

# Announcing a Less Expensive, More Inclusive ODP With Tryouts Across Eastern New York

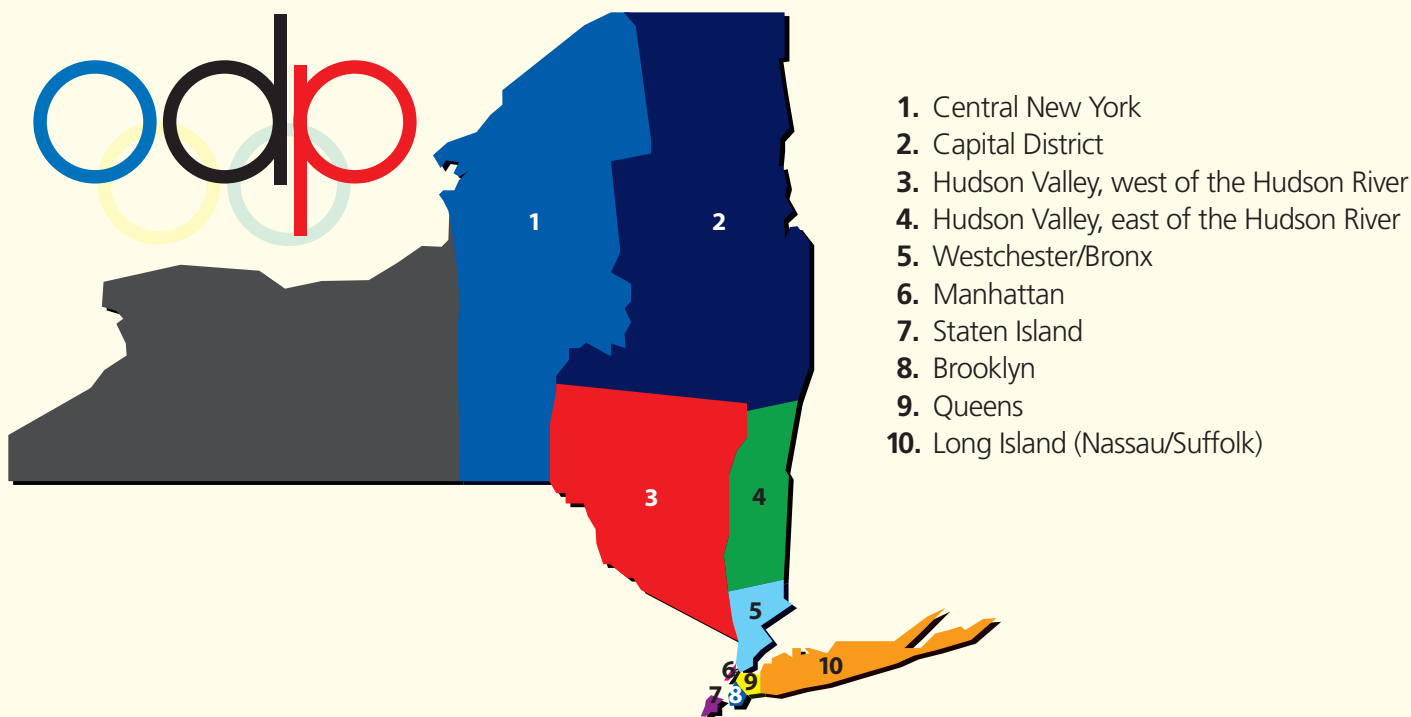
The **Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association** (ENYYSA) is improving its Olympic Development Program (ODP), the highest level of competition in the state. Every year, players are evaluated by the ODP professional staff of coaches for a position on each age-specific team. Because of the large geographic region and population that Eastern New York encompasses, ENYYSA has both North and South ODP squads in all age groups and

both genders from Under-12 to Under-17.

“With the changes planned for 2013, every player in Eastern New York will have a real opportunity to try out for ODP;” commented ENYYSA Trustee **Julian DiDonato**. “Over 90% of the players within Eastern New York will be within 30 minutes or less of an ODP tryout field. We’re trying not to overlook anyone no matter where they live in Eastern New York.”

