



**South Carolina Youth Soccer Association**  
**Olympic Development Program**  
**Parent Information**  
**2019**

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Players and Parents:

Welcome to the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association Olympic Development Program. We thank you for the time and commitment you have made to your player and the sport of soccer in the state of South Carolina. This information packet describes the purpose of the Olympic Development Program and its focus upon the growth and development of soccer players in South Carolina. Included are a listing of Olympic Development Program Events and an estimated fee schedule. The event and fee information is preliminary and subject to change.

The Olympic Development Program is designed to complement a player's club training. ODP events are scheduled around SC Youth Soccer play dates and major College Showcase Tournaments. US Youth Soccer ODP is not only the first and original ODP program, but also the only elite player development program that can claim members of Major League Soccer and Women's Professional Soccer, as well as a majority of current and past national and youth team members, as alumni.

The South Carolina Olympic Development Program demands a commitment to excellence as the program offers the opportunity for development along with exposure and identification by some of the State and Region's top Collegiate, Club and National team coaches.

If you have any questions about the evaluation process or the Olympic Development Program, please do not hesitate to contact the state office. Again, we thank you for your time and commitment. Good luck at evaluations!

Yours in Soccer,

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## What are the Parents Expectations?

South Carolina Youth Soccer Association appreciates the time and commitment parents make on the behalf of their players. This information pack was developed in an effort to educate both parents and players of the ODP process. Please utilize this information pack as a tool to answer most of your questions as well as giving you an insight into our ODP program.

***IT IS THE PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK E-MAILS AND OUR WEBSITE PRIOR TO ALL TRAINING DATES. FIELDS CAN BE CLOSED UNEXPECTEDLY FOR REASONS OTHER THAN WEATHER.*** SC Youth Soccer does not control the closing of the facility used for ODP training. Please pay particular attention to ***ALL*** deadlines and instructions for various activities. Adherence to these dates is the key to reducing issues and costs. ***IT IS THE FAMILIES' RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPOND TO CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE STATE OFFICE and ODP ADMINISTRATION AND COACHING STAFF.*** Failure to do so in a timely fashion will jeopardize the players' opportunity to participate in an event.

## The US Youth Soccer/SC Youth Soccer ODP Philosophy

The Olympic Development Program is designed to identify players of the highest caliber on a continuing and consistent basis for the purposes of developing their skills and abilities; thereby creating sustained success for the U.S. National Teams at the International level.

## The Olympic Development Program Provides Superior Benefits

The Olympic Development Program is an integrated and comprehensive approach that provides benefits for player development:

- Focus on the individual player and total player development
- Development of the individual player is enhanced as they train and play against the best players in their respective age groups
- Development of the individual player is enhanced because they must learn to adjust to varying groups of teammates. This requires the player to respond to varying styles, strengths, weaknesses and abilities of the other elite players, rather than becoming dependent on the habits of a fixed group or team
- The highest quality of competition against the best players drawn from the entire state rather than one or two associations
- Exposure to regional and national team coaches



- Exposure to college coaches within the environment of the highest quality competition
- The opportunity to represent our state, our region and our nation in domestic and international competitions
- Non-profit sponsorship and administration. Our Olympic Development Program does not carry the burden of a profit orientation. As a result, we will continue to drive down participants' costs. Our goal is to be significantly less expensive than other elite soccer concepts

### **How Are Players Selected?**

Players are selected in South Carolina on the basis of open evaluations conducted by the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association ODP Coaching Staff. Players can also be invited into the ODP program if they are scouted and identified by our extensive ODP staff.

Selection of Olympic Development Program players is not an easy task. Players are evaluated on the four components of soccer:

1. Technique
2. Tactics
3. Fitness and Athletic Ability
4. Psychosocial (attitude/desire for excellence)

### **What Will Happen at Tryouts - Policies and Procedures**

- ODP is organized by birth year. For example, a player born in the year 2002 is in the 02 ODP age group
- Dates and locations of ODP try-outs/ training sessions can be found on the ODP calendar <http://www.scysa.org/programs/odp.aspx>
- Players must participate in a scheduled tryout date or training session to be considered for the player pool.
- Players will receive two numbered T-shirts
- Coaches will receive a list with players designated numbers (no names)
- SC Youth Soccer ODP Staff will follow the ODP evaluation process established by the ODP and State Technical Directors. This information will be posted online.
- Players will be assessed and identified by the ODP staff. The staff will determine those players selected to the initial State Training Pool.



## Communication with Identification and Selection

- All Players must currently be registered with South Carolina Youth Soccer
- Player status after the last tryout date of December 9<sup>th</sup> will be posted on the SC Youth Soccer website, by the following Wednesday afternoon at 5 PM.
- Players can be released from the State pool after any session.
- Players must pay for all training sessions whether in attendance or not; to stay in the ODP Program.
- Payment is required prior to the training session. Payment can be made online. **PLEASE DO NOT PAY AT THE FIELD.**
- If withdrawing from the ODP program please notify the South Carolina Youth Soccer State Office and the ODP Director, via email of your intentions at [scysa@scysa.org](mailto:scysa@scysa.org) and [gwinchester@scysa.org](mailto:gwinchester@scysa.org) Players are responsible for all training fees and refunds for early withdrawal from the program will not be issued.

## What are Regional Camps? (SC is in the South Region)

US Youth Soccer is divided into four Regions. All Regions offer a Regional Camp for ODP participants in each eligible age group. The camps are designed to develop elite players through high-level competition and training. During Region Camp training and competition, players who are identified for possible selection to the Region pool for possible selection to the Region team. Region team players attend events that place them in contention to be selected for US Soccer Youth National Teams. The specifics, as well as the cost, of these Regional camps will be provided by South Carolina Youth Soccer Association to all invited players.

