

Olympic Development Program (ODP) Q & A

Q: What is ODP?

A: Olympic Development Program - A National/Regional/State/District Program providing higher level training for our soccer athletes

Q: If my player attends District or Developmental ODP, is it mandatory to attend at the State level?

A: No. If the District coaches feel that your player has sufficient skills to go on to the State Level, they may recommend that you move higher, but it is not mandatory.

Q: Why District and State ODP?

A: Because it is a progressive program: The District ODP is designed to improve our local players and feed the State pool/teams, the State pools/Teams are designed to feed the Regional Pools, and the Regional Pools/teams are designed to feed our National pools/Teams.

Q: What is Developmental ODP?

A: Developmental ODP is a program focusing on the next age group (12 year olds) that will be moving into the eligible age for ODP within the next year. Currently, that is players born in the 1997 calendar year. It is designed to train, orient, and prepare them for the program.

Q: Who are the ODP coaches in our area?

A: Heather Silverman (IF), Charlie Brizzee (IF), Ali Siahpush (IF), Mark Oliver (IF), Alison Gibson (Pocatello – ISU) and Peter Stillings (Rexburg.)

Q: How far can a player from this area go in ODP?

A: ODP starts at the District level and then moves up to the State Level. From the state teams, Regional pools/ teams are formed, and then the National teams that you see during the Olympics are formed from the Regional Pools. If your player is exceptionally gifted and committed, there is no limit to how far they can go with the right training.

Q: How much does ODP cost? If my player is already in the State pool, do I have to pay above and beyond the State Fees for District or Developmental Training?

A: The base fee for the State Pool is \$250.00. The cost per District or Developmental session is \$15.00, and you only pay for the sessions your player attends. If they are already in the State Pool, then the sessions at the District level are included in the State Fees.

Q: What if my player attends the District or Developmental training and then later wants to move on to the State Level?

A: The State Pools and Teams only form at certain times of the year and then they train and compete the rest of the time. If the State teams have not been selected yet and you would like to move on, you can pay a \$20.00 Assessment fee at the District level and the coaches will assess your player and give you feedback on your player's readiness for the State level.

Q: Who is our Contact person for the ODP in District II?

A: Charlie Brizzee at Charlie_Brizzee@Apria.com or 208-681-2139

Q: How often are the ODP Training Sessions?

A: For the District sessions, they are once a month in the Fall and late Winter. For the Developmental, they can be from Spring to the Summer (depending upon your area) and for a series of 4-6 weeks.

Q: Who decides what the topic and training will be for the sessions?

A: The Idaho Director of Coaching: Steve Adlard

Q: Why should my player attend ODP?

A: Simply put: To get better!