



Dear Soccer Enthusiast,

My name is Nick Cooper, Co-Director of Coaching and this year's coordinator of our 12th Annual "Battle of the Bay" soccer showcase. The Battle of the Bay was started in 2005 by the Blast Soccer Club as an event to showcase soccer talent in Mobile and Baldwin counties. This year, the event will be hosted by the Gulf Coast Rangers Football Club. The event gives players the opportunity to train under and play for college coaches who volunteer their time in support of the event. A charity fund-raiser, the proceeds from the event are donated to MD Anderson Cancer Center, and are generously matched by Lee and Victor Teumer in appreciation for the care their family received at that institution. The event is a club soccer event is has no affiliation with any other organization. We have donated over \$20,000 toward cancer research from previous years' games and expect great results again this year. This year's Battle of the Bay will take place on Friday, May 20th, 2016 at Majors Field in Fairhope.

We appreciate if you could provide names players, **sophomores, junior, and seniors**; boys and girls who you feel that would be deserving of an opportunity to be selected to their respective county team. We have attached the link to the nomination form where you can fill in the information we need to contact the player if selected. Additionally, if you want to suggest players from any opponent in Mobile or Baldwin County we would greatly appreciate those names as well. Please write those names at the bottom of the nomination form. If you would like to rank players, feel free to do so. The link for nominations will close at midnight on May 4, 2016.

The final selections are made by the **Selection Committee** for the game. Every attempt will be made to have 2 Goalkeepers, 7 Defenders, 7 Midfielders, and 6 Forwards on each team. The selection process is very difficult, and we realize that some very very good players will not be selected. 22 players are selected for each team. We know being turned down for the game is a disappointment, but please be respectful of the decision making process. Our Battle of Bay selection committee will make their selections so that players will be contacted by May 8th with Battle of Bay invitation.

Nominations can be made through the GCR FC website: [gulfcoastrangersfc.com](http://gulfcoastrangersfc.com) or at this link: <https://www.gotsport.com/asp/application/reg/?ProgramID=47885>

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 251-776-0196 or contact me by email at [docfsc@gmail.com](mailto:docfsc@gmail.com)

Thanks,

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