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## Lake Country Soccer Partners with FC Legacy and Magic Soccer to form Southwest MO Rush

**Springfield, MO (April 1, 2020)** – Lake Country Soccer has partnered with FC Legacy, Magic Soccer Club, and other soccer organizations in Southwest Missouri, to form **Southwest MO Rush**. **Southwest MO Rush** will partner with **MO Rush** out of St. Louis, and will be an affiliate of **Rush Soccer**. More information on the global reach of **Rush Soccer** can be found at [rushsoccer.com](http://rushsoccer.com).

**Southwest MO Rush (SWMO Rush)** is dedicated to the development of all soccer players. Our focus is to provide a developmental environment that enables any player to reach their soccer-related goals. SWMO Rush's professional coaching staff will utilize tools available through Rush Soccer to enhance the individual development of each player. As it was with all our partner clubs in the past, SWMO Rush will continue to promote a strong sense of sportsmanship, utilize the diversity within our coaching staff and create a welcoming environment for players at all levels.

As an affiliate of Rush Soccer, SWMO Rush will benefit from our access to all vendors and contacts within the Rush Soccer System, as well as the many resources put out through Rush's player and coach development pages.

*From **Rush Soccer**: "Rush Soccer partners with over a hundred clubs across the globe in pursuance of fulfilling its very mission: **to provide an unparalleled soccer experience: Progressive. Ambitious. Comprehensive.***

*With over 32,000 players involved in the Rush network, Rush Soccer focuses on the formation and expansion of a developmental pyramid, creating pathways not only for the elite players but its entire membership.*

*As one of the largest professional development systems in the world - and with an ever-expanding global footprint - Rush Soccer is creating a professional pathway for players and coaches unavailable anywhere else in the world. "*

**SWMO Rush** is currently searching for a Director of Coaching that will lead the club into its inaugural year. The current **SWMO Rush** Staff is as follows:

Executive Director, Lake Country Soccer: John Markey  
Director of Coaching: (search in progress)  
Technical Director: Thaylan Johnson  
Boys Director: Tyler Bennett  
Girls Director: (search in progress)  
Academy Director: Bruce Deaton  
Assistant Academy Director: Hakim Tahiri

Lake Country Soccer will also be working in coordination with the Springfield Sports Commission for a new soccer event by inviting many of the 100 Rush affiliate clubs to Springfield for an annual event. With Rush Clubs throughout the region, teams will be invited to Springfield for a chance to compete and share fellowship with Rush players and coaches from throughout the region.

For more information on SWMO Rush Soccer, email: [info@swmorush.org](mailto:info@swmorush.org). Important dates to note: Tryouts for Competitive Rush teams will be June 6-13, 2020, at Lake Country Soccer's Cooper Family Soccer Complex. Registration for Rush recreational teams will open by July 1, 2020. Date and times for SWMO Rush Town Hall Meetings will be announced as soon as available. More information to follow.