



AYSA Club Report 2018-2019

Alaska Rush is excited to enter our 15th year as a member of Rush Soccer, the largest youth sports organization in the world. Rush Soccer currently serves over 40,000 members with more than 100 clubs in the United States and around the world. Rush Soccer is committed to providing an unparalleled soccer experience for everyone 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.

In the 2018-2019 year, Alaska Rush had many highlights. To name a few:

- Overall the club grew by almost 30% in both our competitive and recreational programs
- We signed a long term sponsorship deal with Capelli Sports, our uniform provider, giving us access to their brands and teams around the world (currently have ownership stake in 10 professional teams worldwide)
- We had three teams win the Fair Play Award at State Cup 2019, our 09B, 09G and 02G
- We had 5 teams place as finalists in State Cup 2019, our 07G, 06G, 02G, 09B and 04B
- We had several players play with Rush Select, an all-star team made up of players from Rush clubs around the world
- We hosted the largest tournament in Alaska, the Alaska Airlines Cup, hosting almost 90 teams this year
- Our Juneau branch hosted a camp for over 100 players that was led by coaches from Alaska Rush, Colorado Rush and Georgia Rush
- Our 07B and 07G attended the Rush Fest in July in Colorado Springs, CO, an event with 50 teams and 800 players from all around the country
- Our Technical Director, Brian Lux, attended and completed the USSF Grassroots Instructor Licensing Course, Brian was also named the Director of the Alaska Development Program
- We had several of our staff in the ADP program, Lauren Meehan, Mike Montgomery, Dan Rufner, Chris Hoke and Matt Dusenberry
- More than 40 of our players were invited to join ADP teams for various trips throughout the cycle as well
- Our College Advisory Program hosted a meeting with National CAP Director Josh Tyler (Missouri Rush) during the AAC and added College Fit Finder as a complimentary program for any of our registered players
- Hosted a College ID Camp with over 60 players and 11 college coaches, including Mike Piserchio from the University of Alabama (D1)



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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

- **'02/'03 Boys** – We entered 2 teams into most tournaments and Leagues. We finished 1st in UAYSL outdoor season, 3rd & 4th in the High School Division at AAC, 1st & 4th in Far North. The 02/03 Boys attended President's Cup in Noro, CA. They finished 4-0-1 and scored 14 goals by 6 different players and advanced to the semi-finals. They lost 5-2 in the semis to a SC Elite Nevada the team that went on to win the President's Cup. The 03 boys will be traveling to Boise ID to attend Far West Regional Championships in June 2020.
- **'04 Boys** –Entered 2 teams into the UAYSL High School Division and they finished 5th. They finished 5th in AAC, 5th in Far North, and 3rd in State Cup. This team received a Team Fair Play Award at State Cup for exceptional Sportsmanship.



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TEAM HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

