



# Oregon ODP

## Come play with the best!



Oregon Soccer Players,

On behalf of the Oregon Olympic Development Program, you have been invited to tryout for the State Select soccer team August 14th and 15th, 2010 at the CFC Fields in Salem. The Olympic Development Program was created for elite soccer players in the United States and offers elite players a chance to get to the next level in soccer.

### **What is ODP?**

The Olympic Development Program is a program designed to identify high-caliber soccer players. Elite youth players throughout the country are chosen to represent their state association, region and ultimately, the United States in soccer competition.

ODP teams are formed at the state association and regional levels, made up of the best players in various age groups. At the state level, pools of players are identified in each eligible age group, brought together as a team to develop their skill through training and competition. From the state player pools and subsequent teams, players are chosen for regional and national pools and teams.

### **Can anybody tryout and how am I evaluated at Tryouts?**

Any soccer player may be considered for ODP. When player's tryout, they are evaluated on four attributes of a soccer player:

1. technique
2. tactics
3. fitness and athletic ability
4. psychological component (attitude)

### **ODP Coaching**

We bring in some of Oregon's best coaches at both the College and Club level to train and teach our ODP players. It's no secret we try to include one college coach from around the state on each ODP team. We understand making the Regional or National Pool is extremely difficult. So if we can't get you there, we want all of our players to be in line for a college scholarship when they're done in ODP. Our coaches list will be listed on our website at [www.oregonyouthsoccer.org](http://www.oregonyouthsoccer.org) under the ODP section before tryouts in August.

### **Why are we excited about Oregon ODP?**

Seven years ago Oregon had a total of 8 Regional Players selected to the Regional Pool. Regional players are considered the top 30 players in the Western Region for each age group. We bumped that number up to 10, then 12 then 21, then 33, then 36 and then all the way up to 53 Regional Pool players. That's an incredible jump from the bottom and we've climbed our way from 10th in the region to 3rd in the region in Regional Number rankings. Oregon is now considered one of the top states in the region and we continue to get better.

### **Is there a conflict with my Club Team, High School Team or the OPL?**

Absolutely not! All players should be playing with their club and we don't conflict with your schedule. We train and play in tournaments when clubs are not playing. If there is a potential conflict with club and ODP, we work out the problem and make it right for the player. Players now apart of an OPL club are absolutely eligible for ODP as well. We don't punish players for the soccer politics that take place in our state.

## **I play for an OPL team who is not registered with OYSA..can I still play with ODP?**

Absolutely! Again, ODP is here for all players in the state of Oregon. It's the one program that gives players the opportunity to get to the Regional and National team. The only thing an OPL player will have to take care of is a \$13 membership fee with OYSA. This covers OYSA and the player for insurance. Can players be registered with both US Club and OYSA? Yes! Dual-registered players are not punished at any level.

## **What benefit does ODP give me?**

Competition! ODP is here to provide you with top-level competition. The best players from all over the state of Oregon form our pools. You then train against the best and you play against the best when we attend tournaments against teams from the 14 different states in Region IV. You play the best of Cal-South, Cal-North, Colorado, Washington and so on. Oregon hosts one of the premier ODP Tournaments in the nation over Memorial Day Weekend at no cost to our players. Last year we had teams from British Columbia, Cal-North, Cal-South, Colorado, Washington and Utah.

College! It's no secret that college coaches flock to the ODP program when recruiting players. They want the best players and they come to the best showcase program possible. They come to ODP. More than 85 percent of Oregon's oldest ODP age group signed scholarships to play at Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3 programs last year. We also offer college advising and mentoring through the Varsity Student Institute and we offer free advice and clinics from TWIST sports conditioning.

## **Oregon ODP College Weekends!**

Every year we take our four oldest age groups in ODP to the top three colleges in the state of Oregon. Last year, the girls groups participated in ODP college weekends at University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Southern Oregon University, Linfield and Western Oregon. The boys participated in two at Oregon State and Linfield. These weekends consist of training, playing games and taking a tour with the coaching staff of the college with just Oregon ODP teams. Nobody else is there all weekend but Oregon ODP. It's an incredible opportunity for you to see first hand what college is about, what college coaches expect, and what you need to know about your future.

## **What does the ODP Schedule look like?**

We encourage everybody to check out the 2010/11 ODP schedule on our website at [www.oregonyouthsoccer.org](http://www.oregonyouthsoccer.org) under the ODP section. The schedule is always subject to change as new opportunities come up during the season.

## **Mandatory Tournament and Training Policy**

Before you tryout, please make sure you are aware of our Tournament and Training Policy. Commitment is taken very seriously in ODP. Lack of commitment hurts the pool and the entire program. So please be aware, all weekend training sessions are mandatory. If players miss training unexcused or pull out of a tournament they are selected to play in, they will not participate in the next tournament. The only exceptions for missing training will be a graded school activity, illness, death in the family, an ODP sanctioned event or a soccer event outside the country. ODP is elite, not optional. Player are given two free passes to miss training during the season, a rule put into place last year.

## **Cost!**

Below is a rough cost breakdown of what ODP will cost in 2010/11. Please know we do everything in our power to help players get through. We offer scholarship money, we offer fundraising programs, we offer payment plans and we do what we can to help players with financial difficulty get through. We never want money to affect a players participation. ODP Regional Championships (if selected)-\$660 (rough estimate), ODP Regional Camp (if selected)-\$600 (rough estimate), Washington ODP Weekend-\$195 (rough estimate), Utah Mountain Friendlies-\$525 (if selected), Oregon ODP Friendship Cup-\$20 a player (if selected). State fee and Uniform fee are TBA.

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