

## ODP Q & A's

Q. What is ODP?

A. ODP is the abbreviation for "Olympic Development Program", a US Soccer program designed to identify youth soccer players of the highest caliber.

Q. Who and how are players selected for the program?

A. Tryouts are open to all players within the state, no invitation or recommendation is necessary. Tryouts are held in the month of June – that is the opportunity for players to attend and be observed by the ODP staff and additional senior coaches for inclusion in the program.

Q. Are there other opportunities to be selected/What if the player is unable to attend tryouts?

A. Players are also scouted during club, high school, and tournament play and may be recommended to join the program. A scout's recommendation is not an automatic acceptance into the program. Club coaches may not recommend their own players and ODP staff coaches may not recommend players from within their own club. At the discretion of the ODP Director, Regional and National players may be invited directly into the ODP program as well as other selected and/or scouted elite players.

Q. Is ODP a big commitment?

A. Yes, ODP is a very big commitment. If you are chosen to be a part of the program you are expected to participate in practice sessions, games, play days, tournaments and other events.

Q. When are ODP practice days and where are the practices held?

A. Fall/Winter practices are on Sunday mornings 7:00 – 9:00AM at an indoor facility. Spring practices will be held outdoors at various sites. Team schedules will be posted on the CJSA website.

Q. Will participating in ODP conflict with my club team?

A. Clubs play a very important role in player development. ODP recognizes the value of Region I Premier Leagues, CJSA Premier League and State Cup and excuses its players for league and cup matches. ODP does not schedule events for the month of May in support of the clubs and to avoid player conflicts. League and cup matches in the month of April are also excused absences for ODP players.

Q. Who will participate in the Region I ODP Tournament?

A. ODP staff will identify a team of 18 players for participation in the Region I ODP Tournament which is held the second weekend of June in New Jersey at Rider University. If selected players are unable to attend, alternates will be invited to attend the event.

Q. Who is invited to attend Regional Camp?

A. All ODP players who are in good standing are invited to attend camp.

Q. When does the ODP season end?

A. The ODP season concludes in July with regional camp.

Q. What does it cost to participate in the ODP program?

A. Fees for 2006 ODP players included a \$25.00 Registration/Tryout Fee and a \$325.00 Participation Fee. For players attending the Region I Tournament there is a \$25.00 fee – housing, meals and travel are each player's own expense. Region I Camp fee is \$385 which includes housing and meals. Costs for any additional events will be determined by the expenses of the event. Scholarships are available for qualifying players – contact the CJSA office at 860-676-1161 for additional information.

Q. What other events are projected?

A. Events such as a European trip for selected age group(s), competitive tournaments.

Q. Will players receive written notification of tryout results?

A. Yes, a letter will be sent by August to each player attending tryouts whether they were selected for inclusion in the program or not.