- **'04/'05 Girls** – Finished 7th out of 8 teams in UAYSL, 6th in AAC, 3rd in Far North, and 3rd in State Cup. This team received a Team Fair Play Award at State Cup for exceptional Sportsmanship.
- **'05 Boys** – Finished 1st in UAYSL, 1st in AAC, 3rd in the '04 Division in Far North, and 2nd at State Cup.
- **'06 Boys** – Finished 3rd in UAYSL, 5th in AAC, 3rd in Far North, and 5th in State Cup but they missed advancing to the semis by 1 point.
- **'07 Boys** – Just added a handful 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, 5th out of 6 in Far North, and 4th in their division in State Cup. This team received a Team Fair Play Award at State Cup for exceptional Sportsmanship.
- **'07 Girls** – Just added a handful of new players from our recreational league and improved throughout the season by finishing 4th in AAC, 4th in Far North, and 5th in State Cup.
- **'08 Boys** – Have been together and developing for a few years and are a very strong team. They finished 3rd in UAYSL, 1st in AAC, 1st in Far North, and they were a State Cup Finalist in 2019.
- **'08 Girls** – We have added several new players to this group, and they are becoming a strong team. This team finished 5th in UAYSL, played in AAC with the 07 girls, finished 5th in Far North and they were a State Cup Finalist in 2019.
- **'09 Boys** – We have added several new players to this group, and they continue to grow and learn the game as they participate in UAYSL, AAC and Far North.
- **'10/'11 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 **5th Annual FootGolf Classic** at Fox Hollow Golf Course, we had over 60 players enter, and we had youth & adult divisions playing a scramble format. We used profits from this event to donate to the Nelson Family to help with medical expenses as Nic battles cancer.
- AYSC hosted the **33rd Annual Far North Invitational Tournament** at Kincaid Park. This year AYSC had over 60 teams with teams coming to Anchorage from Yukon We had some food trucks participate and tournament sponsors were GCI, The Dome, Anchorage Fracture & Orthopedic Clinic, Aldrich, Taste Freez, CREA, AS&G, AK Executive Search, Airglas Inc, & Northern Smiles Orthodontics...**Far North 2020 will take place at Kincaid July 9th-12th.**
- AYSC hosted the **5th Annual Sterling Camp** right after Far North. We had over 75 players attend the camp. We brought up 5 coaches to work the camp. Players were exposed to Division I, II, & III College Coaches.
- AYSC is on the **7th year running an in-house Recreational League** offering age groups U5 – U16. We are offering recreational soccer year-round with 4 different seasons (Fall, Winter, Spring, & Summer). We have recreational Futsal seasons in the fall & spring at O'Malley Sports Center and indoor rec soccer at Fox Hollow in January. We had over 110 players this summer and several players that transitioned from our rec program to our competitive teams.
- AYSC offered a **Preschool Academy**, 2.5-5-year-old classes, March through October and had over 150 future AYSC soccer stars participating. We will begin our Preschool Academy again in the winter and offer classes through next fall.



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CLUB HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

- AYSC offered our **9th year of TOPSoccer** with our TOPSoccer Director, Megan Coleman. We had over 40 players registered for our winter and summer classes. 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 **40 players** onto AYSC teams.
- We added **5 new coaches** onto our coaching staff.
- AYSC had over **46 players selected for Alaska Development Program** with several selected to travel to ODP events and represent Alaska.
- AYSC started working with the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) to provide scholarships and the opportunity to play soccer to kids in foster care. We have already awarded scholarships to 6 kids to play recreational soccer this fall and plan to grow our relationship with CASA.
- AYSC still has a good relationship with the Refugee Assistance Immigration Services although RAIS programs have been adjusted in 2018 due to resources. AYSC still provides scholarships for 1 refugee player to participate in year-round competitive soccer.
- AYSC awarded over **\$12,000 in scholarships** to AYSC players in need.
- We had 3 teams receive a Team Fair Play Award in the 2019 State Cup Tournament.
- We had 41 players honored on All State Teams in the 2019 State Cup Tournament.

We appreciate all the commitment and involvement from our members, and we are looking forward to seeing what 2020 brings AYSC and the State of Alaska.

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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.

Board of Directors

Cook Inlet S.C. has been constituted as a non-profit corporation governed by a Board of Directors:

- President - Cathy Stone;
- Vice President - David Wight;
- Secretary - Erica Jenson;
- At-Large positions held by Mike Lash and Traci Stanley.

2019 Alaska State Cup.

Cook Inlet S.C. had a wonderful 2019 Alaska State Cup performance, winning 9 State Championship age groups.

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.

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

Office Staff

Justin Atteberry – Interim Executive Director

Tim Valesko - Director of Coaching

Rachel Hoskins - Office Manager

Woody Morgan - Staff Coach



AYSA Report

The Eclipse 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 comprise a “Grassroots Academy” and play 7-a-side competitions on a smaller field and the U11s and U12s comprise an “Advanced Academy” and play 9-a-side on a medium sized field. The U13s and older play and train as single birth year teams on 11-a-side full-sized pitches. The Club has experienced steady growth over the past year with over 325 at tryouts and approximately 290 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 18 competitive teams made up of players born from 2013 through 2003. 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* and *Advanced Academies*. While maintaining pure age team competitions in the summers, these academies will emphasize age-appropriate skill development and will train some in multi-age or co-ed settings. David Powers, our Technical Director, is the overarching director of both these academies. We are encouraging Coach Powers and the lead coaches in these academies to innovate and pull out all the creative stops in finding ways to develop our youngest players!

