



**MISSOURI YOUTH
SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

**OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM**

2013/2014 PARENTS GUIDE

WELCOME

Parents and Legal Guardians,

First of all, thank you for signing up for the 2013/2014 Missouri Olympic Development Program. Over the next few months, we look forward to your son/daughter participating in this tremendous program which has seen a number of players develop and be identified to the Regional Pool, National Pool, and US Men's and Women's National Teams.

Through this program, we expect all players to learn and develop their individual and team skills through competition and advanced training. This is one of the few opportunities that you'll have to learn and develop from some of the best players and coaches in Missouri and our Region. That being said, we fully expect all players to have a fun and enjoyable experience while participating in the program. Soccer is a sport after all and it's meant to be fun!

I wish you the best of luck as your son/daughter begins their experience with the Missouri Olympic Development Program. If you ever have any questions, please email me at statecoach@moyouthsoccer.org or call me at 314-409-0300.

Sincerely,

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

What is ODP?

The US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program was formed in 1977 to identify a pool of players in each age group from which a National Team will be selected for international competition; to provide high-level training to benefit and enhance the development of players at all levels; and, through the use of carefully selected and licensed coaches, develop a mechanism for the exchange of ideas and curriculum to improve all levels of coaching.

ODP Mission

The mission of the US Youth Soccer's Olympic Development Program is to identify players of the highest caliber on a continuing and consistent basis, which will lead to increased success for the US National Teams.

The mission of Missouri Youth Soccer Association's (MYSA) Olympic Development Program is to identify and develop the top players registered within the State of Missouri, to promote development through quality coaching, and to help these players gain recognition on the Regional and National levels.

ODP Philosophy

We believe that training and playing with those of equal or greater ability is a tremendous teaching tool.

We believe that exposing players to such training and competition is the best method for development.

We also believe that this exposure is the best method of identifying the highest caliber players.

We believe that the development of players in Missouri is primarily the direct responsibility of our affiliate clubs and that the ODP should not interfere with that development.

We believe that the MYSA ODP can supplement that development by allowing the best players in the state to train and compete alongside each and against the best of other states in the Region.

We believe that the success of the Missouri ODP will be a direct result of the quality of players, coaches and Club Organizations.

Therefore, we believe that we must foster a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect between the Clubs and MYSA ODP.

ODP Goals

1. To identify a pool of players in each age group from which a United States National Team will be selected for international competition.
2. To provide high level training to benefit and enhance the development of players at all levels.
3. To provide an opportunity for players to play in front of college coaches, especially at the older age groups.
4. Through the use of carefully selected licensed coaches, develop a mechanism for the enhancement of ideas and curriculum to improve all levels of coaching.

Age Groups

The Olympic Development Program follows different age requirements than Club Soccer. The age groups for ODP are determined by the year of birth. That is, players are put together if they were born between January 1st and December 31st. The youngest age group is considered 'Developmental'. There are six (6) age groups involved in State ODP each year.

For the 2013/14 ODP season, the six (6) age groups are:

- 1997 Boys & Girls
- 1998 Boys & Girls
- 1999 Boys & Girls
- 2000 Boys & Girls
- 2001 Boys & Girls
- 2002 Boys & Girls

Process

The ODP seasonal year follows the same season as Clubs: August 1st through July 31st. Below is a chart that illustrates the process that each player will follow during the year:

Players register and sign-up for ODP. The tryout/training fee is paid and paperwork is turned in for each player.

TRYOUTS



State Pool Named. Players not named to the State Team are still encouraged to attend the trainings.

TRAINING



Regional Tournament/Camp Team Named. There will be 18 players to a team, with 5 alternates.

REGIONAL SHOWCASE /CAMP

TERMS

- **ODP:** Olympic Development Program
- **Tryout:** A session or scouting that is still in the stage of identifying players for a State Pool.
- **State Pool:** A group of players that is selected in a particular age group after the four (4) tryout sessions. This pool of players is the group from which the Regional Showcase/Camp team will be selected.
- **Training:** A session that is held AFTER the State Pool is identified (after 'cuts'). Players that do not make the state pool are still encouraged to attend the trainings even if they don't make the State Pool.
- **Competition:** A session or event that includes organized (ie: tournament, referees, etc) games.
- **Regional Showcase/Camp:** The 3-4 day regional events are held in either Dekalb or Rockford, IL throughout the month of July.
- **Holdover:** A player that is selected by the Region 2 staff at the Regional Showcase/Camp to stay an extra few days for additional training, development, and identification. Holdovers are selected in the 5 oldest age groups.

