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OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM
PLAYER TRYOUT
INFORMATION

THE US YOUTH SOCCER ODP PHILOSOPHY

To identify players of the highest caliber on a continuing and consistent basis, which will lead to increased success for the U.S. National Teams in the international arena.

PURPOSE

The US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program was formed in 1977 to identify a pool of players in each age group from which a National Team will be selected for international competition; to provide high-level training to benefit and enhance the development of players at all levels; and, through the use of carefully selected and licensed coaches, develop a mechanism for the exchange of ideas and curriculum to improve all levels of coaching.

SD ODP is a supplement to the club/organization structure that is already in place within South Dakota. We rely heavily on the existing club/organization structure to develop player's individual skills and team concepts. In turn, we identify and utilize our states top coaches to further the players' abilities and skills. So, while we do try to develop players further, ODP is not designed to take the place of the existing club/organization structure in place in South Dakota.

SD ODP, via a tryout process, selects the best players by birth year from those who attend the tryout process held in October through December. All players are encouraged to tryout for the state Olympic Development Program and no one is prevented from trying out. Club/Association Directors of Coaching, State ODP Coaches and the State Director of Coaching also have the flexibility to recommend players to state pool who missed the tryout process for whatever reason.

Following the tryout process a training schedule is determined for each age group and presented to those players selected from the tryout process so they can add these dates to their existing family, school, and soccer/sport calendars. These trainings/events enhance player's abilities and allow coaches to evaluate players in an environment that provides coaches an opportunity to get to know the individual as a player and person. Coaches need to evaluate the players to determine the 18 that are our best players for their birth year. The training schedule is used to bring continuity to a team of SD players that will compete against other states' top talent as regional and national staff coaches evaluate the player's talent. Regional staff will select a pool of players from which they will choose their regional teams for national and international competitions

Following regional camp, player's are provided an evaluation from a regional staff coach that outlines their strengths, weaknesses and provides guidance on ways to improve their individual and team skills so they can continue to improve as players. State ODP coaches review this evaluation with each player and also provide their feedback, so the player has a better understanding of what they need to do to get better.

REGISTRATION & FEES

Players that wish to tryout must register by one of the following methods:

- 1.) Visit the online registration site. A link to the online registration site is available on the ODP website at the following address:

WWW.SDODP.COM

- 2.) Fill out an application form and send it to the State Office. Application forms are available on the ODP website at the address above.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you need more information about ODP tryouts, please visit the ODP website at the following address:

WWW.SDODP.COM

If you don't find the information you are looking for on the website, please contact the SD Soccer ODP Administration at:

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