



San Juan Capistrano, CA – West Coast Futbol Club is excited to announce its acceptance into the USL Academy League. The club will be launching its U20 USL Boys Academy team this fall featuring the area's top U20 and younger boys' players with the option to add 10 overage players. Acceptance into the USL Academy is another major milestone for the club which has won 5 previous National Championships.

“This is a fantastic opportunity for our players to play against USL professional academies. It is also a great opportunity for former West Coast players to come back and represent the club during breaks in their college seasons” said Neil Amour West Coast FC Technical Director -

Geared towards top players within the U15 to U20 age range (2004 and younger birth years), the USL Academy model is unique in the player development landscape with a direct path to competition with USL and USL aligned academies.

This model allows identification and integration of elite youth players into a pre-professional environment at a younger age, giving them exposure to a higher level of play than they would normally experience. The development of players is enhanced by providing regionalized meaningful competition and the ability to compete in the USL Academy Cup.

By moving forward with this model, West Coast FC can deliver a new player development platform that bridges the gap between its youth teams and the USL Academy. In doing so, the club will be able to integrate the top local players in the area into a pre-professional development environment, allowing players to chase their dream of playing at the professional level.

“This program is vital for our players to achieve their dreams of playing at a higher level and I am totally committed to helping these players achieve those dreams” said West Coast USL Academy Head Coach Jerry Tamashiro.

As the landscape of youth soccer continues to evolve, the USL Academy is a first-of-its-kind model designed to create the clearest path possible to both collegiate and professional soccer.

“The USL has an excellent history of being innovators in the game and we’re proud to be a part of their Academy program,” said West Coast General Manager Mike Higgins. “This is a natural next step for our club to help players reach their goals.”