



US Youth Soccer ODP Structure

This document is provided as an overview of the various aspects of the US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program (ODP) for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 seasonal years to ensure that the leadership individuals from the Member State Association are fully informed.

One of the many improvements being implemented is the enhanced identification and scouting of players. The identification and scouting of players will take place during USYS scheduled events. Each Member State Association, based on space limitations and general availability, will have the opportunity to participate with their State ODP teams in any of the sub-regional events taking place across the country. It is the responsibility of each Member State Association to provide each of the players from within their State ODP with the opportunity for identification from which to be invited to attend Region ODP ID camp (beginning with the 2019/20 seasonal year). It is recommended that each Member State Association participates in at least two sub-regional events each year in addition to the applicable Regional ODP Championship. Member State Associations will determine which sub-regional events they will attend based on the number of players in their age group pools and any number of additional variables. Depending on the format of the sub-regional event, Member State Associations may have the opportunity to bring multiple age groups. Players will also have the opportunity to be scouted at individual player ID camps.

ODP Scouting Network will be created and consist of ODP Technical Staff, State Association Technical Staff, and Club Staff (internal scouting). Scouts will attend USYS Events to identify players.

ODP Scouting Network Goals:

- Identify players with the potential to play for ODP Regional Team/ODP National Team.
- 55 State Association Technical Directors build scouting network within their states.
- Identify potential state association scouts to be part of the ODP Network.
- Align with US Soccer, MLS and NWSL to assist in providing competitive environments for top players.
- Build relationships and communicate with Member Clubs.
- Provide ongoing professional development for external and network scouts.

ODP Scouting Network Profile:

- Examine Players
- Build and manage a network
- Create and submit reports effectively and efficiently
- Build rapport

- Demonstrate integrity

Additional information pertaining to the various USYS ODP events that take place during the year are presented as follows in chronological order.

REGION ODP ID CAMPS

The National ODP cycle starts in July when all regions hold their Identification Camps. The camp structure for the 2019 cycle (2018/19 seasonal year) will remain the same for each region. In the 2019/20 seasonal year, there will be a new structure implemented for National ODP that will provide more consistency across regions and better opportunities for participating players.

Beginning with the 2019/20 seasonal year (September 1, 2019), all regions will move to individual player registration meaning that we will no longer need to utilize a state team format. Regional ODP ID Camps will invite age groups 12U-17U to participate. Players receiving an invitation to participate will be selected through identification and scouting as noted above in addition to input from the various state technical leaders.

Camp Staff & Administration:

Region secures and trains all chaperones and coaches; States encouraged to provide names/contact info for interested individuals.

Registration

Each player, with assistance from their parent/guardian, will register through the platform provided by US Youth Soccer (State Associations will not be invoiced for any camp fees) and will complete all required documentation. The camp fee for 2020 is \$600 per player and includes their training kit in addition to room and board. Players are responsible for the cost of their travel to and from camp. Member State Associations desiring to subsidize any portion of a player's camp fee may do so by contacting their National ODP Administrator.

At the conclusion of the Region ODP ID Camps, the region staff will select players in all age groups to form regional training pools. Region staff will also name the top 18 players from within each age group that will be invited to attend the inter-regional events. The reason for selecting regional pools is to monitor the players during the cycle with the understanding that players progress at different stages.

Region ODP ID Camp/Player Pool Benefits and Opportunities:

- International Competitions
- Domestic Competitions
- Regional Events
- Camp/Competition Events
- Monitoring/Tracking
- Exposure to high-level coaching

ODP INTER-REGIONAL EVENT: GIRLS (GODP)

Players will be selected for the 2019 GODP Inter-regional event, which will be held in Boca Raton, FL November 22-28, 2019. Players will travel on Friday, November 22, 2019. Check in at the hotel will begin at 4:00 PM EST. Age groups will be 13U- 16/17U. Players invited to this camp have been identified at their Region ODP ID camp and will compete alongside other top players from their region. The region teams will be competing against other regions during this event. Region staff and ODP Scouts will evaluate players for the possibility of an invitation to attend the USYS National ODP Training Camp (NTC).