**ENYYSA is pleased to announce these changes that makes ODP more inclusive, less costly and a more condensed program for our players:**

**Under-12 to Under-15 Divisions (based on calendar year of birth).** Two tryouts will be held in March 2013 at 10 locations throughout ENYYSA. The following is an example of sites that could be utilized:

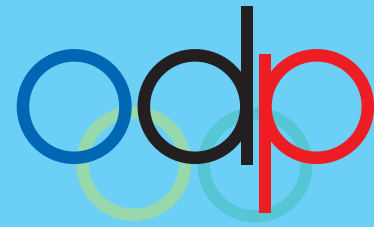


A player is not limited to where he/she can try out and can try out in more than one location. Registration is required for each location. All tryout results will be posted to the ENYYSA website, [www.enysoccer.com](http://www.enysoccer.com), under ODP. Players identified at the tryouts will attend the State ID Training starting in April 2013 with dates and locations to be announced.

The fee is \$35 for an affiliate player who “pre-registers” or \$45 for on-site registration. For non-affiliated players, meaning those players that are not registered with a league or club affiliated with ENYYSA, the fee is \$250. Each player will receive a numbered tryout t-shirt, which is required to be brought to all tryout sessions.

“The pricing is structured to be very affordable. If you are selected to be part of the State ODP pool, your total fee for the tryouts and training sessions would be \$185,” commented Mr. DiDonato. “Tryouts will be held throughout Eastern New York. For example, there’s plenty of talent in Manhattan and Staten Island but this is the first time that we will be holding ODP tryouts in those boroughs of New York City.”

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**Under-16 and Under-17 Divisions.** No tryouts: Players in the program the prior year will be invited back to participate in the State ID Training, starting in April. ***Any premier and/or elite player who did not participate previously can be recommended by a League/Club President, Director of Coaching, League Select Coach or an USSF/NSCAA National Licensed Coach.*** A Recommendation Form will be available online at the ENYSSA website, [www.enysoccer.com](http://www.enysoccer.com), under ODP.

*Player recommendations will be reviewed by the ODP Staff, and if accepted, that player will be invited to the first training session.*

**State ID Training (Under-12 to Under-17) to be held in April 2013**

The selected players join either the North or the South State ODP Player ID Training. The State ID Training will each have two sessions of 90 minutes. After each session, a list will be posted on the ENYSSA website of players invited to attend the next State ID Training. From this the "State Pool" of players, 30 North State ODP Players and the 30 South State ODP Players will be identified per division. There will be no fee for any player to attend the State ID Trainings.

**State Pool-Four Training Sessions (Under-12 to Under-17) to be held in April and May 2013 in both North and South fields**

A total of 30 State ODP Players per division/per gender selected from the North and South State ID Training will attend four training sessions. It's Monday Night Soccer as the training will be on that night. The fee for the training is \$150. The Age Division Head Coach (one per age division) will identify a total of 18 players and 2 alternates (one team) from the North pool and the South pool that will represent ENYSSA at the Region 1 ODP Tournament. Players not selected for the Tournament Team are eligible to attend the Region 1 ID Camps in July; this camp is optional.

**Tournament Team-3 Training Sessions (Under-12 to Under-17) to be held in May and June 2013**

Monday Night Soccer continues as the Tournament Team will train at three sites throughout ENYSSA on those nights. The Region 1 ODP Tournament fee is \$250, which includes three training sessions, the Region 1 ODP Tournament entry fee and hotel.

**Region 1 ID Camp to be held in July 2013. All players eligible to attend from State Pool**

"State Pool" players are eligible to attend the "optional" Region 1 ID Camp in July. The Region 1 ID Camp identifies players to participate on Regional Pools/Teams. The fees are \$525 for boys and \$550 for girls.

*Regional players are then identified by U.S. Soccer staff coaches for possible entry to the national teams program. Yet even those players who do not make the Region 1 or National Teams often use ODP as a springboard to college scholarships and even to professional soccer.*

Players will have the opportunity to join the optional fund raising efforts to offset part or all of State ODP fees. Dollar-for-dollar raffle sales are applied towards players' ODP fees. All raffles sold are non-refundable and will be used towards the program. Raffles will be provided to the "State Pool" players.

The ODP teams will be playing in tournaments on selected weekends in the spring and summer.

Registration is open until February 2013.

ODP, which was a year-round program for many years, is now just from March to July with a great reduction in traveling for ODP families.

"With these changes, we expect to increase our talent pool, offering the elite youth soccer players in Eastern New York the full benefits of being a part of ODP," added Mr. DiDonato.

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