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 myself as Director of Coaching, David Powers as Technical Director, and Reed Thomas as Club-wide Keeper Trainer. Our group of strong head coaches (and assistant coaches) are passionate, well-trained, and well-respected by their colleagues across the state. On staff we currently have: Howard Maxwell, David Powers, Charlie Parr, Reed Thomas, Danny Dominick, Damon Crutcher, Shannon Staiger, John Mayer, Peter Shurr, Fabio Mariutto, and Kenny Hoop. We have a very strong group of assistant coaches as well, all working hard to help our players improve. They are also working 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 in 2020, 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. Together they coached a boys and girls showcase game one evening, showcasing our high school aged players. In speaking with our players, our parents and our coaches about the camp, the feedback was very positive.

College Players

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 next year! Stay-tuned for a showcase list of Eclipse alumni players playing college soccer on our club web page and on our Facebook page soon. We anticipate implementing several other new initiatives directed at helping our athletes find places to play the game they love after high school!

Pre-Academy

In addition to our 290+ 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 younger will 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. Stay tuned and pass the word. Please feel free to help recruit and promote players into our academy program and into our club. [These players are our future!](#)

Special Programs

In addition to our academy style training and 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: *Mastery Mondays and Technical Tuesdays*, 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 five 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.

Soccer Association of Homer



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We were very honored to host the 2018 AYSA Annual General Meeting in Homer last November. It was a great opportunity for other clubs in Alaska to experience the beauty of Homer. "Bringing together Alaska Affiliate Association leaders in a collaborative environment to learn, share and plan together" was the focus of the meeting. The group discussed "new opportunities in developing soccer throughout membership, by collaboration with our affiliate members, coaches and administrators in a productive manner to ensure that we are fostering the best environment to promote the game of soccer in Alaska". The Soccer Association of Homer echoes these objectives in our attempts to diversify our programs with year-round activities, competing with more teams outside of the community, and education opportunities for coaches and referees.

SAH successfully executed our annual Homer Summer Soccer Camp for the 6th year, however other versions of a camp had been going for years prior. 156 youth attended our 2, 6 or 10 week outdoor camp for ages 3-19. We started off the camp with Coach Brian Diaz returning again for the first 2 weeks of the season. He joined us for the 3rd year in a row from the lower forty-eight. Adam Diaz, no relation to Brian, took over as Program Director and Head Coach duties for the remainder of the summer. Joining Adam was Homer's own soccer phenom, Kenneth Schneider, who played semi-pro soccer last year in Washington. Being able to use local soccer enthusiasts as resources and mentors for our youth was great for our needs and community. We were very proud to have two competitive co-ed teams participate in the Zane Cup in June and the Far North Tournament in July in Anchorage. Our U10/U9 & U11 youth show a lot of promise for the growth of Homer soccer.





In September, the SAH Board of Directors held our Annual General Elections. Some of the board members changed positions, as well as adding some new, key members. We look forward to utilizing our board member's talents and fresh perspectives to achieve our goals creatively and professionally. We plan to organize some revenue streaming events throughout the winter, including Futsal tournaments, soccer clinics, dinner fundraisers and possibly introducing a SAH Membership program. We are very excited for this new year! Our 2019-2020 SAH Board of Directors are:

- Michael Tozzo (President)
- Darren Fitzpatrick (Vice President)
- Eric Waltenbaugh (Secretary)
- Breanna Hill (Treasurer)
- Nelton Palma (Board)
- Tyler Jeffres (Board)
- Lisa Christopher (Registrar - Non Board)

Soccer players in the Homer area are very lucky to have our very own indoor facility, the SPARC (South Peninsula Athletic & Recreation Center), making it possible to play year-round soccer. Due to this fact, we are very proud to reintroduce the futsal league, in conjunction with the AFL, to our Homer youth. We are excited to have 4 teams taking part in the winter league. One U10 (boys/girls) team, one U12 (boys/girls) team and TWO U19 high school (all) girls teams!



In early 2020 we plan to host Referee & Grassroots coaching clinics to help build our soccer community.

SAH would like to thank the Alaska Youth Soccer Association, and especially, Linda Burke. Her continued dedication, along with her technical and moral support, is helping us to slowly but surely build our soccer program in Homer. We wouldn't be able to do it without you!

