

FAQ's

1. Why Now? – There are many reasons. JSC has seen declining participation in the last year and due to stagnant growth in the area and older teams aging out, we expect that trend to continue. The national trend of clubs merging to provide bigger player pools happened in the Triad this year with Greensboro and Guilford United merging and has affected our player pool. We continue to bring in good numbers at the U9/10 age groups, but that is not translating to full 11v11 teams at all age groups. We are not able to provide the appropriate opportunity for all of our kids. This includes having higher level players playing on lower level teams, lower level players playing on higher level teams, and in some instances, not having enough players to adequately field a team in an age group. This often times leads us to put teams together that do not serve the best interest of each player and puts them in situations that may influence their love of the game in the long run. We also took travel distance and fees into strong account, and this fit was the best on all levels.

Also, discussing this now gives all clubs, families, and players time to research and ask questions. There will be plenty of time to allow for our players to cross train with current PSA/KSA/PTFC players in the spring to allow for a smooth integration.

2. What is an umbrella organization? It is a group of clubs working together to provide a larger pool of players to ensure that each child is afforded the opportunity to play at the appropriate level. Unlike a merger with a club, the local clubs maintain their identity from U9-U12 and then the kids naturally progress to the umbrella organization. While the umbrella organization is a 501 c3, non-profit, and has its own staff, its board is made up of equal members from each base club to ensure a “one” approach across the board including a set rotation of officers and responsibilities.

3. How are coaches selected? – DOCs from all clubs evaluate and suggest their coaches. PTFC DOC and the PTFC Board (made up of reps from all member clubs equally) make all final appointments. Typically, a coach spends no more than 2 years with a specific team. If JSC becomes a full member of PTFC, each association would have 3 PTFC board member spots with equal voting rights with a minimum of one vote needed from each club to ensure fair situations for all clubs.

4. How do we ensure our kids are brought in equally? - PTFC is an umbrella group. They are not “PSA” and/or “KSA”. PTFC’s goal is to provide a larger pool of players to allow more opportunity for all players to play at the correct level for each member’s desire and ability. Each player is evaluated by a coach from each member club, and from coaches not coaching in that age group. They are then scored across those multiple people and then worked out at a full staff meeting. In addition, by planning far in advance we have the opportunity to arrange cross training sessions at all ages U12 and up. This will allow the kids to get to know each other and give various staff members the opportunity to see the kids outside of just a typical tryout setting.

5. How are practices handled? Where? Are they rotated? – Practices are currently held primarily at Phillips, Beeson Park, and HPAC just off of 311 in High Point. Teams are assigned practice locations in HP and K’ville, rotating between the two based on the team make up. Example, if the team is evenly split they split a practice at each facility. If a team has a strong majority of one club or another, it is more often at the majority field. This will be addressed on a team by team and field by field basis once teams are formed, but yes, JAC will be considered for practices. One of the strong points of joining PTFC is the availability of our older kids to train under the lights at Beeson and HPAC. Also new lights are going up at Phillips this fall to be ready for this coming spring.

6. Where are home games? Most games would be played at Phillips or Beeson. The fields are in great shape. Beeson and Phillips have lights and they do not have to pay rent to use the fields, as we do at JAC.

7. What is the fee structure? What does it include? Fees for U13 and up start around \$1100 - \$1150 for full year teams (2011 fee structure). This is slightly higher than JSC but includes everything JSC fees cover plus: 2 Tournaments (about a \$100 value), a team camp at HPU (\$100 value), budgeted time at USAK Indoor facility for training (\$50 value), weekly speed and agility training at USAK and coaches travel expenses.

8a. How do uniforms work? Timing is fortunate as it is a new uniform cycle year for JSC, so all members would have to buy uniforms this year. U9-U12 would wear a PTFC uniform with a JSC patch. U13 and up would be in a straight PTFC uniform. PTFC is supported by Eurosport and adidas.

8b. Why do the younger kids wear PTFC if it is still JSC? The approach is a whole approach. While all the home base clubs keep their identity by having the club patch on their jersey and focus on the U10-U12 ages, it helps the kids and families to see what they are working toward and that as they grow, they are part of the PTFC group. It also allows for better rates at tournaments for group discounts and ensures that all kids are brought into the program on the same foot. The uniform is the same at all levels, so as long as it fits, you don’t have to buy a new one. In addition, if a U12 wished to guest play for a U13 team on occasion, they would already have a uniform.

9. So, what ages does this impact? Directly, it impacts rising U13’s to rising U18’s. They would transition to PTFC at tryouts in May. Indirectly it will impact the entire club in terms of formulating a curriculum across all ages and clubs, so that at U13, the kids from each club are being trained in a similar manner.

10. How would the Academy and U11/U12 ages be handled at JSC? They will still be handled by JSC staff and run very similar to how it is now. The DOCs and coaches from all the clubs meet to discuss training and planning and have a base curriculum to ensure that all kids in all programs are developing toward the same goal. At U11 and U12, the home base clubs begin cross training at various times of the year to allow the kids to get to know each other and the staffs to get to know the kids as well.

11. Are JYL Sports impacted at all? No, not directly. But the sharing of information regarding PTFC as the “natural” progression of a soccer player from JYL/JSC would be communicated to Rec to help ingrain the partnership. The door would also be open to discuss cross club recreational play dates and other opportunities like that.

12. Who is the DOC? Is there a “whole” approach or is each club responsible for their own plan? David Upchurch is the PTFC DOC. There is a whole approach that allows for the clubs to modify as needed. The plans are developed with the DOCs involved from each club. It is expected for all the clubs to share ideas and training methods to aid in the development of our young players and coaching staffs. The ultimate goal is for the umbrella club to be viewed as “ONE”, with all three supporting clubs working together to help players grow on and off the field.

13. How do older teams going to PTFC work? Do our division spots transfer to PTFC? The integration of players and teams would be for the 12/13 playing year and would be all ages U13 and up. Division status or slots belong to the club not a specific team, so any JSC slot in U13 to U18 would transfer to PTFC.