



**Missouri Youth Soccer Association
Olympic Development Program
2025/2026 Parents Guide**



Thank you for signing up for the 2025/2026 Missouri Olympic Development Program! We look forward to working with your son/daughter during this part of their soccer journey.

The ODP experience is one that will allow players to develop and be identified at the State, Regional, and National levels. Throughout their ODP experience, they will be exposed to different coaches and they will have a chance to see the game through a different lens — a very healthy part of growing as a person, and as a player. We fully expect the players to have a fun and enjoyable experience while participating in the Missouri Olympic Development Program.

If you have any questions along the way, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Sincerely,

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ODP Philosophy

We believe that playing with those of equal or greater ability is a tremendous teaching tool; one that will allow for maximum growth and development.

The Olympic Development Program is supplemental to what the players get in their other soccer environments (club, high school, etc.) Collaboration by all will allow for players to maximize their talents. Therefore, we believe that we must foster a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect between clubs, high schools, and the MYSA ODP.

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 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 the Missouri Youth Soccer Association's (MYSA) Olympic Development Program is to identify the top players registered within the State of Missouri to develop these players through quality coaching, and to help these players gain recognition at the State, Regional, and National levels.

ODP Goals

1. To identify a pool of players in each age group to be named to the State Team as well as the identification of individual players to be selected to participate in the Midwest Regional ID Camp.
2. To provide an opportunity for players to play in front of college coaches, USYS Region Staff, USYS National Staff, NWSL Scouts, MLS Scouts, and United States Soccer Federation Scouts.

Age Groups

The age groups for ODP are determined by the year of birth of the player (January 1 - December 31).

The youngest age groups (2014-2016) are considered "Developmental." We do not designate developmental players into State Team, Alternates, or Pool Players. The coaches will sort the players into "like-skilled" groups/pools so that they can be appropriately placed in events.

There are age (10) age groups involved in the MO ODP each year. For the 2025/2026 ODP season, the 10 age groups are:

- 2007 Boys and Girls

- 2008 Boys and Girls
- 2009 Boys and Girls
- 2010 Boys and Girls
- 2011 Boys and Girls
- 2012 Boys and Girls
- 2013 Boys and Girls

Developmental Age Groups:

- 2014 Boys and Girls
- 2015 Boys and Girls
- 2016 Boys and Girls

Process

The ODP seasonal year runs August 1 through July 31. Player registration opens July 1, 2025 . The registration fee of \$275.00 is paid upon registration. Players are evaluated during Open Training Sessions, Tryout Weekends, and the ODP Winter Friendlies in Kansas City. State Team, Alternates, and Pool players will be identified and announced on/before December 19, 2025 (excluding developmental age groups of 2014-2016).

When we attend future competitive events (Rockford, IL ODP Friendlies, Memphis ODP Interregional Showcase, and Midwest ODP Sub Regional Showcase), State Team players are invited first. If there are State Team players that are unable to attend, Alternate Players will be given the opportunity to attend. If the vacancies can not be filled by the Alternate Players, invitations will be extended to the Pool Players.

Competitive Events for the Developmental Group

While there are **no** placements for State Team Players, Alternate Players and Pool Players made in the Developmental Group, our coaches will work throughout the cycle to place players in “like-skilled” groups, or pools of players. This is done for developmental purposes.

All 2014 & 2015 players will be invited to participate in the Kansas City Winter ODP Friendlies. If other states are bringing their 2016's, we will also bring our 2016's. If the 2016's are not playing in this event as an age group, we will invite 2016's on a case-by-case basis based on their developmental readiness.

In the past the Rockford, IL ODP Friendlies have been open to ALL Developmental age groups. It is our intent to bring the 2016's, 2015's and the 2014's to this event.

The Memphis ODP Interregional Event is an event that will be open to the top 2-3 groups or pools for both the boys and girls. The exact numbers of groups/pools that will be included will be based on a number of variables, including size of age groups, availability of players, developmental readiness of these players, etc. These pools may include the top 2014's, 2015's, and when appropriate, any 2016's that fit into the pools based on their developmental readiness. If the event is inviting 2016's as an age group, we will invite our 2015's based on their developmental readiness.

