

US Soccer as well as, the Iowa Soccer Association will be changing the registration platform they utilize in the coming year. *US Soccer Connect* (powered by Blue Star Sports) will become the standard across the United States with regards to registration platforms.

### **Reasons transitioning is needed**

- **FIFA** – (Global Governing Body for Soccer) will require a specific Player Identification Number for every single player in the game for tracking over time.
- **US Soccer** – National player tracking and data. Requiring a “live” stream of information regarding players and any movements from the state association level.
- **Iowa Soccer** – Connecting all their programming into one system for ease of player/member usage. Every other state association across the nation is going to need to use this system to abide by the national standard from US Soccer.

At Iowa Rush, we will be switching to US Soccer Connect starting with Fall 2018 Registration for the Recreational and Academy Programs as well as the Select Program, starting with tryouts in June to coordinate with these changes. Iowa Rush will be completing the 2017-2018 calendar cycle in Blue Sombrero- this includes summer camps and RushFEST. Registration for both systems can be found at [www.iowarush.com](http://www.iowarush.com) within the top menu bar “REGISTRATION INFO” and then you can choose either “Summer 2018” or “Fall 2018-2019” from the pull-down options.

### **Reasons why Rush is transitioning**

- Members will be registered for state and club in same system automatically. If club doesn’t switch systems, Iowa Rush members would have to register in multiple systems to register both for the club and also the state association separately.
- Ease of registration for the club for tournaments, including Iowa Championship Series, State Cup/Regionals, President’s Cup/Regionals, Iowa Soccer indoor championship series, Iowa Soccer League play through ISL, 9/10 Academy and Central Recreation league since all utilize the same system.
- Players/members will be able to upload needed documents (proof of age, player photo, medical release forms, etc. for ease of tracking for club and member to know what is needed.)
- Ability for club leadership to access state association coaching requirement certificates such as background checks, concussion prevention courses or other requirements for coaching through Iowa Soccer. Club can also easily pull a report for US Soccer coaching licensing to see status of coaching education and have direct access to the DCC (Digital Coaching Center) through US Soccer Coaching Courses.
- A current lack of import function from other systems, meaning there would have to be a manual input of membership data from Rush staff. We would need a Constant manual check for input transfer from one system to next daily if we did not go directly through US Connect.
- Connection/Ease of all Iowa Rush Branches being consistent for each club for easier player sharing and club tracking of players.
- Future potential movements from Iowa Soccer with regards to technology and the possibilities with on-field usage for team rosters and player pass access. (unifies system).
- Ability for US Connect to tie together multiple other platforms for an all-in-one system experience for club/state, etc. (college profile options, video editing, referee assigning, league scheduler, etc.)

### **Things that could help ease the transition for Rush members**

- If Iowa Rush members already had a Bonzi profile (log-in and password), they will already be “enrolled” into US Connect as US Connect/Blue Star purchased Bonzi and it’s platforms.
- If Iowa Rush players do any Iowa Soccer programming (ODP-Olympic Development Program, etc.), one log-in and password allows you to access both systems easily (State association and club system).