

2020/2021 Registration Provider Update

Dear Member Club,

As previously announced, the current registration platform will be discontinued at the end of the 2019/2020 season, requiring a transition to a new registration platform for the 2020/2021 seasonal year. To reiterate, there is no impact on the 2019/2020 seasonal year registration process.

We have evaluated various platforms that may suit the needs of our club, league, and association users. Through product demonstrations, reviews of 100+ club responses to a registration provider usage survey, and a financial impact analysis modeling club's current transaction history, an online registration provider has been selected.

NJ Youth Soccer will use the Sports Connect platform, which is built on the core of the Blue Sombrero and Affinity Sports platforms, for player and coach registration beginning with the 2020/2021 seasonal year. Additional information about Sports Connect can be found [here](#).

Important items to know regarding the registration process as a result of this decision:

- All organizations will utilize the association level of Sports Connect for pass printing, roster management, and risk management.
- Players and coaches registered in the current platform within the past three seasonal years **will not** need to re-upload documents for verification.
- Player registrations can be submitted to the Sports Connect platform via three methods:

	Sports Connect/US Soccer Connect	Separate Provider	No Provider
Method	Integrated with Association	Import File Submitted	Manually Add Players
Cost	2.9% + \$2.80 Service Fee ^{*^}	Administrative Fee	No Cost

**Guaranteed not to exceed this amount for at least three years.*

^This service fee incorporates a discount of \$0.20 which is sponsored by NJ Youth Soccer.

In February, NJYS and Sports Connect will provide trainings for club administrators in the form of group webinars, in-person roadshows, and 1:1 digital meetings. We will share details in January regarding specific dates and times.

To assist you further, we suggest reading the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ's\)](#) about the transition.

Overall, we believe that the new platform Sports Connect will provide a more tested and proven product offering compared to the current platform. Product simplicity is an important factor to reducing the time commitment needed from volunteer club administrators. If you are interested in learning more about a club's options for registration and process through the Sports Connect platform, please [click here](#).

Club administrators may contact Ryan Foley, the NJYS Onboarding Specialist (ryan@njyouthsoccer.com) to discuss details specific to your organization.

We look forward to working closely with our member organizations through this migration and beyond to ensure a successful launch of the 2020/2021 season.