## What is a National Camp?

National Camps and Interregional events are held throughout the year at various locations in the United States. The National Team Coach or a National Staff Coach is present at these events to observe, train, and identify players for placement in the National pool or on a National team.



## How Can I Learn More?

South Carolina Youth Soccer Association is committed to providing the highest quality Olympic Development Program at the lowest possible cost and with fully informed parents and players. Additional information can be found at [www.scysa.org](http://www.scysa.org) or contact Greg Vallee, Director of Coaching Education & Player Development at [gvallee@scysa.org](mailto:gvallee@scysa.org)

## What are the Players Expectations?

South Carolina Youth Soccer Association provides several avenues for players to improve, but it is their own enthusiasm, and commitment to excellence, along with the support from their club coaches, that promotes players to the State, Regional and National Teams.

The Olympic Development Program expects a lot from its players:

- Commitment to Excellence
- Work Hard – Play Smart!
- Personal responsibility – each player must sign the Code of Conduct. Violation of this contract will be dealt with fairly and firmly.
- Attendance – players are expected to attend all training/competitive events, and any absences must be documented.
- ODP events are scheduled around club commitments (SCYSA play dates and College Showcases) therefore players are not expected to miss events.

## What happens if I miss a Training Session?

Be aware that players are always being evaluated at every training session and players can be released from the program at any time. If you are going to miss a training session, please email the age group head coach as well as the ODP Director. Coaches plan their sessions early in the week based on the number of players attending. The sooner the coach knows the number of players missing the better they can plan. **Please contact the age group head coach and the ODP Director NO LATER THAN Friday AT 9 AM prior to a training session. Remember that you are responsible for the training session fee regardless whether you attend or not.**

## What dates will the final Pools be selected?

Coaches are always evaluating the players so that they can select the best players to represent South Carolina ODP. The final pool selection for the Region Camps in June/July will be selected after your respective training sessions in June.



## **State Team Pools/Player Selection for Region Camp**

- Players for each age group will be selected for the State Team Pool
  - Player Pools will be posted online at the SCYS ODP Website the Wednesday after tryouts with instructions on how to accept position and register and pay for the Sub-Regional event in January
  - The player pools will attend the ODP Sub-Regional Event in January in NC for the boys and girls
- After Sub-Regional events SCYS ODP Pool Players will be asked to pay online for 6 predetermined training sessions.
  - Dates to be determined by DoC and Staff
  - ODP Staff will work with SCSCSL and PMSL League Administrator to block off dates for ODP training
- Up to 24 Players from the player pool may be selected to attend Region 3 Camp
  - The 24 will consist of 18 players picked to attend Region Camp with 6 alternates
  - 24 players will be posted on SCYS ODP Website
    - 18 selected players will be asked to register for Region Camp
    - Alternates will be notified in order only if a position becomes available

### **2019 ODP Tryout Dates**

#### Evaluation Dates

- Girls – 2002 – 2007/08 Age Groups
  - November 18, 2018 and December 9, 2018
    - Registration begins at 7:30am – 8:15am
    - Evaluation – 8:30am – 11:30am – 2002 – 2007/08 age groups
- Boys – 2002 – 2007/08 Age Groups
  - November 18, 2018 and December 9, 2018
    - Registration 12:30pm -1:15pm
    - Evaluation - 1:30pm – 4:30pm – 2002 – 2007/08 age groups

**\*\*Players are encouraged to attend both evaluation dates\*\***

#### Evaluation Fee

- \$100.00 Early Bird Registration – September 24, 2018 – October 1, 2018
- \$125.00 Online Registration Fee – October 2, 2018 – November 16, 2018
- \$150.00 Late Online Registration Fee – November 17, 2018 – December 7, 2018
- \$175.00 Walk Up Fee – November 18 and December 9, 2018
  - Evaluation fee includes 2 evaluation dates, 2 Nike Dri-Fit Shirts, 1 Pair of Nike Soccer Shorts

### **Training Dates for all age groups 2006 - 2000**



## TRAINING DATES

- January 20, 2019 - Rain Date January 27, 2019
- February 10, 2019 - Rain Date February 24, 2019
- March 10, 2019 - Rain Date, March 24, 2019
- April 7, 2019 – Rain Date, April 14, 2019
- June 2, 2019 – No Rain Date
- June 9, 2019 – No Rain Date
  - Training Fees - \$225

### **Tentative ODP Budget 2019**

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Sub – Regional Event (Boys & Girls) - \$225.00

Training Fees - \$225.00

07/08 Sub-Regional Event (Boy/Girl-Wilson NC) \$150.00

Region III Camp for 2019 is \$850.00 (includes room & meals-no transportation)

*(\$250.00) (Non-refundable Deposit is required for Region III Camp by June 1st if selected to tentative State Pool for camp)*

### **Financial Assistance**

Financial assistance is available for South Region Camp for those in financial need. All players must pay the registration/tryout fee and be current on training fees to be considered. After this, families may apply for assistance. Applications for assistance will be emailed upon request by contacting the SC Youth Soccer State Office. **All financial assistance information needs to be in the office by June 1st of each calendar year and must include a copy of the parents' prior year tax returns and a paystub from the month of May in the current year.**

South Carolina Youth Soccer Association Olympic Development Program is financially self-supporting. It will be the policy of this administration to keep the total cost of this program as efficient as possible. Costs are determined by facilities, hotels, coaches, transportation, entry fees and other projected miscellaneous expenses.

