

State Cup Winners from across Rush Nation continue to roll in. Idaho Rush finished up their event over Memorial Day weekend and will head to Far West Regionals in Hawaii with three teams having been crowned State Champs! The U14 Boys, U14 Girls and U19 Boys will join the 17 other Rush qualifiers in Honolulu June 17-23.



The U14 boys continued the club's tradition of having at least one back-to-back champion for the fifth straight year. But it wasn't easy for Rush, as they had to play a semifinal every bit as worthy of a final and then grind out a win in the final when the goals weren't quite falling like they were supposed to. In their four games at State Cup, only one was decided by more than two goals, showing the quality of the competition. Like the girls U14 team, the boys declined the opportunity to advance to Far West Regionals, so a win in the final will serve as a proud end to the season.

The U14 Girls have been through a lot in the past month or so, but they were able to put aside off-field concerns for the weekend and focus on the task at hand: winning the State Cup title. Despite



losing their coach just before a string of year-end tournaments, the girls were able to show professionalism and class on the field. Their undefeated and untied run through the State Cup tournament earned the club its second girls championship in history and sets them up for a repeat in 2014. If there is a downside, it's that the girls won't be

rewarded with the traditional trip to Far West Regionals, which is in Honolulu this year. The team chose not to attend because of the travel expense, and Region IV does not accept State Cup champions to the USYS President's Cup, so the team will have to be content with a job well done.

The U19 Boys The boys wanted one more shot at Far West Regionals, so they returned from their respective college teams to form a U19 team specifically for Regionals. Because they were the only U19 boys team to enter State Cup this year, they were automatically crowned champions, their fifth such title in eight years. Fifteen players, including 10 players from last year's state championship team will make the trip.

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