



Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Affiliation between Orange Junior Soccer Club and CDA Slammers FC*.

What are the benefits of the affiliation between Orange Junior Soccer Club and CDA Slammers FC?

- Shared vision for the future of youth soccer and commitment to individual player development at all levels and ages as the primary focus of our program
- Mutual commitment to raising the standards of youth soccer in our community
- Collaboration to enhance and further develop our existing club-wide curriculum to create a nationally recognized and respected standard for player development
- Strengthen our continual professional coaching education program through access to CDA Slammers FC training methods, resources, programs and on-site training for coaches
- Provides a higher level of exposure and support for collegiate bound athletes through Slammers FC programs and network

What's in it for the kids?

We believe that having access to cutting edge resources, professional coaching, structured curriculum, state of the art facilities and a nationally recognized brand will benefit ALL members of our club —boys, girls, olders, youngers, recreational and competitive.

Players and coaches will immediately adopt a more structured player development model that is built upon enhancing each player and each team's technical, tactical, physical, social and mental capabilities. Greater motor skill development (formation of new movements), supports improved technique (mastery and application), which leads to confidence in individual tactics (1v1 situations), followed by group tactics (combination of players) and ultimately team tactics. Coaches will be selected and retained based on their expertise and proven success in this model and their ability to inspire players to excel within it.

What competitions will the girls play in?

- Southern California Development Soccer League
- Elite Girls Soccer League
- Southern California National Premier League
- USYS National League
- California Regional League
- Western College Development Association

What competitions will the boys play in?

- Southern California Development Soccer League
- Southern California National Premier League
- USYS National League
- California Regional League
- Western College Development Association

Who will decide what level of play our teams compete at?

The Southern California Development Soccer League uses a tier system (Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3) as opposed to the Bronze, Silver, Silver Elite, Gold and Premier system used by Coast Soccer League. Our program director and club leadership, within input from our coaches, will make informed decisions on the level of play each team within CDA Slammers FC Orange will compete at.

What is the CDA Slammers FC Academy Program?

Each month the top players from all CDA Slammers FC affiliate clubs will be invited to attend a training camp with CDA Slammers FC academy staff. Selection will be based on ability, attitude, drive and desire.

When will the affiliation take effect?

We will transition from “Orange County Premier” to “CDA Slammers FC Orange” immediately.

Will our club be changing names?

No. “Orange Junior Soccer Club” remains the official name of our club. Orange County Premier is not a separate club but rather the competitive program within OJSC. OJSC will no longer use the Orange County Premier name but rather the program will be known as, “CDA Slammers FC Orange”.

Will the partnership affect our relationship with the City of Orange?

No. We will continue to work with the City of Orange as usual and play on Orange fields.

Will we be changing uniforms?

Yes. 2017 was to be a new uniform year – whether we remained Orange County Premier or not. All competitive program uniforms will be consistent with CDA Slammers FC design and color schemes. While uniform styles often stay the same for more than one year, players should always be prepared to purchase a new uniform every year. We will remain a Nike partner club.

Will the partnership affect our club structure?

No. Our OJSC board of directors, program director, technical director, coaches and staff will remain intact and continue to function – with many club-wide enhancements -- under the new name. CDA Slammers FC will serve as a support function for our members and staff.

CDA Slammers FC Orange will continue to operate with no changes to our Non-Profit 501(c)(3) status. Our fundraising programs will continue to work in exactly the same way with all funds supporting our local club.

How will the affiliation affect the recreational programs?

Our recreational programs (Winter 4v4, Spring Select, Summer Futsal, Fall Recreation, Signature, and TOPSoccer) will continue to operate in exactly the same way – with many club-wide enhancements -- and stay closely aligned with our competitive program. Coaches will have access to CDA Slammers FC Orange coaching resources and training.

The structured player development model built upon enhancing each player and each team's technical, tactical, physical, social and mental capabilities, will in time, be adapted for all programs.

Will my current Premier team's roster be impacted?

Rosters will not be impacted solely because of this affiliation and most rosters will remain intact, as planned, through State Cup. That said, tryouts begin in early December and we will begin the process of forming teams for 2017-18. Existing teams typically see changes in their roster due to a variety of reasons at this time of year. New teams will be formed. The club will be communicating tryout information within days and will keep you informed throughout the tryout and team formation process.

Will my current Premier team coach remain with my team?

For the most part, coaching assignments will remain intact, as planned, through State Cup. Each year the Premier directors and coaches engage in a dialogue regarding performance, the evolving needs of the team, and the best fit for both the team and the coach. Those conversations have already begun. We typically see some movement in coaching assignments from year to year, and we expect the same for 2017-18. We will keep you posted as final assignments are made.

How will my club fees be affected?

As a non-profit organization, we are committed to keeping our fees competitive in the marketplace. We are working right now on the fee schedule for 2017. Specific information will be shared as soon as possible.

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