

Flatirons Rush Gets BIG Win for Local Grassroots Soccer Community

The Flatirons Rush Soccer Club has emerged victorious in its grievance against the Colorado Soccer Association (CSA).

ARVADA, CO, UNITED STATES, May 16, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>Flatirons</u> <u>Rush</u> Soccer Club has won a US Soccer Federation (USSF) grievance, overturning the decision to deny their application to participate in the Colorado Soccer Association (CSA). The decision comes after a prolonged arbitration between the Flatirons Rush Soccer Club and the CSA, during which time the club was denied access to CSA tournaments and leagues.



The ruling was made by an independent arbitrator and a member of the Athletes Council who were assigned by the USSF. The hearing panel ruled that the decision to deny Flatirons Rush's

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The hearing panel ordered that CSA must admit Flatirons Rush Soccer Club as a member immediately and must allow Flatirons Rush teams to participate in the leagues

and Cups. Furthermore, the panel ruled that Flatirons Rush must be treated in the same manner as all other CSA member soccer clubs and consistent with its bylaws, policies and rules. This

victory for Flatirons Rush Soccer Club sets an important legal precedent, affirming the importance of fair and equitable treatment of all soccer clubs in Colorado.

This decision is a significant victory for the grassroots soccer community in Colorado. The USSF, in rejecting CSA's argument on appeal, reinforced its oversight responsibilities, including its statutory duty of ensuring openness in youth soccer across the country. "We are delighted that the independent arbitrator has ruled in our favor, and that the USSF likewise dismissed the argument on appeal that CSA should be allowed to decide for itself how to run soccer in the State of Colorado", commented Joe Webb, President of Flatirons Rush. He continued, "This is a



major victory for all grassroots soccer players in Colorado, and we are happy that our kids will no longer be alienated and can play with and against the kids in the neighboring communities. As a club, we are passionately committed to promoting and growing the sport of soccer in the Flatirons community."

Flatirons Rush applauds the USSF Board of Directors for deciding to deny CSA's appeal of this decision, and it is hoped that this ruling will encourage all soccer governing organizations to take a closer look at their practices and ensure they are in line with the principles of interplay, fairness, and inclusivity for all clubs and players.

Flatirons Rush is hosting tryouts and player placements on May 30,31 and June 1st at Superior Commons Field at 2250 Creekview Way. Sign up at <u>www.flatironsrush.com/tryouts</u>.

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About Rush Soccer

Rush Soccer is committed to providing an unparalleled soccer experience for all who have an interest in the game of soccer. Rush Soccer promotes the development of character, the electricity of competition and the importance of pure enjoyment. We accept the responsibility of teaching life lessons to our athletes to further their growth inside the game and out. We believe that all players should be afforded an equal opportunity to explore their potential and participate in challenging circumstances that will yield positive outcomes. We are committed to making soccer a pleasant, safe and rewarding experience for everyone involved, regardless of age or ability. Through quality coaching, sound leadership and absolute sincerity, Rush Soccer will work to be the best soccer club in the world.

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