



Gem State Challenge 2012

Oct. 13-14 * Boise, Idaho

Idaho Rush girls teams ran riot at IYSA's annual Gem State Challenge, claiming five titles in three age groups, including dual titles in both the U10 and U12 age groups.

Girls U10-Blue

Gold Division

CHAMPION

The Blue team opened the tournament with a 1-1 draw against Nova-Coyle, then struggled to score in Saturday afternoon's game, a 3-0 loss to Nova-Chicas. But the girls squeaked through to the semifinals on a breaker, where they exploded for five goals in a 5-0 drubbing of yet another Nova team. The semifinal win set up a rematch with Nova-Chicas in the final, where Rush reversed its earlier fortunes, winning 2-1.

Girls U10-White

Silver Division

CHAMPION

The White team earned a pair of close wins on Saturday, 1-0 over Crossfire and 2-1 over Fury, before unloading on an overmatched Nationals team Sunday morning 9-0. The three wins landed them in the final against Soccer Xpress. Soccer Xpress evened the match late at 2-2 and extra time failed to produce a winner for either side, sending the girls to the penalty spot. Allison Ross saved one shot and Emory Deutsch put the final nail in the coffin for Rush.

Girls U12-Blue

Gold Division

CHAMPION

Rush-Blue rolled through the group stage, getting three shutouts in a 2-0 win over Nova-White, a 4-0 win over Nationals, and a 2-0 win over Nova-Pink. But the competition would be stiffer in the final, where they faced Nova-Grey, which had also gone through pool play undefeated on the strength of three shutouts. The Rush back line proved to be too much for Nova, though, as the girls recorded their fourth shutout in four tournament games, 3-0.

Girls U12-White

Silver-East Division

CHAMPION

Rush-White booked their ticket to the semifinals on Saturday with a 5-0 win over Nova in the morning and a 3-2 nailbiter over Crossfire in the afternoon. The Rush backline stiffened Sunday morning to get a 2-0 shutout over Fury in the semifinals before the girls faced Crossfire, eager to avenge the earlier tournament loss. Unlike the earlier one-goal affair, the final was never in doubt as Rush grabbed an early lead and never let go, winning

Girls U14 Nike-Blue

Gold Division

CHAMPION

Rush was never really tested until the final as they cruised through the group stage with a 4-1 win over Fury, a 6-1 win over Nova and a 3-0 win over Torrent. In the final, they faced a Nova team that snuck into the final behind a win and two draws, so they could have been saving the best until last. But the girls' dominance held fast en route to a 4-2 win.

FINALISTS

Boys U11-Black

U11 Boys Gold Division
