## **Iowa Rush Sends Players to Rush Select PDT Event in Phoenix**

The Rush National Select Program is set to take 10 teams (Boys and Girls U13-U17) to the President Day Tournament in Phoenix this weekend. 160 of the top players within Rush soccer, representing 23 clubs across the nation will be joined by coaches from 20 states, including 12 Technical Directors and two of the three Regional Technical Directors will look to bring home some more championships.

Iowa Rush will be well-represented in Phoenix. Technical Director, Corbin Stone, will be heading out west as Head Coach of the U17 Girl's Rush Select Team. Players from Iowa Rush include:

U13 Girls: Emily Fontana and Chloee Kooker

U15 Boys: Fred Frimpong and Kenan Smajlovic

U16 Girls: Caroline Buelt and Chloe Couves

U17 Girls: Emily Feltes, Mady Gutknecht, Haley Kerns, Aubree Larson, Rachel McCloskey, and Abby Rocha

The players will arrive Thursday, a couple of days ahead of the tournament, to ensure the coaches get a chance to build some team camaraderie, as many of the teams are comprised of players that have rarely or never played with each other. Friday will be the day where all the players and coaching staff will head to Grande Sports World, in Casa Grande, AZ, a big supporter of Rush Soccer.

The day will consist of morning training, lunch, afternoon individual team building sessions, dinner and a Select-wide meeting. Over 30 lowa Rush players were among some 400 that were nominated nation-wide by other Rush affiliates. Congrats to all the nominees and best of luck to the players and Coach Stone as they head to Phoenix!