

Parent FAQ

TSP FC Competitive Teams & Academica Jrs (TYSA) Alignment

A Note to Our Soccer Families,

Thank you for being part of our soccer community. We know how important trust, stability, and clear communication are when it comes to your child's experience, and we take that responsibility seriously.

This alignment is focused on one shared goal: supporting our players, families, and coaches while building a stronger pathway for the future. As we move forward, we are committed to transparency, thoughtful planning, and keeping the best interests of our players at the center of every decision.

We appreciate your trust and partnership as we take this next step together.

See you on the fields!

Fred Rasuli
Executive Director
Turlock Sports Park FC

1. What is happening?

Leadership from Academica Jrs and TSP FC are aligned in a single mission: to build a stronger, unified development pathway that raises the standard for every athlete to the Next Level. By combining our vision, structure, and commitment to excellence, we move forward as one program with one purpose: To develop youth who excel on the field and gain the skills to excel in their communities. Together, we're creating more opportunities, more impact, and more growth for our players, and the future of Turlock soccer is brighter than ever.

2. Why are the clubs doing this?

Both clubs share the same goal:

To protect what families value today while building a stronger future for players and the community.

3. Is this a merger or a takeover?

This is a two-year, planned merger.

Year 1: Alignment and operational support

Year 2: Full transition into one unified club - Academica Jrs

The focus is on collaboration, continuity, and long-term growth.

4. What changes this year (Year 1)?

From a family perspective, very little:

TSP FC teams keep the TSP FC name

Players wear existing TSP FC uniforms or Academica Jrs uniforms

TYSA manages registration, administrative operations, and technical support

Receive Additional Support see #6

This allows teams to stay focused on soccer while improving backend support.

5. What changes next year (Year 2)?

All competitive teams will officially register and compete as Academica Jrs

Branding and uniforms will transition at that time

This phased approach avoids mid-season disruption and gives families time to plan.

6. Will my child's coach change?

No changes are planned. Coaching continuity is a priority of this partnership.

7. What additional resources will players gain through this alignment?

Through the alignment with Academica Jrs (TYSA), TSP FC players will have access to an expanded technical and developmental support system, including:

-Director of Coaching (DOC) access for coach support and College advisory support from John Powell, current Men's Head Soccer Coach at California State University, Stanislaus, providing guidance on:

College pathways

Recruiting timelines

Player exposure and next steps

-Goalkeeper-specific training and oversight led by Casey Clark, Academica Jrs Goalkeeper Director

-Technical leadership and club methodology from Brady Taylor, Technical Director, who:

Holds a U.S. Soccer B License

Previously served as Technical Director at Ballistic United Soccer Club (MLS Next club)

Worked at Barca Residency Academy in Arizona

These resources are designed to support coaches, enhance player development, and provide families with clearer long-term pathways, while preserving the team environments families already trust.

How does this alignment help with age-group changes and team placement?

As players move through age-group changes, the alignment between TSP FC and Academica Jrs (TYSA) creates a larger, more connected player pool and stronger coordination across teams.

This helps:

Team access to a larger player pool for stronger showcasing in leagues, tournaments, and state cup in the first transition year.

Reduce the risk of players slipping through the cracks during transition periods.

The combined structure allows club leadership and coaches to work together to support each player's continued development and team placement.

8. Will this alignment create higher competitive pathways for teams?

Yes. By combining resources, staff, and player pools, the alignment strengthens competitive pathways for both boys' and girls' teams.

Boys' teams will benefit from a clearer pathway into higher-level competition, including expanded access within the ECNL-RL structure where appropriate.

Girls' teams will benefit from more available competitive options, deeper age-group alignment, and increased flexibility to place players in environments that best match their development needs.

All pathway decisions will remain development-based and player-centered, with the goal of creating the right opportunities for each individual athlete over time.

9. What are the Fees?

Beginning with the upcoming season, competitive team fees will be structured as follows below: These fees include: Membership/Player pass, coaches pay, Coaching Education, Referee Coordinator, practice field rental fees, Goalkeeper trainer, club staff stipends, administration, and overhead (League/Statecup and uniform fees are not included)

U8–U12 Teams

Total Fee: \$1,350

Due at registration: \$150

Remaining balance options:

Pay in full: \$1,200

Monthly plan: 10 payments of \$120, due the 1st of each month

August 1, 2026 – May 1, 2027

U13–U19 Teams

Total Fee: \$1,450

Due at registration: \$150

Remaining balance options:

Pay in full: \$1,300

Monthly plan: 10 payments of \$130, due the 1st of each month

August 1, 2026 – May 1, 2027

U13–U19 ECNL-RL Teams

Total Fee: \$1,550

Due at registration: \$150

Remaining balance options:

Pay in full: \$1,400

Monthly plan: 10 payments of \$140, due the 1st of each month

August 1, 2026 – May 1, 2027

Why this structure?

These fees reflect expanded operational support, league participation, and long-term program stability as part of the TYSA alignment, while still offering flexible payment options for families.

10. Can fundraising or financial aid help offset costs?

Yes. Through the alignment with Academica Jrs (TYSA), families may have access to both organized fundraising opportunities and a club financial aid application process.

Fundraising opportunities are designed to help teams and families offset program-related expenses when available.

We currently offer several fundraising opportunities that allow families to raise funds directly for their players. These include two annual dinners (one in August and one in April), fireworks booths, and tournament-related fundraising. This past season, these efforts resulted in over \$15,000 being returned to families.

Financial aid is available through an application-based process, with awards determined based on demonstrated need and available funds.

11. Why is TYSA managing registration?

Centralized registration improves:

League compliance

Communication

Scheduling and administration

Players will register through GotSport, and will use our club platform BYGA

12. What happens to TSP staff and leadership?

Key TSP leadership and staff will remain in place during the transition to ensure continuity, strong communication, and a smooth experience for players and families.

Dina will be continuing on in her role as Club Administrator, overseeing day-to-day operations and serving as a consistent point of contact for families and staff.

Luis will also continue with the club as the Director of Coaching for the younger age groups, providing leadership, curriculum oversight, and support for coaches to ensure player development remains strong and aligned across all teams.

Fred will remain part of the transition team during the first year to help ensure a smooth rollout and adoption.

13. Will this affect my child's development or exposure?

Yes! Positively! Families will benefit from:

A clearer player pathway and new competitive platforms

Expanded club resources

Broader coaching collaboration

Long-term program stability

14. What if I don't want to transition in Year 2?

Families will always have choices. The goal is to ensure the transition is clearly beneficial, well-communicated, and family-centered so it feels like a natural next step.

15. Why are the clubs doing this?

Both clubs share the same goal:

To protect what families value today while building a stronger future for players and the community.

16. Who do I contact with questions?

Your team coach

Club leadership through official communication channels

Additional meetings and updates will be provided throughout the year.