



# Oregon ODP

## Girls Information



Female Oregon Soccer Players,

On behalf of the Oregon Olympic Development Program, you have been invited to tryout for the State Select soccer team for Oregon this summer, August 13th and 14th at the CFC Fields in Salem. The Olympic Development Program was created for elite soccer players in the United States and offers elite players a chance to get to the next level in

### **What is ODP?**

The Olympic Development Program is a program designed to identify high-caliber soccer players. Elite youth players throughout the country are chosen to represent their state association, region and ultimately, the United States in soccer competition.

ODP teams are formed at the state association and regional levels, made up of the best players in various age groups. At the state level, pools of players are identified in each eligible age group, brought together as a team to develop their skill through training and competition. From the state player pools and subsequent teams, players are chosen for regional and national pools and teams.

### **Can anybody tryout and how am I evaluated at Tryouts?**

Any soccer player may be considered for ODP. When player's tryout, they are evaluated on four attributes of a soccer player:

1. technique
2. tactics
3. fitness and athletic ability
4. psychological component (attitude)

### **ODP Coaching**

Oregon ODP brings in the best from our state at the College and Club level to train and develop our ODP players. It's no secret we try to include one college coach from around the state on each ODP team. We understand making the Regional or National Pool is extremely difficult. So if we can't get you there, we want all of our players to be in line for a college scholarship when they're done in ODP. ODP Coaches, along with their background are listed on our website at [www.oregonyouthsoccer.org](http://www.oregonyouthsoccer.org) under the ODP section.

### **How does the Tryout and ODP process work?**

Oregon ODP will hold an open tryout August 13th and 14th at the CFC Fields in Salem, Oregon for players born in 1995, 1996 and 1997. The top 25-35 players in each age group will be selected to form the ODP state pool. After high school season is done in the Fall, the ODP pools will begin training in December and January to prepare for the ODP Regional Championships in Phoenix, Arizona. The top 18 players in each age group will travel to Phoenix to compete. The ODP pools will meet up again in May and June for training and competition with the ultimate goal of being selected to ODP Regional Camp in July, made up of the top 18 players in each of the 14 Western States. All 14 states will compete against each other for a week where eventually the top 35 players in the West Coast will be selected to the ODP Regional Pool. From there, players have the opportunity to travel internationally and make the US National Team. It's a long process, but Oregon has been very successful at getting players to the Regional and National level of youth soccer.

### **Is there a conflict with my Club Team, High School Team or the OPL?**

Absolutely not! All players should be playing with their club and we don't conflict with your schedule. We train and play in tournaments when clubs are not playing. If there is a potential conflict with club and ODP, we work out the problem and make it right for the player. Players now apart of an OPL club are absolutely eligible for ODP as well. We don't punish players for the soccer politics that take place in our state at the club level.

### **What benefit does ODP give me?**

Competition! ODP is here to provide you with top-level competition. The best players from all over the state of Oregon form our pools. You then train against the best and you play against the best when we attend tournaments against teams from the 14 different states in Region IV. You play the best of Cal-South, Cal-North, Colorado, Washington and so on.

College! It's no secret that college coaches flock to the ODP program when recruiting players. They want the best players and they come to the best showcase program possible. They come to ODP. More than 95 percent of Oregon's oldest ODP age group signed scholarships to play at Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3 programs last year. We also offer college advising and mentoring through the Varsity Student Institute.

### **Oregon ODP College Weekends!**

Every year we look to take our three oldest age groups in ODP to at least one college campus for training. Last year, the girls groups participated in ODP college weekends at University of Oregon, Oregon State University and held spring games against Linfield and Western Oregon. These weekends consist of training, playing games and taking a tour with the coaching staff of the college with just Oregon ODP teams. Nobody else is there all weekend but Oregon ODP. It's an incredible opportunity for you to see first hand what college is about, what college coaches expect, and what you need to know about your future. Parent Q and A sessions are offered as well.

### **What does the ODP Schedule look like?**

We encourage everybody to check out the 2011/12 ODP schedule on our website at [www.oregonyouthsoccer.org](http://www.oregonyouthsoccer.org) under the ODP section. We are looking to add some more competitive events on the girls side this year while keeping them local and low in cost. We focused on a lot of training this year. Next year we will look to play more games.

### **Mandatory Tournament and Training Policy**

Before you tryout, please make sure you are aware of our Tournament and Training Policy. Commitment is taken very seriously in ODP. Lack of commitment hurts the pool and the entire program. So please be aware, all weekend training sessions are mandatory. If players miss training unexcused or pull out of a tournament they are selected to play in, they will not participate in the next tournament. The only exceptions for missing training will be a graded school activity, illness, injury, death in the family, showcase events, and ODP sanctioned event or a soccer event outside the country. Player are given four free passes to miss training during the season, a rule put into place last year to help with conflicts.

### **Cost!**

Below is a rough cost breakdown of what ODP will cost in 2011/12. Please know we do everything in our power to help players get through. We offer scholarship money, we offer fundraising programs, we offer payment plans and we do what we can to help players with financial difficulty get through. We never want money to affect a players participation. ODP Regional Championships (if selected)-\$850 (rough estimate), ODP Regional Camp (if selected)-\$725 (rough estimate), MLS Friendly Weekend-\$195 (rough estimate), Oregon ODP Friendship Cup-\$50 a player (if selected). State fee is around \$330.

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