

Dear TSP FC Families,

Today is an exciting day for our club and we wanted you to hear it first directly from us!

TSP FC Executive Director Fred Rasuli shared, "We're excited to announce the merger of TSP FC, our soccer club program at TSP and Academica Jrs Soccer Club. This brings together two established programs to create a unified, elevated platform for players and families in Turlock."

We've put together a short [FAQ](#) that outlines what this means, key timelines, and next steps.

This partnership is built around what matters most to our club soccer community. For players and families, it means enhanced player development, access to higher-level leagues and competition, and a clear, structured pathway from youth to advanced levels of play. For coaches, it creates a true development environment with professional growth opportunities, access to high-level technical leadership, and the support needed to build competitive, elite-level teams.

The merged club will feature experienced leadership across operations, coaching, and technical development, including licensed technical direction, collegiate-level coaching experience, and dedicated goalkeeping development available to all players. Athletes will also benefit from a newly built performance center at the Academica Jrs facility focused on strength and conditioning, along with expanded support staff and a fully integrated development system.

From an operational standpoint, this merger creates a more streamlined and impactful experience across the board. Tournaments will be combined, and during the initial phase, co-tryouts will be conducted side by side to allow for better player evaluation and placement. ECNL RL boys will continue with a separate tryout process. With all teams operating on one platform at Academica Jrs, clubs will have the ability to share and support rosters, leading to stronger team performance and greater depth across age groups.

Teams will continue training at TSP, with increased access to fields for all, especially during the winter months creating more consistency and opportunity for year-round development.

With a clear pathway that includes Academica Jrs ECNL-RL opportunities, access to USL Academy (U23), and USL League 2 progression for both men and women, along with improved recruitment platforms, our goal is simple: create the best possible environment for kids in Turlock to develop, compete, and reach their full potential.

At TSP, we've always built our programs with youth and families in mind. Historically, soccer clubs in Turlock have operated in parallel, which slowed overall progress, diluted

rosters and limited the ability to compete at higher levels. Through strong leadership, a shared vision for the future, and guidance & support from NorCal Premier, we've been able to bring together solution-oriented leaders to make this long-discussed soccer club merger a reality, something that once felt nearly impossible.

This partnership also creates opportunities for cross-promotion of all TSP recreational sport programs and Academica competitive soccer program across both organizations, ensuring long lasting partnership and that sports and youth development remain at the center of everything we do and this merger is another step forward in delivering on that mission.

A public announcement will follow soon, but we wanted you to hear this directly from club leadership and have clarity ahead of time.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. We're excited about what this next chapter means for our club and our players.

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Fred Rasuli

TSP FC Executive Director