YOUR COMMITMENT

Player must do their best to be at all tryouts, training sessions, and the Regional Showcase/Camp. These events will stretch from November through July. We understand that there are other responsibilities that a player takes on with being a part of a club. Club commitments come first, then ODP. That being said, we ask that if you commit to be a part of ODP that you give it your best both on and off the field. Remember, you are representing the state of Missouri as a member of this program.

COST / WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?

The registration fee is \$175.00/player. The fee covers expenses for Tryouts, two (2) Tryout shirts, Team Training Sessions, and administrative expenses for the program. For each team, we plan for four (4) tryouts or scouting trips and up to four (4) training sessions per teams (2 sessions in one day is counted as 2).

If the player competes in a competition with the team, there will be an additional cost in order to cover expenses such as the coach's pay, coach travel reimbursement, coach hotel/food reimbursement, and tournament entry fee(s). An example of what a 'competition' is would be a tournament like the Nebraska Freeze, where a number of state ODP teams come to play against one another. As estimate of the cost would be anywhere from \$50-\$100/player for this event. That does not include travel expenses for players.

For those players selected to attend the Regional Showcase/Camp, there is an additional cost for this event as well. The cost of the Regional Showcase/Camp varies somewhat from year to year. We expect this expense to be anywhere from \$650-800/player, but that is just an estimate. The final Regional Showcase/Camp prices will come from Region 2 after the New Year. For more details on Regional Showcase/Camp, please see the Regional Showcase/Camp section later in this document.

EQUIPMENT TO BRING

While participating in ODP, players should never wear or bring any gear that identifies a particular club or high school. Players are always to bring both of the Tryout t-shirts (that you get at the 1st tryout), shin guards, water, and a ball).

WEATHER POLICY

In the case of inclement weather and Missouri Youth Soccer Association has to cancel or postpone an Olympic Development or Player Development session we will send out a text alert to everyone that has signed up for the alert:

1. Go to the following webpage: https://www.rainedout.net/team_page.php?a=413a56ce508dab8b2748

2. Enter your phone number. The RainedOut system will then text you a validation code. Enter the validation code.
3. You'll then be able to subscribe to your team's text alerts.

To avoid people traveling to a venue Missouri Youth Soccer Association will try and cancel the event 24 hours prior to the first session that is scheduled to take place, but we cannot guarantee this. If an event is cancelled during the normal business hours of Missouri Youth Soccer Association we will also update the team page and send out a text & email.

If we are experiencing bad weather such as thunder and lightning at the start of the session we will break until it is deemed safe for the players to return to the fields. If the weather does not pass and the sessions have to be cancelled, Missouri Youth Soccer Association will do the utmost to post updates on the MYSA website calendar as soon as we are able to secure venues and re-schedule events.

If at any time you have any questions or concerns please contact either your team coach, team administrator or John Roeslein, ODP Administrator.

VENUES

A number of different venues will be used throughout the state and will be selected based on the team's composition, location of the coach, and availability. For tryouts, here is the venue that will be used for 2013/2014. Additional venues will be used for trainings once the State Team is selected:

63 Sports Complex – Jefferson City, MO

12575 Renz Farm Road

Jefferson City, MO 65101

Type of Field – Turf

Directions - [CLICK HERE](#)

ODP CLOTHING / GEAR

All players attending tryouts will be given two (2) tryout shirts that they'll use during tryouts and training sessions. In addition, MYSA will make available specific clothing items each year to ODP participants for purchase. Last year, hoodies and t-shirts were available (see picture below). Proceeds from the sale of these clothing items go directly back into the program.

All players for 2013/14 will also get a unique ‘ODP Bag Tag’ to show everyone that you’re a part of the program!

Clothing/Gear information will soon be posted on the link below on the MYSA website: http://www.moyouthsoccer.org/odp/odp_clothing_gear/



II. COACHES

**For coaches bios, please see the ODP team pages on the MYSA website.*

<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>COACH</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
1997 Boys	<u>Head Coach</u> Tom Dunsford	dtdunsford@sbcglobal.net
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	<u>Assistant Coach</u> Zak Fox	
1998 Girls	<u>Head Coach</u> Chad Edwards	Cedwards16@missouriwestern.edu
	<u>Assistant Coach</u> Tommy Howell	tommylee4tex@aol.com
1999 Boys	<u>Head Coach</u> Brandon Misuraca	bmjvmisuraca@gmail.com
1999 Girls	<u>Head Coach</u> Scott Gloden	gloden@slu.edu
	<u>Assistant Coach</u> Anne Gloden	
2000 Boys	<u>Head Coach</u> Carl Rose	3roses4@att.net
	<u>Assistant Coach</u> Zach Waters	zewaters@gmail.com
2000 Girls	<u>Head Coach</u> Drew Hawkins	hawkinsd@moval.edu
2001 Boys	<u>Head Coach</u> Chris McDonough	wcw@mcclawfirm.net
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2001 Girls	<u>Head Coach</u> Deno Merrick	merrickd@mobap.edu
2002 Boys	<u>Head Coach</u> Jim Bokern	jbokern@ajaxstl.com
	<u>Assistant Coach</u> Joe Jaggie	

2002 Girls	<u>Head Coach</u> Joe Kofron	jkofron17@sbcglobal.net
	<u>Assistant Coach</u> Kelly Caldwell	

III. TRYOUTS

Tryouts for each age group will take place in November/December/January in Columbia, MO. Dates/Times/Locations will be posted on the MYSA website as they are finalized.