Juneau Soccer Club Highpoints from August 2018 to September 2019



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 2018-2019 season.

- The club had 333 registered players participate during the 2018-2019 season.
- Two competitive teams traveled to tournaments competing in the Alaska Airlines tournament.
- JSC traveled to the annual Whitehorse Exchange during in April 2019 Spring. A total of eight teams and sixty players.
- Two annual 3v3 World Cup tournaments were held this past season; fall of 2018 and spring of 2019. The fall tournament had a total of 118 players that consisted of twelve non-JSC. The spring tournament included 100 JSC and six 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.
- Contracted by the City and Borough of Juneau to provide youth soccer camps for the municipality totaling 188 participants. Two camps were offered; Wee Camp 65, and Advanced Camp at 123 participants.
- The club had a total of twelve attendees at the Youth Referee Development clinics.
- JSC hosted a RUSH Soccer Camp during summer 2019 with four coaches from various locations. A total of eighty players attended the camp.



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This summer was highlighted with the developmental growth of our 8 teams. Very exciting was the addition of two teams (one boys and one girls team) in the 2010/2011 age bracket. It is very exciting to see the future in these young soccer players. Our other teams were 2009 Boys, 2008 Boys, 2007 Boys, 2006/2005 Boys, 2009/2008 girls, 2007/2006 girls.

KPSC sent 4 teams to State this year. All teams had a positive experiences and several season highlights. The Zane Cup proved to be a solid finish for the season for our 2010/2011 teams.

Our summer season was highlighted with bringing in Coach Cord Farmer from Dartmouth College coaching staff. He came up for a high intensity week of players learning new skills. The week ended in a fun afternoon of Soccer Olympics. Included in the week was a goal keeper training as well as a coaches training. The week was a success due in large part to the help of local high school soccer athletes volunteering their time.

This Fall marked the first KPSC Futsal team. KPSC had the 2007 Boys team join the Fall Futsal League in Anchorage. It is very exciting to see this growth and the ability for the boys to keep on the ball over the winter. Without indoor facilities and due to the low population in the area most athletes play different winter sports there isn't usually many athletes that are available to play any kind of soccer in the winter, so this is very exciting, and we expect more Futsal teams next Fall.

It is encouraging to see many more athletes from KPSC want to be involved in ADP. Having a training down here both in the summer and fall is sure helpful to parents that are on the fence about the program.



Annual Report for Chugiak Soccer Club a proud partner of SSAAK, Southcentral Soccer Alliance Alaska Soccer Club (Chugiak/Palmer/Mirror Lake/Birchwood/Chugiak/Eagle River/Anchorage) Submitted to Alaska Youth Soccer for the year 2019

SSAAK Chugiak/Palmer/Mirror Lake/Birchwood/Chugiak/Eagle River/Anchorage Soccer Club Locations:

2019 provided continued growth and expansion to Chugiak Soccer Club; As our Executive Director/Director of Coaching, Operations Director and an Effective Staff enter their Third year with the organization the policies and direction of the Soccer Club is reflective in its programs on and off the field. With a wealth of experience in Youth Development, Soccer Camps, National League, (ECNL) Elite Club National League, (ODP) Alaskan Olympic Developmental Program, USYSL (ODP) Region Four Staff, Semi-Professional, College, and Professional Coaching and Playing experience the SSAAK Membership is proud to provide the leadership and direction that is growing the sport of Soccer throughout Alaska. We are doing it one player and one team at a time.

Our Staff additions have helped to refine proficiency and effectiveness of club day to day operations. The South Central Soccer Alliance Alaskan community provided many developmental options, player specific programs and locations for families to consider.

