



OYSA News Brief – June, 2009

From the Desk of Chuck Keers, Executive Director

Far West Regionals - The big news for the month is that the Westside Metros U18 Boy's Team – the Internationals – won the US Youth Soccer Far West Regional tournament in Lancaster, California and will be representing Oregon at the US Youth Soccer National Championships in Lancaster, Massachusetts in July (July 21-26). This is the first time in 12 years that Oregon has advanced a team to the National Championships – and only the fourth time in history an Oregon team has won a Far West Regional competition. Congratulations to Westside Metros, Coach Monty Hawkins and the young men on the team for this historic accomplishment.

Oregon had 19 teams at Far West Regionals this year and they all performed well – advancing 13 into the quarterfinals from the preliminary rounds. Four advanced to the semifinals and one advanced to the finals.

We posted a daily blog on our website providing scores, describing the event and providing commentary on some of the games. We will do the same thing during the National Championships, so tune in to follow the action.

Regional Presidents Cup – This new Regional tournament for classic level teams was held in Tri-Cities, Washington June 11th through the 14th. Oregon had ten teams in attendance, joining 50 other teams from throughout the Region. Everybody had a great time. The Portland City United U15 Boys made the finals, but were defeated by Cal South. Cal South won eight age levels and host Washington won two.

Olympic Development Program – ODP Staff conducted a Junior Olympic Camp for almost 90 young players in Warrenton, on the Oregon Coast. It was our first JOC at the coast and it was an overwhelming success.

ODP tryouts for players born in 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996 will be held on August 15th and 16th at the Cascade Futbol Club's Field Complex on State Street in Salem. (Tryouts for players born in 1997 will take place December 5th and 6th in Portland.)

ODP Camp started for the boys on June 25th and the girls on the 29th in McMinnville, Oregon and Moscow, Idaho, respectively.

ODP coaches have been selected for the 2009/2010 season - **93 Boys:** (Cony Konstin, Biniam Afenigus), **93 Girls:** (Tom Atencio, Andrew Donaldson), **94 Boys:** (Chris Thurley, Alan Cox), **94 Girls:** (Kevin Plechl, Laura Schott), **95 Boys:** (John Madding, Oscar Montebianco), **95 Girls:** (Mac Wilson, Dave Ellis), **96 Boys:** (Stan Baker, Dave Milne), **96 Girls:** (Fraser Morrison, Adam Leyland). **GK Coaches:** (Angela Harrison, Samuel Blanco, Jordan James, Bill Irwin, Jim Brazeau, Eihab Daoub). Profiles for all coaches are available at www.oregonyouthsoccer.org (ODP).

Club Registration Deadline – was June 1st. Clubs that have not completed their annual registration packet by July 1 will not be covered by OYSA General Liability, Director's and Officer's or player medical insurance.

Coaching Clinics – We just completed a National C License Coaches Clinic in late May – almost 50 coaches attended.

The National Youth License is scheduled for July 13th through the 18th (note change from last month's news brief). It will be held at Parkrose High School and costs \$750 for OYSA members. This is a phenomenal educational curriculum and is highly recommended for all levels of coaches with an E license or higher. Go to our website under Coaching to register for this course.

Our website has a list of all of the other coaching clinics that are being offered. Note that Milwaukie Soccer Club is hosting an E license clinic on July 26th and 27th and a Basic and Advanced Goal Keeping clinic on August 15th.

Finally, don't hesitate to contact Mike Smith about hosting one of our free West Coast Bank recreational clinics.

OYSA League and Tournament – detailed information regarding our leagues and tournaments is available online, but what follows is a brief summary:

The Premier Qualifying Tournament - Brackets should be posted by Monday, June 29th. The PQT will be held at the Crystal Lake Field Complex in Corvallis, July 31st, August 1st and 2nd.

The Classic Qualifying Tournament - is scheduled for August 7th, 8th and 9th. The venue has not been selected, yet.

U11 Fall League Registration Deadline - is July 15th. (Deadline for U12-U14 was June 9th)

The District Recreational League Registration Deadline – is August 4th.

U15 to U19 Tryout Dates – The early tryout date has been changed to **August 10th** due to a new Oregon School Athletic Association (OSAA) policy establishing August 2-8 as a moratorium week in which high school administrators/coaches cannot have contact with students. Clubs wanting to hold early tryouts for this age group may do so between August 10th and August 14th.

The second tryout date for this age group is anytime on or after November 15, 2009.

New Recreational Tournament Named the Biokleen Cup - Biokleen has agreed to be the title sponsor of our new recreational tournament, scheduled for the weekend of November 21st and 22nd, 2009 for U10 through U14 teams.

Recreational Program Grants – US Youth Soccer has recently established recreational grant program, with an emphasis on recreational players under the age of 12. The grants will provide equipment beginning January, 2010. The grants application will be available soon.

Woman’s Professional Soccer/UK International Soccer Camp – WPS has teamed up with UK International to hold a five-day camp at Cook Park in Tigard, July 6th through the 10th. Mornings only (9-12) are for U5-U16 (\$190) and the all-day camp (9-3) are for U8-U16 (\$265). Challenging and dynamic girls-only curriculum with guest appearances by WPS players. Sign up at www.womensprosoccer.com or contact stewart.boniface@wpscamps.com if you have any questions.

Portland Timber’s High Level Games – Tickets Available - July 1 - Timbers vs. Major League Soccer’s Seattle Sounders FC – (Lamar Hunt US Open Cup) level 3 tickets are \$12 (save \$5) and July 2 – International Friendly Timbers vs. Bayern Munich II – tickets \$10 (save \$10) – Call Kyle Veach at 503-553-5427 by June 30th to order.

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