

WPSL EXPANSION TEAM COMING TO ROSEVILLE

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Roseville, CA - We are excited to announce that Roseville will have its own Woman Premier Soccer League (WPSL) team starting in Spring 2024. The team will be known as 'Iron Rose'. Iron, reflecting our city's railroad heritage and Rose tying in our city name and beautiful community.

As part of the WPSL, local players will have access to the top amateur league for women's soccer in the United States soccer pyramid, and considered the 2nd tier below only the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL). The WPSL is the longest-running active women's soccer league as it enters its 26th season in 2024.

In the last five National Women's Soccer League Drafts, 109 former WPSL players were selected. 40% of players who made NWSL Preseason Rosters previously played in the WPSL. Just to name a few, Brandi Chastain, Alex Morgan, Tobin Heath, Megan Rapino, Rose Lavelle, Morgan Brian, and Emily Sonnet are all WPSL alumni.

Roseville Club President Kevin Stringer says: "With the women's game ever so growing in popularity and success, and Roseville Soccer Club's membership being 50% female, it made sense for us to join the WPSL. As the designated Iron Rose Development Academy, we will now attract the best female players to embark on their dream of playing for Iron Rose.

"Our community has long been proud to be the home of Olympians and Super Bowl and World Series winners. We're thrilled to welcome these two semi-pro soccer teams to Roseville," said Roseville Mayor Bruce Houdesheldt. "Strengthening sports tourism is one of our Council's strategic priorities. Our investment in the 10-field Soccer Complex that broke ground in West Roseville several months ago is the latest testament to that. This is the kind of activity that we were hoping to attract, and I know the athletes and fans will find a warm welcome here."

Roseville Soccer is excited to be a part of the massive growth in Women's Soccer. We too see this region as a hotbed for talented women's players and we are excited to extend more opportunities for them to play the game at the highest level.

An incredible moment for our club, our city, and all of Northern California. There is so much passion for soccer in Placer County and now the community will be able to play for, root for, and support their hometown team. From the youngest ages and up - with a men's team starting in 2025, our club now has it all. There has never been a greater time to be part of Roseville Soccer!