

Region 1
ODP program coaches
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The goal of U.S. Soccer's Olympic Development Program (ODP) is to provide a framework and structure that allows programs and events to help identify, evaluate and develop players for the National Teams Program. The overall objective is to coordinate, oversee and monitor these initiatives on a continued and consistent basis, in order to ensure players are properly integrated into the National Team program.

Selection Criteria and Procedures for Olympic Development Program
Coaching

Appointments (Regional Level)

A component of the USOC's approval of Olympic Development Programs is ensuring that the coaching staff is qualified to instruct elite-level players. To that end, USSF and USYS to put together the following criteria for all ODP coaching appointments at the Regional Level and above.

A. Region Head Coach

1. Nominations: Nominated by State Association President or Technical Director, Regional Director, U.S. Soccer Board Member, US Youth Soccer Technical Director. In addition, a notice will be placed on the Region Web Site and applications will be accepted. (Please contact your State Association to discuss interest in the position)

2. Selection: The US Youth Soccer Region Olympic Development Program (ODP) Head Coach will be appointed by the US Youth Soccer Region Director and National Technical Directors (US Youth Soccer and U.S. Soccer). Only after confirmation is received may the appointment be announced.

2. Qualifications:
 - a. Must be in good standing with all USSF, USYSA, and Region constituents.
 - b. The Region Head Coach must be a coach of national/regional stature with a USSF "A" License and "Y" License or may hold a USSF "B" license and be named as "Acting Coach" while earning the "A" license.
 - c. The coach should have a minimum of three years' experience on a Regional ODP Staff.
 - d. The coach will have good interpersonal skills, the ability and interest to work with the ODP administrative staff and other coaches.
 - e. The candidate will have proven leadership skills.
 - f. The candidate will have a current clear background check.

3. Responsibilities:
 - a. The Region Head Coach will carry out the US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program as approved by the US Youth Soccer Board of Directors in the Policies and Procedures for the US Youth Soccer ODP.
 - b. Avoid all conflicts of interest or perception thereof
 - c. When filling the Region Coaching Staff positions; i.e., Assistant Regional Head Coaches, Regional Age Group Coaches, Assistant Age Group Coaches, Regional Camp Coaching Staff and other coaching staff will avoid conflicts of interest or perception thereof.
 - d. Select, train and evaluate all regional coaching staff and remove and/or replace as necessary.
 - e. Represent the coaching interests of US Youth Soccer ODP at the State Associations Technical Directors meetings
 - f. Initiate a regional scouting system to find players for the Region select teams
 - g. Communicate with National Team coaches and U.S. Soccer staff.
 - h. Provide written technical reports on US Youth Soccer Region ODP events to the regional ODP administrator and the US Youth Soccer Technical Director.
 - i. The coach will attend key Regional ODP functions as required, and when availability allows conduct clinics at the sub-region or region levels for State Association Olympic Development Program Coaches.
 - j. The coach will not coach or be an administrator in any ODP-type programs in competing organizations.
 - k. The head coach will work closely with the Region ODP administration on all programming and events.
4. Appointment: The US Youth Soccer Region Head Coach will be appointed for a two year term. The US Youth Soccer ODP Region Director may continue the term of the Region Head Coach for an unlimited number of terms.
5. Compensation: As decided in the US Youth Soccer Regional budget. Currently, the Region Head Coach is an employee of United State Youth Soccer