Our Developmental Player philosophy was implemented to encompass the many soccer programs servicing our many communities under one umbrella. Each organization maintained their own identity and leadership but each organization would work to support and nurture the sport of soccer for the community and help grow the sport here in South Central Alaska and around the State. 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; designed to meet each player's needs and expectations at all levels of their development through Recreational and Competitive play, and from youth to adult. The expansion of this philosophy has benefited all SSAAK locations and communities. It has provided options, programs and development to meet the needs of our respective communities. Most importantly it has created a business model that supports community growth and direction for the youth soccer player while being cognizant to family cost effectiveness. With all entities working for the community and supporting the sport of soccer, growth and development we continue to see an increase of participation in all our programs. The numbers of individuals participating in local soccer programs at all levels of development in the South Central area have increased nearly 36% percent. The continuity of effort of club coaches supported by the consistency of leadership by the Chugiak 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 our SSAAK Chugiak locations are:

- Consistency and direction of Club coaching education throughout all teams. The Executive Director and Operations Director attend all team practices and games while sharing their educational background alongside the staff to maximize the development of its membership. This collaboration of ideas between our staff has accelerated the development of our players and improved the clubs game management and systems of play.
- The most important aspect of this coaching collaboration has provided consistency of development and education between all teams. With our players sharing the same methodology they can play and fluctuate between teams and grow more effectively.
- SSAAK Chugiak is also a club that promotes and financially supports staff education provided by our Alaskan State Association, United Soccer Coaches of America and by the US Soccer Federation.
- SSAAK Chugiak Membership is proud to afford the finest outdoor and indoor playing and training venues in the State of Alaska.
- SSAAK Chugiak provides added training and playing opportunities to accommodate community logistic concerns and conflicts.

- SSAAK Chugiak has adopted US Soccer's New Bio Banding Methodology allowing players to train and play at their physical, mental and technical ability.
- SSAAK Chugiak continues to expand our Coaching Resources by expanding its Staff and their Educational Expertise.
- SSAAK Chugiak has partnered with Retailor Tursi Soccer to meet our membership's soccer retail needs.
- SSAAK Chugiak has also partnered with Uniform Manufacturer "Adidas", providing our membership with the most Top line soccer uniform attire and gear.
- SSAAK's Club Website Platform designer and moderator is considered the best in the Country.
- SSAAK's Chugiak Tournament specific Website servicing our 2018 Zane Cup Memorial Tournament also added an APP for up to date Cell Phone minute by minute Tournament alerts and updates. Our Tournament website is user friendly and Tournament specific and inclusive.
- SSAAK Chugiak was also excited to host another successful Alaskan community Zane Cup Memorial Soccer Tournament this past summer. The Tournament did have its challenges with forest fires threatening to close vital roadways for our attending guests; local fire crews did a great job in maintaining the fires so everyone could attend. This Memorial Tournament Honors and remembers one of its best and brightest. Thank you all for supporting the kids and attending the 2018 Memorial Zane Cup.
- SSAAK Chugiak is happy to provide 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 SSAAK Family once again enjoyed the opportunity to participate and interact with some of the most respected and credentialed club, youth and college soccer coaches in the Nation during our annual summer Team Camp.
- The SSAAK Chugiak Team Camp also provided 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.
- SSAAK Chugiak instituted a variety of programs that tested our membership's players in different aspects of the general game of soccer, such as Fun Finishing Night, Goal Keeping and Speed and Agility Training.
- In 2018 SSAAK Chugiak supported and participated in our local Alaskan Soccer Tournaments, these being the 2018 Zane Cup Memorial Tournament, Alaska Airlines Cup, Far North Invitational, Alaska State Futsal League and the USYSL Alaska State Cup.

Some notable accomplishments from SSAAK Chugiak/Palmer/Mirror Lake/Birchwood/Chugiak/Eagle River/Anchorage locations are:

- 4 Alaskan State Cup Championships in just under three years.
- 2006 Eagle B having won two consecutive Alaskan 2017 and 2018 State Championships finished as Finalists this year.
- Our 2005 Thunder Girls Repeated as 2018 and 2019 Alaskan State Champions.
- 2018 National Premier League Northwest Conference participant.
- First team from AK. To have been accepted and to play in this Northwest Regional National League.
- 2018 Bend Premier Cup - Champions
- Went 5-0 on the way to winning this tournament scoring 15 goals and only giving up 1 goal.
- Competed in 2018 President Day Tournament
- Thunder traveled to Phoenix, Arizona where they competed against some of the best teams in the country and performed amazingly well. The highlight of the tournament had to be playing the Hawaiian (ODP) Olympic Development Program, team to a draw!
- 2019 President's Cup - Quarterfinalist
- With a 1-1-1 record game One, draw vs Southern Cal, game Two, win vs Oregon, and an extremely even Third match vs Nevada finishing, Second in their bracket, Thunder earned their way into the quarter finals of this Regional event for the second consecutive year in a row!
- 2019 USA Cup Weekend - Semifinalist
- Thunder finished 1st in their bracket with a record of 2-0-1 earning them a place in the quarterfinals vs the #1 ranked team from Nebraska. Thunder went on to win their quarterfinals match and earned a spot in the semifinals.
- 2019 USA Cup - Quarterfinalist
- After playing in a three day tournament and with only one day of rest in between, Thunder started their week long tournament play with a hard fought draw. Game Two, brought a 3-2 win vs a very good team from Chicago. Game Three brought another win and a place in the quarterfinals where in a very close match, lost 7-6 in a PK Shoot-out