Registration

This event will showcase the top 72 players in the country in each age groups 13U, 14U, 15U and 16/17U. Each player, with assistance from their parent/guardian, will register through the registration platform provided by US Youth Soccer and will complete all required documentation. The event fee is \$600 per player. Players are responsible for the cost of their travel to and from the event. Member State Associations desiring to subsidize any portion of a player's event fee may do so by contacting their National ODP Administrator.

ODP Inter-Regional Event Benefits and Opportunities:

- Evaluation by region staff
- 6-day training/inter-regional competition
- Exposure to US Soccer Scouts
- Exposure to College Coaches
- Possible inclusion in the NTC
- Possible inclusion International Competition
- Exposure to high-level coaching
- Player diversity

ODP INTER-REGIONAL EVENT: BOYS (BODP)

Players will be selected for the 2019 BODP Inter-regional event, which will be held at IMG Academy in Bradenton, FL December 17-21, 2019. Players will travel on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. Check in at IMG will begin at 3:00 PM EST. The purpose of this event is to bring in the top players selected in each region out of the Region ODP ID camp for competition in several age groups. Players compete with the best players in the country as regions face-off against each other. Region staff and ODP Scouts will evaluate players for the possibility of an invitation to attend the USYS National ODP Training Camp (NTC).

Registration

This event will showcase the top 90 players in the country in each age groups 13U, 14U, 15U, U16 and 17U. Each player, with assistance from their parent/guardian, will register through the registration platform provided by US Youth Soccer and will complete all required documentation. The event fee is \$550 per player. Players are responsible for the cost of their travel to and from the event. Member State Associations desiring to subsidize any portion of a player's event fee may do so by contacting their National ODP Administrator.

ODP Inter-Regional Event Benefits and Opportunities:

- Evaluation by region staff
- 4-day training/tournament competition
- Exposure to MLS Academy Scouts
- Exposure to College Coaches
- Possible inclusion NTC
- Possible inclusion International Competition
- Player diversity
- Exposure to high-level coaching

USYS NATIONAL ODP TRAINING CAMP (NTC)

The Boys and Girls National ODP Training Camp will be held on January 23-28, 2020 at the Tournament Sportsplex of Tampa Bay in Tampa, FL. Players invited to the NTC are scouted during the USYS ODP cycle.



This event is designed to take the top players selected from the GODP and BODP inter-regional events and further evaluate and showcase their talents with high-level training and top-level competition for both genders.

Registration

Specific information will be provided to the players and their parents/guardians who are selected to attend this event each year.

USYS National ODP Training Camp Benefits and Opportunities:

- Exposure to College Coaches
- Exposure to MLS Academy Scouts
- Exposure to US Soccer Scouts
- Possible inclusion for an International Competition
- Exposure to high-level coaching

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

In the spring of 2020, there will be USYS National Teams formed to participate in four international competitions (2 boys and 2 girls). Players will be selected for this 18-person roster from other USYS ODP events throughout the cycle. Age groups, location, and competitions have not yet been selected. This will be a free event for selected players. However, players will be responsible for the cost of their travel to and from the designated departure airport.

Registration

Specific information will be provided to the players and their parents/guardians who are selected to attend these event each year.

International Events Benefits and Opportunities:

- Exposure to international competition
- International culture experience
- High level competition
- High level coaching
- Exposure to international clubs

ODP CHAMPIONSHIPS

The ODP Championships will be held in each region beginning in the 2019/20 seasonal year. As part of the identification/scouting recommendations, all Member State Associations are encouraged to participate. Among those in attendance for this event will be region scouts as well as college coaches and MLS scouts. These competitions will host age groups from 12U to 17U with preliminary games, semi-finals and finals taking place across a long weekend to crown a regional champion in each age group.

Registration

Participating Member State Associations will register and pay the team fees through the registration platform selected by US Youth Soccer. A username and password, along with a link, will be provided.

ODP Championships Benefits and Opportunities:

- Advancement to the ODP National Championships



- College Coach Exposure
- MLS Academy Exposure
- US Soccer Exposure
- Exposure to high-level coaching

