordable for our members.

# Juneau Soccer Club Highpoints from August 2017 to September 2018



Juneau Soccer Club (JSC) offers a wide-range schedule for all age-groups with year round opportunities.

## **Academy:**

Age groups (U4-U6)

## **Developmental Academy**

Age groups (U7-U9)

## **Pre-Comp Program**

(U9-U11)

## **Competitive Program**

(U11-U15)

## **Competitive Program**

(U16-U19)

## **Goal Keeper Training**

(U11-U19)

JSC accomplishments during the 2017-2018 season.

- The Juneau Soccer Club signed a partnership with the Alaska Rush Soccer Club in 2018. This partnership established the "Juneau Rush" as the competitive component of JSC's overall player development program. The JSC will continue to offer all the past programs and trainings which include the Advanced Training Program for high school aged players as well as the Pre-Competitive, Developmental, and Academy programs for younger players.
- The club had 363 registered players participate during the 2017-2018 season.
- Two competitive teams traveled to tournaments competing in the Alaska Airlines Cup and one team to Oswego Cup tournament. The 04 boys won their division at the Oswego Cup, oddly enough against the 04 Valley Revolution team.
- JSC held the annual Whitehorse Exchange during the 2018 summer. Between Whitehorse and Juneau, roughly 200 players participated in this event.
- Two annual 3v3 World Cup tournaments were held this past season; fall of 2017 and spring of 2018. The fall tournament had a total of 163 players that consisted of 125 JSC and 38 non-JSC. The spring tournament had a total of 133 players which included 111 JSC and 22 non-JSC players.
- In December the Holiday Cup is a popular Juneau tournament for all age groups that guarantees teams at least five games. While we don't run Holiday Cup, we offer quite a bit of support organizing all teams for two of the divisions (Elementary and Middle School). We also help provide some financial support through a grant we receive. Great to be involved in an event that is completely free for players from 9-35+, has over 400 players, and close to 90 games played over the Holiday Break.
- JSC continues with the TopSoccer program; however, no clients have shown to the invitations. Contracted by the City and Borough of Juneau to provide youth soccer camps for the municipality totaling 166 participants. Three camps were offered; Wee Camp (60 kids), Intermediate Camp (40), and Advanced Camp at (66) participants.
- The club had a total of 13 attendees at the Youth Referee Development clinics.
- JSC hosted the first RUSH Soccer Camp during summer 2018. A total of 118 players attended the camp. 20 for the one day HS camp, and 98 for the week long camp. Rush coaches from Anchorage, Colorado and Georgia attended the camp.
- License in 2018. – No new coaching licenses this past year.



Rush Camp 2018 Elementary Group



Rush Camp 2018 Middle School Group



Rush Camp 2018 High School Group





## KPSC 2018 Season Overview-

This year KPSC fielded eight teams. We had five boys' teams and three girls' teams. On the boys side we had 09, 08, 07, 06 and a combined 05/04 teams. On the girls side all of our teams were combined age groups with a 09/08, 07/06 and a 05/04 team.

We had a great year with all of our teams participating in the first two tournaments of the year. Only one of our teams made the trek to State due to it being in Fairbanks back-to-back years. This made an early end to our summer of soccer for many teams. The hope is that State is a bit closer next year so that all of our teams can attend.

This year we welcomed back Coach Joel Reemtsma to do a week of Elite Training for our students. The training was held in June. He combined boys and girls of the same age groups. It was a great opportunity for him to work on shooting, foot skills and some small-sided games. The best part about Coach Joel continuing to come back each year is that he gets to know the kids and knows what areas each teams need to work on. He can focus in on those areas and adjust his training for each level. On top of that, he brings former KPSC players to each camp. These kids get to have the opportunity to give back to the club they grew up in. It is a great program.

Coach Joel also held a coaches clinic where old and new coaches came and learned new drills and techniques. This is always a great opportunity for our coaches to get together and collaborate. Coach Joel brought his High School Boys Soccer Team to help with the clinic.

There is still a definite lack of respect given to KPSC coaches at tournaments from Refs. Many complaints were made this year again. I know it is hard due to the Anchorage Clubs having relationships with the Refs. My hope is that we can all work together to change this.

Thank you for your support of KPSC over the years. We appreciate you listening to us and always taking the time to answer our questions and concerns. I have enjoyed my time as President at KPSC. I have been so blessed to be part of a club that puts kids first. Watching kids grow up together making memories on and off the pitch is what it is all about.

Thank you,

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KPSC President









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KYSL has nearly 400 registered boys and girls from Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the recreation program. Soccer is one of the largest youth activities in Ketchikan.

Traditionally KYSL has run a co-ed recreation program with an indoor season in January to mid-March. Then in late summer the outdoor season begins with micro soccer for K-1<sup>st</sup> grade followed by 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> graders ending in early October.

KYSL kicked off 2018 with the recreation indoor soccer league for Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This was the trial season for separating boys and girls from the traditional co-ed teams. Overall, the girls got more touches on the ball and a noticeable improvement in quality play from the beginning of the season to the end of the season in early March.

For outdoor, KYSL stayed with the co-ed format to ensure sufficient and balanced teams in the recreation program.