- 2019 UAYSL Summer League - Champions
- With an undefeated record of 6-0, Thunder captured the league championship for the second undefeated season in a row.
- 2019 AK State Cup - Champions
- Thunder captured their second consecutive State Cup Championship scoring 10 goals and giving up only 1 again earning an opportunity to return to the Region IV President's Cup in Southern California June 2020
- 2019 Las Vegas Mayor's Cup
- Thunder is headed to Las Vegas in late October to once again compete in the Mayor's Cup.
- 2019/20 National Premier League Northwest Conference
- Thunder was again accepted to participate in the (NPL) and will be making 3 trips out over Nov, Dec, and January to Seattle and Portland for an opportunity to earn a place in the National League in 2020.
- 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/Mirror Lake/Birchwood/Chugiak/Eagle River/Anchorage Club Staff and Administrators are here to teach and educate our membership and surrounding communities. We look forward to 2019 and working with our (AYSA) Alaskan Youth State Association, the (UAYSL) United Anchorage Youth Soccer League and our fellow League Associations in supporting the growth and development of Alaskan Student Scholastic Athlete's.



PALMER SOCCER CLUB

2018/2019 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. PSC holds clinics during the spring indoor session along with a summer camp that is traditionally facilitated by an outside source. This year PSC partnered with Alaska City FC to hold a soccer camp. 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 underwent many changes in the 2018/2019 soccer season.

- We started the year with over a 50% turnover in board positions and the filling of vacant positions; a new board for the second year in a row.
- Introduction to Futsal program for indoor season for the second year. This was better received by our members than the previous year. They can see the benefits to playing futsal.
- Held skill clinics the duration of the indoor season, this benefited all players and noticeably helped the returning summer players.
- Public school gym rental space continues to be a challenge for our indoor soccer season with very limited gym space available and double booking.
- We had 86 amazing coach and volunteers this year. We could not have simply done it without them. Our volunteers are an asset to this club.
- Our player numbers were maintained from the previous year.
- Referee numbers continued to grow from the previous year.
- PSC received grants, primarily for overdue equipment upgrade in the previous year. This summer we were able to see this finally be completed by receiving new goals and bleachers on the field. This helps with the new field layout.
- PSC received a local donation from Marco T's Pizzeria who provided the shipping for our new goals. With this company's donation, PSC was able to maximize the grant goal order and get them delivered to the fields. Along with several local trucking companies who also donated their time and equipment. These donations made a huge impact for PSC and will continue to benefit our membership for many years. We are very grateful.
- PSC partnered with Alaska City FC and Oregon coaches for a weeklong soccer camp with the lead from our Program Director and Alaska City FC player, Josh Banks.
- PSC continues to help our community members through scholarships.
- PSC hosted several referee courses in the spring that was instructed by Gregg Pralle.
- PSC appreciates the referee training courses being available in the Mat Su area. Gregg is a huge asset to the development of referees in the Mat Su area and we appreciate being able to have local guidance and support.
- PSC attempted to host Grassroots coaching courses and a D license, but we did not get enough registered participants to hold. We will try again next in 2020. We appreciate having access to coach education instructors.
- Field maintenance was excellent again this year. Support from the City of Palmer and the Public Works Dept was exceptional. A huge thank you to the staff at the City of Palmer.
- PSC participated in the training that AYSA provided to the club administrators.
- PSC Board President attended the TOPSoccer coaching clinic in August
- We will work towards bringing more recreational soccer opportunities to our community in the next year.