



PERFORMANCE *Cup*

Performance Cup 2013
April 26-28 * Boise, Idaho

Five Idaho Rush teams came away with titles at the Performance Cup and another five teams took runner up honors. Idaho Rush even had one tournament champion from the Select program along with wins at U11, U12 and U15.

Boys U10 Idaho Rush-Blue

U10 Boys Puma Elite Division

CHAMPION

The boys U10 Blue team rolled through pool play, outscoring their opponents 9-0 in three games. The boys got off to a strong start, beating Twin Falls Rapids 3-0 on Saturday. The Sunday morning game was even more sweet as Rush took a 5-0 halftime lead over league rival Nationals-Rochdale and never looked back, winning 6-0 to clinch a spot in the afternoon finals. The final ended regular time tied at 0-0, pushing the two teams into overtime. With 5 minutes gone, Ethan Hurt gained the endline before sliding the ball back to the top of the penalty area, where Nick Liebich drilled a left-footed shot into the right-hand corner for a 1-0 win.

Girls U10 Idaho Rush-Attack

U9/U10 Girls Puma Premier Division

CHAMPION

The surprise of the tournament had to be the success of the Select program's Idaho Rush-Attack, coached by Tod Rasmussen. The U9 Attack team played in a combined U9/U10 division and won three of their four games. Attack started on the right foot with a 4-2 win over Nationals-Dynamo Soundcrew Friday evening, then followed up with a pair of wins Saturday, 2-1 over the Idaho Rush-Matildas (another Select U9 team) and 3-0 over Twin Falls Rapids. Attack faced Nova-Roughnecks Sunday morning with a tournament title on the line; the girls needed only a draw to seal the win, and a 1-1 draw is exactly what they got. Attack will carry their momentum forward into the Spring Select Classic as the top seed this weekend.

Girls U11-White

U11 Girls Puma Premier Division

CHAMPION

The White team got a much-needed morale boost by cruising through the tournament schedule with an unblemished 4-0 record. Rush has struggled in the spring season, but rallied to post their best showing of the year. The girls started with a 4-1 win over Nova-Black on Friday before getting a 6-1 win over Jackson Hole on Saturday. A 3-1 win over Nationals-Flamengo Sunday morning sealed their spot in the final, where they took on Nampa Select Pumas. Rush won a seven-goal frenzy 4-3.

Girls U12-Black

U12 Girls Puma Elite 11v11 Division

CHAMPION

The girls normally play 9v9 in league play, but with reinforcements from other Rush teams they competed in the 11v11 division for a change of pace. The change seemed to suit them as they won a series of tight games. Friday evening provided a glimpse of what was to come with a 0-0 draw with Nova-White. Black found their shooting boots on Saturday morning with a 3-0 win over Avalanche of Utah, but the tight matches returned in the afternoon with a 1-0 win over Legacy Football of Nevada. The two wins and a draw were enough to earn a rematch with Nova-White in the final, another close win at 2-1.

Boys U15 Nike

U15 Boys Puma Elite Division

CHAMPION

The boys used a string of strong defensive efforts to complete the tournament undefeated, allowing zero goals in four games. The run started well with a 6-0 win over Nova-Grey. The boys followed that up with a 0-0 draw with Coeur d'Alene Sting and a 5-0 win over PVSC Crew of Pocatello that placed them in the finals. The championship match pitted them against longtime rival Real Nampa, whom they dispatched with a 2-0 win.

FINALISTS

Boys U12-Blue/Grey
Girls U12-Grey
Boys U13 Swoosh
Girls U16 Nike
Boys U18 Nike

U13 Boys Puma Elite-East Division
U12 Girls Puma Elite-West Division
U13 Boys Puma Elite-West Division
U16 Girls Puma Elite Division
U18/U19 Boys Puma Elite Division
