



## How would you like to play on the National Soccer Team?

**Participating in the Olympic Development Program can give you the experience you need to achieve this dream.**

*“The ODP Program is what made me the player I am today,” said Oregon Gatorade High School Player of the Year Tracy Hasson who will play at Oregon State next Fall.*

*“ODP was an awesome experience,” said Marisa Abegg who signed to play at Stanford University next fall. “If I had the chance to do it again, I definitely would.”*

- **96% of the Women’s National Team players participated in ODP**
- **95% of the Men’s National Team players were ODP players**

### **What is the ODP program?**

ODP is a program designed to identify and develop 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 for the ODP program?**

Any soccer player may be considered for ODP. The tryouts are conducted by Oregon Youth Soccer Association coaches who are recognized for their ability to identify players with superior skills.

ODP coaches must meet criteria as established by the Oregon Youth Soccer Association Director of Coaching. 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)

### **When are ODP Tryouts?**

Tryouts for players born in 1989, 1990 and 1991 will take place August 20 and 21, 2005 at the CBYSC Fields in Salem. Check the OYSA website at [www.oregonyouthsoccer.org](http://www.oregonyouthsoccer.org) under ODP for field directions, dates and times.

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

Competition, competition, competition! You will not find better competition in any other program available. In the ODP program, you are constantly playing against the best soccer players from 14 different states in the western region. There's no better way to get better as a soccer player than by playing against the best.

College, college, 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. Did you know that Oregon's oldest ODP group last year had close to 20 players sign with major Division I colleges to play soccer?

### **How many players are kept in each pool?**

The 89', 90' and 91' groups will keep about 25 players at most in each pool. When teams travel to tournaments, coaches are allowed to take 18 players with them.

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

In a nutshell, the 89's, 90's and 91's will have mandatory training December 10-11, December 17-18, January 7-8 and January 14-15. These training sessions are meant to prepare teams for the Regional Championships in Las Vegas, Jan. 20-22, 2006. In May, the 90's and 91's will train May 6-7 and then play in tournaments May 12-14, May 19-21 and May 26-29. The 89's have mandatory training May 20-21 and then a tournament May 26-29. The top 18 players in each pool will attend Regional Camp in July for 5-6 days. Dates for camp are to be announced.

Each team will train over spring break on one of the weekends (TBA) and the 89' group will have a different schedule than everybody else. Please be aware all teams will train during the weekday in May at least once a week. Players who live two hours away or more are not required to be at training during the weekdays. **Because other opportunities arise, our schedule is always subject to change.**

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

All weekend training sessions are **mandatory** and all tournaments you are selected to play in 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, death in the family, an ODP sanctioned event or a soccer event outside the country.

### **What does a program like this cost?**

Tryouts:	\$60	Payable by all players
State Fee:	\$275	Payable by all players
(non refundable if player drops after selection) this fee includes <b>one (1)</b> land travel event.		
Regional Camp	\$600	Only 18 selected players
Regional Championships, Vegas	\$570 (rough estimate)	Only 18 selected players
Additional land travel event.	\$200(estimate)	Only 18 selected players

**Note:** (A limited number of scholarships are available for **Regional Camp** as well as payment plans.)

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