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About ODP



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STYSA ODP Philosophy

The primary responsibility for the development of all players belongs to the clubs. It is the responsibility and function of STYSA ODP to identify, select, and develop the state's elite players to compete with and against each other in preparation for regional, national, collegiate, or professional opportunities.

Success at the ODP level is directly tied to the high level of the players, coaches, and competition in South Texas. For ODP to be a true success, STYSA must work in cooperation with club coaches, club officials, local Associations, and parents.

STYSA ODP Mission Statement

The Olympic Development Program (ODP) is part of the original Olympic Development Program founded in 1977 by US Youth Soccer as a national identification and development program for elite level players. The program identifies and develops players to compete at the state, regional, and national levels in support of National Team development efforts.



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ODP was created by US Soccer around 25 years ago for two purposes;

- 1. To identify national team players early, at the youth level;**
- 2. To provide development opportunities for these potential national team players.**

To this day, these two core purposes, namely, IDENTIFY and DEVELOP, have not changed. However, many players have also come to associate ODP with improved opportunities for playing college soccer and getting college scholarships. This is because many college coaches work on ODP staff at the state, regional and national levels and many college coaches scout players at ODP events. College coaches consider a player's participation in ODP as an indicator of talent and soccer ambition.

The function of South Texas ODP is to identify, select, and provide opportunity to develop the state's top players, and through high level training and competition, to provide the means by which these players are prepared to compete for selection for regional, national, collegiate and professional opportunities.

ODP tryouts offer players the opportunity to showcase their talent in a unique environment designed to allow the top players in South Texas to show their ability. All positions on the ODP State Pool are up for grabs and the coaching staff will be looking to select players who perform the best on tryout day.

Players selected to the ODP Training Pool will train together on selected dates over the course of the winter. Through this training, observing and evaluating process players from each age group will be selected for the South Texas ODP State Pool and invited to represent South Texas at Region III ODP Camp in Alabama during the summer.

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