In August, the KYSL Board of Directors finalized and approved the Tongass Timbers Soccer Club. This is the first time in the history of Ketchikan soccer that there has been a competitive club program. Team placements were held in September with 90 kids trying out based on birth years of 2008 through 2003. We were able to create two divisions, U13 and U16, to compete in the Alaska Futsal League and hope to have teams from Ketchikan compete in the AFL State Cup. We did not have a sufficient number of girls try out and therefore could not form a girl's league. However three young ladies competed well and earned spots in the U13 division. We intend to reach more girls as we look to competitive outdoor programs in the Spring/Summer as the Tongass Timbers SC.

The goals of Tongass Timbers SC is to develop players, coaches and referees. We are seeing player development through the game of Futsal and also of our referees. In October, Gregg Pralle came to Ketchikan to provide futsal referee certification training to a dozen prospective referees. We hope to continue developing referees and through our new program work to develop quality coaches as well.

KYSL would like to thank the Alaska Youth Soccer Association for the support and enthusiasm in our inaugural competitive season. Not only for the futsal equipment grant, but for a lot of technical and moral support culminating in a visit to Ketchikan by Linda Burke and Larry Burke. Having the President and Executive Director of AYSA in Ketchikan to demonstrate support and encouragement was very much appreciated.

**Sincerely,**

KYSL



# Palmer Soccer Club

## 2017/2018 END OF THE YEAR REPORT

Submitted by DayLa Leffel, President

Palmer Soccer Club offers a recreational soccer program in the Matanuska Valley area for u5-u19 that operates an indoor season in the spring and a summer outdoor season. A fall season was not supported and therefore was not held in 2018. A fall season will return in 2019. PSC holds clinics during the spring indoor session. We host a summer camp traditionally facilitated by an outside source. This year PSC opted to provide the camp inhouse. PSC continues to provide the opportunities to play soccer at a low cost to our membership. PSC is a 501(c)3 non-profit. PSC has a 11-person board that for the first time in a long time has operated with all positions being filled.

### **PSC underwent many changes in the 2017/2018 soccer season.**

- We started the year with over a 50% turnover in board positions and the filling of vacant positions; in essence a new board.
- Introduction to Futsal program for indoor season
- Skills clinics the duration of the indoor season
- Public school gym rental space continues to be a challenge for our indoor soccer season.
- Following compliance of the AYSA Policy on implementing the US Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, with the mandatory Abuse Awareness Training for a 116 coach/volunteers, is a record number for PSC. More than double the number of coach/volunteers that PSC had the previous year. All had completed their background checks with only 4% not completing their Abuse Awareness Training. While our goal was 100%, I am more than proud of our club for staying on top of this and clearly the numbers show that it is possible to obtain compliance with this new federal law.
- Our player numbers for the year increased overall by 23% from the previous year.
- Referee numbers doubled from the previous year.
- PSC received 3 grants, primarily for overdue equipment upgrade and coach training. Also PSC received 8 sponsorships of several donations from within our community with contributions in-kind. By far the best fundraising year to date.
- Successfully executed a week-long soccer camp with internal assets. The program was well executed and demonstrated that A) PSC could execute with internal assets and B) more emphasis needs to be placed on coach training and licensing.
- Successfully executed the PSC Annual Picnic and end of the season playoffs simultaneously. Thanks to all of the PSC Board members and spouses the picnic was very well attended along with the playoff.
- PSC offered scholarships to our membership with a low number of actual scholarships being given out due to a lack of informing the membership about the availability of scholarships. PSC will do better by giving back to our membership through scholarship awareness in 2018/2019.
- PSC hosted a referee refresher course in March that was instructed by Gregg Pralle with approximately 11-13 attendees. PSC appreciates referee training courses being available in the Mat Su area.
- PSC in conjunction with WYSA held a Grade 9 referee course in Wasilla for development of youth referees. Thank you to the referee association for providing a Grade 9 course. This is a perfect introduction to youth referees and fits well within the scope of our needs at PSC.
- PSC hosted 4v4 (13 attendees) , 7v7 (10 attendees) and a 11v11 (13 attendees) Grassroots coaching courses on location at Sherrod Soccer Complex. The 11v11 included several coaches from other clubs. These were positive and inspiring courses for our small recreational club. We appreciate AYSA for providing coach education to the clubs and for Joe and Jason for being great instructors and spending the time in person to help implement the grassroots coaching philosophy.
- Increased number of licensed coaches that PSC had available to the membership was at the highest we have ever been able to offer, thanks in part to affordable Grassroot courses provided by Alaska Youth Soccer Association.
- Two PSC coaches furthered their Grassroots education by pursuing their D License with PSC U8 players in a after season session.
- PSC again participated in the Colony Day along side of our membership. As a community this is an important event.
- PSC players supported a friendly exhibition game between Alaska City Football Club and Christ United FC during the half time show on Sept 29 at Palmer High School Sports Complex.
- Field maintenance was excellent this year, best overall condition the field have been in. Support from the City of Palmer and the Public Works Dept was exceptional. Big kudos to the City of Palmer.
- We have had the best overall support from our volunteers this year, we could not have simply done it without them.
- PSC received ongoing support from Alaska Youth Soccer Association. THANK YOU