At the tryouts, there will be a MYSA representative on hand to direct players and make sure that everyone is welcomed, has a copy of this Parent Handbook, and is properly registered.

There will typically be two (2) tryouts a day on two (2) separate weekend dates. Each tryout session will be conducted by the age group coach. The sessions will have a few hours break in between for players to recover in between.

Players will receive two (2) tryout shirts when they attend their first tryout. These shirts are to be worn at tryouts and training. No club or high school gear should be worn.

Please keep in mind the players selected for the State Pool may be identified and selected from a scouting trip by the coach and not necessarily through the tryout. All kids that make it to the pool or team may not have attended a tryout if that age group's coach did identify them through a scouting trip.

Cost

The registration fee is \$175.00/player. The fee covers expenses for Tryouts, two (2) Tryout shirts, Team Training Sessions, and administrative expenses for the program. We promise four (4) tryouts or scouting trips and up to four (4) training sessions per teams (2 sessions in one day is counted as 2).

State Pool Announced

After tryouts are completed, each age group coach will be asked to narrow down their pool play players to their 'State Pool'. This number of players can vary depending on the number and depth of players trying out.

We expect that the State Pool for each age group will be named by March 1st, 2014 at the latest.

IV. TRAININGS

Trainings are conducted after Tryouts and before the Regional Showcase/Camp. It offers the coaches more of an opportunity to work with the players and identify who will be going to the Regional Showcase/Camp. It also offers the players more of an opportunity to work with their coaches and continue in their development.

Details on Training dates and locations are finalized at or around tryouts. The goal is to schedule these at a date/time/location where the majority (if not all) of players are available. These details will be sent out to all players and posted on the individual ODP team pages.

Regional Showcase/Camp Team Announced

At the conclusion of the trainings, each age group coach will announce the Regional Showcase/Camp Team. The Regional Showcase/Camp Team will consist of 18 players, with 5 alternates. This is the Team that will then go to the Regional Showcase/Camp in summer 2014.

We expect the Regional Showcase/Camp Team to be announced no later than April 1st, 2014.

V. 2014 REGIONAL SHOWCASE/CAMP

The 2014 Regional Showcase/Camp will be held in Rockford and Dekalb, Illinois. Specific age groups will be at one (1) location or another. Teams will not have to play at both locations during camp. The older age groups will participate in a tournament/showcase format, which will be geared towards exposure to college coaches and selection. The younger age groups will participate in more traditional camp format that will be focused on development and fun.

In the four (4) oldest age groups, players will be selected as “Holdovers”, where they will be invited to stay at the Regional Showcase/Camp for an extra few days for further training, development, and identification.

Missouri teams and players will be pitted against other states teams from all over Region 2. Region 2 also has a staff of regional coaches that will be present during the Camp to provide additional instruction and development.

The Regional Showcase/Camp is also a tremendous opportunity to play in front of college coaches. In 2013, over 100 college coaches from all over the country attended the Regional Showcase/Camp!

Dates as of 1/13/2014:

DATES	BOYS	GIRLS
July 11 th – 13 th , 2014	1997, 1998, & 1999 Showcase (Rockford, IL)	1997, 1998, & 1999 Showcase (Rockford, IL)
July 13 th – 16 th , 2014	1997, 1998, & 1999 Holdover ID Camps (Rockford, IL)	1997, 1998, & 1999 Holdover ID Camps (Rockford, IL)
July 14 th – 16 th , 2014	2000 and 2001 Showcase (Rockford, IL)	2000 and 2001 Showcase (Rockford, IL)
July 16 th – 19 th , 2014	2000 and 2001 Holdover ID Camp (Rockford, IL)	2000 and 2001 Holdover ID Camp (Rockford, IL)
July 16 th – 19 th , 2014	2002 Developmental Camp (Rockford, IL)	2002 Developmental Camp (Rockford, IL)

Cost:

The final costs for the Regional Showcase/Camp will not be finalized until later this fall or early 2014 once housing, staffing, and transportation costs are better known. The cost is expected to be between \$650-850/player.

Lastly, for the first time, all players attending the Regional Showcase/Camp will get to keep one (1) uniform set after the Showcase/Camp.

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