The Midwest ODP Sub Regional Showcase (Indianapolis) is an event that will be open to the top 2-3 groups or pools for both the boys and girls. These pools may include the top 2014's, 2015's, and when appropriate, any 2016's that fit into the pools based on their development readiness. If the event is inviting 2016's as an age group, we will invite our 2016's based on their developmental readiness.

Any players that are not participating in the Rockford, IL ODP Friendlies, Memphis ODP Interregional Showcase, and Midwest ODP Sub Regional Showcase, will be eligible for supplemental club tournaments that we may participate in throughout the Spring.

Player Commitment

Players should do their best to be at all tryouts and additional sessions. The more we get to see the players, the better we get to know them. These events run from August of 2025 through June of 2026. We understand that there are other responsibilities that the player takes on with being a member of a club. Remember that you are representing the state of Missouri as a member of the Olympic Development Program. We ask that you be respectful to both your club coaches and your ODP coaches while you manage your playing calendar.

Cost/What Is Included?

The program fee is \$275.00. The fee covers up to 18 training/tryout sessions, two (2) tryout shirts, field fees, coaching expenses, and administrative expenses of the program.

All State Team Players and Alternates will be required to order a uniform kit. A kit consists of two (2) jerseys (home and away), a pair of shorts, and two pairs of socks. Kits are expected to cost approximately

\$100. Kits are the players to keep. Kits for the 2025/2026 Season are in the first year of a 2-year cycle. All players registered for this season will be required to purchase a new kit for the season.

Supplemental Events

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 to these events.

For those players invited to attend the Midwest Regional ID Camp in 2026, there is an additional cost for this event as well. All arrangements will be made directly with a Region II representative. Since the Region has gone to a format that no longer has teams attending the competition, MYSA no longer arranges any transportation to or from any Regional Event.

2025/2026 Inter-Regional/Sub-Regional Events

Kansas City Winter ODP Friendlies

A 2025 Regional event will be held on December 12-14, 2025 in Kansas City, MO. The format and information details will be announced when we receive that information from the Region. The final costs for this Regional event are not yet finalized.

Rockford, IL ODP Friendlies

A 2026 Regional event will be held in January and February of 2026 in Rockford, IL at the Mercyhealth Sportscore Two Complex (indoors). The schedule will be dependent on the age group. For example, 2007-2009 Boys and Girls in one weekend of games, and 2010-2011 Boys and Girls in another weekend of games. The dates, format, and information details will be announced when we receive that information from the Region.

The final costs for this Regional event are not yet finalized.

Memphis ODP Interregional Showcase

A 2026 Regional event will be held on February 13-16, 2025 in Memphis, Tennessee at the Mike

Rose Soccer Complex. The format and information details will be announced when we receive that information from the Region.

The final costs for this Regional event are not yet finalized.

Midwest ODP Subregional Showcase

A 2026 Regional event will be held on June 19-21, 2025 in St. Louis, MO at Creve Coeur Soccer Park. The format and information details will be announced when we receive that information from the Region.

The final costs for this Regional event are not yet finalized.

Equipment to Bring

While participating in the ODP, players should not wear or bring any gear that identifies a particular club or high school. (ODP is a club neutral environment.) Players are always asked to bring both tryout shirts (home and away), shin guards, water and properly inflated soccerball.

Weather Policy

In the case of inclement weather, if cancellation or postponement of an ODP event is necessary, please see the [Missouri ODP Website](#)

If we are experiencing severe weather (such as thunder and lightning) at the start of a training session or event, 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 must be canceled, coaches will notify players as soon as possible.

ODP Clothing & Gear

All players attending tryouts will be given two (2) tryouts shirts that they will use during tryout sessions. These numbered tryout shirts will also be used as our uniforms for the ODP Winter Friendlies in Kansas City. In addition, MYSA will make available specific Spirit Wear apparel to ODP participants for optional purchase.