



**MISSOURI YOUTH
SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

**OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM**

2017/2018 PARENTS GUIDE

WELCOME

Parents and Legal Guardians,

First of all, thank you for signing up for the 2017/2018 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. This is one of the few opportunities that you'll have to play with 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!

We wish you the best of luck as your son/daughter begins their experience with the Missouri Olympic Development Program.

Sincerely,

Kirk Nelson & Kelly Jenkins
Missouri Youth Soccer Association

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.

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 the top players registered within the State of Missouri, to promote through quality coaching, and to help these players gain recognition on the Regional and National levels. This is done by using the individual team coaches as a resource and reference for college acceptance.

ODP Philosophy

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

We believe that exposing players to such 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 compete alongside each other in scrimmage and friendly games 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 to be named to the state team also for individual players to be named to the Regional pool.
2. To provide an opportunity for players to play in front of college coaches, especially at the older age groups.

Age Groups

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 2017/18 ODP season, the six (6) age groups are:

- 2001 Boys & Girls
- 2002 Boys & Girls
- 2003 Boys & Girls
- 2004 Boys & Girls
- 2005 Boys & Girls
- 2006 Boys & Girls

Process

The ODP seasonal year follows the same season as Clubs: August 1st through July 31st. Player registration open August 1st, 2017. The try out fee of (\$200.00) is paid when you register your player. Players are evaluated during the try outs (November 11th, 12th, 18th and 19th). State Team, Alternates and Pool Players will be announced on/before January 8th, 2018 (except for 2006 developmental).

PLAYER COMMITMENT

Players must do their best to be at all tryouts, and additional sessions. These events will stretch from November through June. 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 program fee is \$200.00/player. The fee covers four (4) Tryouts, two (2) Tryout shirts, Team Scheduled Sessions, pre-season training (for those players that are registered) and administrative expenses for the program.

All State Team Players and Alternates will be required to order a uniform kit. A kit consists of two (2) jersey's (home and away), a pair of shorts and a pair of socks. Kits are expected to cost around \$62. Kits are the players to keep.

SUPPLEMENTAL EVENTS

All players may be offered additional opportunities to attend tournaments/showcases as they become available with their respective ODP teams throughout the year, additional costs will apply for these events.

For those players invited to attend the Regional Event, there is an additional cost for this event as well. The majority of this expense is housing, transportation, and food. The Region will directly provide the costs to selected and accepted invitees as well as all arrangements will be made directly with a Region 2 representative. Since the Region has gone to a format that no longer has teams attending the competition, Missouri Youth Soccer Association no longer arranges any transportation to or from any Regional event.

2018 REGIONAL EVENT

The 2018 Regional event will be held sometime in July. The format and information details will be announced later this winter when receive that information from the Region.

The final costs for the Regional event will not be finalized until early 2018.

Lastly, Missouri Youth Soccer will not be sending teams to this event, players of the **highest caliber** on the team's 01-05, may be invited to attend this event there is no set number of players that can or will be sent. If your player is invited you will work directly with the Region on all your arrangements, all transportation is solely your responsibility.

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). If you attend wearing any club gear you will be asked to change or turn your items inside out.

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 an email will be sent from your coaches. 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.

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, coaches will notify players as soon as possible.

ODP CLOTHING / GEAR

All players attending tryouts will be given two (2) tryout shirts that they'll use during tryouts 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. Proceeds from the sale of these clothing items go directly back into the program. Please note, this is optional to ALL ODP players.

COACHES

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

<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>COACH</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
2001 Boys	<u>Head Coach</u> Rob Wilkinson	Rwilk27@gmail.com
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2001 Girls	<u>Head Coach</u> Deno Merrick	merrickd@mobap.edu
	<u>Assistant Coach</u> Oscar Rojas Christy Kononiuk	oscar@soccershots.org christysoccer@sbcglobal.net
2002 Boys	<u>Head Coach</u> Marc Hager	marchager@mckendree.edu

	<u>Assistant Coach</u> Nate Fraley Tim Strange Zach Waters	tigers532@msn.com tstrange@mckendree.edu zewaters@gmail.com
2002 Girls	<u>Head Coach</u> Dan Schmidlin	dschmidl@centralmethodist.edu
	<u>Assistant Coach</u> Stephanie Maurer Deno Merrick Zach Waters	smaurer@centralmethodist.edu merrickd@mobap.edu zewaters@gmail.com
2003 Boys	<u>Head Coach</u> Jeff Muhr	Jmuhr15@yahoo.com
	<u>Assistant Coach</u> Rob Wilkinson Nate Fraley Marc Hager	Rwilk27@gmail.com Tigers532@msn.com marchager@mckendree.edu
2003 Girls	<u>Head Coach</u> Chirsty Kononiuk	christysoccer@sbcglobal.net
	<u>Assistant Coach</u> Stephanie Maurer Oscar Rojas Cody Smith	smaurer@centralmethodist.edu oscar@soccershots.org Cody.Smith@hlg.edu
2004 Boys	<u>Head Coach</u> Zak Fox	Zakfox15@gmail.com
	<u>Assistant Coach</u> Nathan Mason Jeff Muhr	Nathan.mason@williamwoods.edu Jmuhr15@yahoo.com
2004 Girls	<u>Head Coach</u> Dan Garabedian	dvgarabedianmo@sbcglobal.net
	<u>Assistant Coach</u> Mark Kaiser Tim Strange	Mk9256@yahoo.com tstrange@mckendree.edu

2005 Boys	<u>Head Coach</u> Joe Wyland	josephwyland@gmail.com
	<u>Assistant Coach</u> Zak Fox Michael Brown	Zakfox15@gmail.com Michael.brown.825@gmail.com
2005 Girls	<u>Head Coach</u> Mark Kaiser	Mk9256@yahoo.com
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<u>DEVELOPMENTAL</u>		
2006 Boys	<u>Coach</u> Nathan Mason	Nathan.mason@williamwoods.edu
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