



February 12, 2014. Sicklerville, NJ. The New Jersey Rush Soccer Club announced today that it has been admitted to U.S. Club Soccer's National Premier Leagues.

US Club Soccer's National Premier Leagues (NPL) are not only designed to provide top-level competition for participating clubs, they are also created to help improve the long-term player development environment for participating players and teams. Each NPL provides multiple avenues for players to be scouted and evaluated by U.S. Soccer National Staff and Technical Advisors and US Club Soccer id<sup>2</sup> Staff. This scouting process is operated through the id<sup>2</sup> National Player Identification and Development Program and Player Development Programs (PDP), each of which is sanctioned as an Olympic Development Program as approved by the United States Olympic Committee and U.S. Soccer Federation. Beyond this event-based objective scouting process, players can also be recommended for the id<sup>2</sup> Program and PDP by participating coaches based on their performance in NPL competitions.

New Jersey Rush began transitioning its top teams to regional and national competition in the fall of 2013 by entering U.S. Club Soccer's Eastern Development Program, known as the EDP, which is a regional league including top teams from New York, New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and Virginia.

Through the NPL, New Jersey Rush will have the ability to offer players a unique opportunity to compete at regional and national levels through league play. New Jersey Rush Executive Director, [Sandeep Mehtani](#), commented "EDP and NPL are raising the bar in terms of competitive level and player identification opportunities. We are very excited by our acceptance into the National Premier Leagues. We look at our acceptance into the National Premier Leagues as the next step in our plan to make New Jersey Rush the top Academy for player development in New Jersey."

New Jersey Rush Girls U13, U14, U15, U16, and U17 teams will play in the NPL beginning with the spring 2014 season. The club is looking for committed teams and players to join these initial five teams in the NPL for 2014-2015 and plans to enter teams in the NPL in all boys and girls age groups U13-U18 next fall.