Gem State Challenge 2012

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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** **CHAMP**

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 tie-breaker, where they exploded for five goals in a 5-0 drubbing of yet another Nova team. The semifinal wi up a rematch with Nova-Chicas in the final, where Rush reversed its earlier fortunes, winning 2-1.

Girls U10-White **Silver Division** **CHAMPI**

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 winn either side, sending the girls to the penalty spot. Allison Ross saved one shot and Emory Deutsch put the fir nail in the coffin for Rush.

Girls U12-Blue **Gold Division** **CHAMPI**

Rush-Blue rolled through the group stage, getting three shutouts in a 2-0 win over Nova-White, a 4-0 win 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 line proved to be too much for Nova, though, as the girls recorded their fourth shutout in four tournament ga 3-0.

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Girls U12-White **Silver-East Division** **CHAMP**

Rush-White booked their ticket to the semifinals on Saturday with a 5-0 win over Nova in the morning an 3-2 nailbiter over Crossfire in the afternoon. The Rush backline stiffened Sunday morning to get a 2-0 shuto Fury in the semifinals before the girls faced Crossfire, eager to avenge the earlier tournament loss. Unlike th 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** **CHAMP**

Rush was never really tested until the final as they cruised through the group stage with a 4-1 win over F 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 fina behind a win and two draws, so they could have been saving the best until last. But the girls' dominance hel en route to a 4-2 win.

FINALISTS

Boys U11-Black U11 Boys Gold Division

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