

Hello all,

Welcome to the winter 2011/12 ODP training and selection process. Now that a majority of players are registered, I would like to pass along some relevant information.

#### Location

We are pleased to be back at Brad Friedel's PSA facility for another winter and hope the weather cooperates with our schedule.

The decision to close PSA for weather emergencies is a local decision and ODP sessions will only be cancelled in advance if a storm is widespread and/or predictable. Decisions to travel to PSA from areas under local winter weather advisories should be made on a family-by family basis. Notification of cancelled practices will be provided via e-mail and posted on the front page of OYSAN.org.

For those new to ODP, PSA is located across from the Home Depot and Applebees on Route 58, north of State Route 2 in Lorain. Use the Home Depot address (4330 Leavitt Road, Lorain, OH 44153 to GPS / Mapquest the facility.

#### Schedule

The complete winter schedule is posted on the OYSAN ODP page. If there are any changes, each age group will be notified directly via e-mail and the posted schedules will be updated.

#### Older-Younger Teams

The "age effect" in sport routinely favors players born in the first half of a birth year when representative teams are selected prior to puberty. The US U-15NT roster for boys has a 76% age effect, while the U-15 girls shows a 74% age effect. The 1999 and 1998 state teams (boys and girls) are split by birth month (Jan-Jun and Jul-Dec) in order to provide developmental opportunities to younger players.

#### ODP Training Uniform

Players should wear black shorts and white socks with their numbered ODP t-shirt. New players will receive their t-shirt at their first practice.

#### ODP-Europe

OYSAN has traveled to Europe in March with non-HS age players since 2001. As in previous years, there are spaces available for both boys and girls to join the tour, which takes in Paris, Brugges and Amsterdam.

Please let me know ([coaching@ohionorthsoccer.org](mailto:coaching@ohionorthsoccer.org)) if you have an interest in traveling. Parents are welcome. Since this team does not play in an official competition, there is no strict age range to the squad and players as old as U-15 (this year's 1997's) and as young as U-12 (this year's 2000's) have participated in prior years. Information about the tour is posted on the ODP page in the ODP-International section.

### 2000's Playing-Up

2000's who are deemed capable by the OYSAN coaching staff of competing with the younger 1999's will be asked to train with that group throughout the winter and, where applicable, attend the 1999 age group regional camp. National level players aside, this is the only age group where ODP players are invited to play up.

### Regional Pool Players

Any current regional pool players are invited to train with the next oldest age group as schedules allow. Girls on regional pools are also invited to train with the boys as schedules allow.

### State Team Selection Process

At the end of the winter sessions, OYSAN will select state teams (including alternates) in the 1999, 1998 and 1997 ages which will compete at the ODP regional camps in Illinois in July. This selection timing was implemented in 2010 to help everyone better prepare their summer calendars, to reduce the last-minute stress of outfitting teams and preparing paperwork, and to help families spread out the cost of regional camp.

In order to confirm each player's commitment to attend the regional camp as a member of an OYSAN state team, the registration process for the winter session included a \$200 deposit towards the regional camp fee. A second \$200 deposit will be due on, or before, Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and the final payment will be due on, or before, Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Only players who have paid their \$400 deposits will be named as state team members or alternates. In 2011, virtually every alternate attended regional camp as a member of an OYSAN state team, or as a guest player with another state.

The change also challenges players to prioritize their winter schedules. With only five opportunities to impress, communication with club coaches is vital.

With actual 2012 bus costs yet to be confirmed, the "estimated" 2012 regional camp costs are as follows:

1995/6's (3 day tournament)	\$640
1997's (5 day camp)	\$830
1998's (5 day camp)	\$830
1999's (4 day camp)	\$675
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The ODP refund policy can be viewed at  
<http://www.oysan.org/Assets/2011+odp+refund+policy+2.pdf>

### Regional Camp Preparation

Determining the state teams in April provides for final regional camp preparations to be delayed until late June and early July. The state teams will reconvene for up to four sessions in the two to three weeks prior to regional camp. This change should also eliminate most of the conflicts with club teams competing at the regional level of the US Youth Soccer National Championships.

#### Regional Camp Schedule

The 2012 regional camp schedules are as follows:

2000 Boys: July 18-21 in DeKalb, IL (No Hold-Over)

2000 Girls: July 18-21 in DeKalb, IL (No Hold-Over)

1999 Boys: July 15-18 in Rockford, IL (Hold-Over: July 18-21 in DeKalb)

1999 Girls: July 15-18 in DeKalb, IL (No Hold-Over)

1998 Boys: July 5-9 in Rockford, IL (Hold-Over: July 9-13)

1998 Girls: July 5-9 in DeKalb, IL (Hold-Over: July 9-13)

1996/5 Boys: July 13-15 in Rockford, IL (Hold-Over/Invite: July 15-18)

1996/5 Girls: July 13-15 in DeKalb, IL (Hold-Over/Invite July 15-18)

#### State Team Coaches

The 2012 State Teams coaches are as follows...

\*Denotes Regional ODP Staff

#### Boys 2000

\*Tavi Muresan (A) and Zeljko Kalic (C).

#### Boy's 1999

\*Neil Baltes (A) and Josh Thacker (C).

\*Justin Thacker (A) and Brian Billings (C).

GK: Chris Voase (C).

#### Boy's 1998

\*Vince Laverick (A) and Jorge Diaz (D)

\*Jim Buchan (A) and \*Tobey Cook (A).

GK: Greg Mitchell (C).

#### Boys 1997

Neil Fowler (A) and Oliver Condell (C).

GK: Les Szabo (B)

#### Boy's 1996/5

TBA

Girl's 2000

\*Tavi Muresan (A) and Zeljko Kalic (C)

Girls 1999

\*Rob Miller (B) and Juan Romero (C).

Chris Black (AN) and Vlad Muresan (C).

GK: Chris Voase (C).

Girls 1998

Damien Marchione (A) and Jim Wojtkun (C).

Rob Battison (B) and Karen Ransom (C).

GK: TBA

Girls 1997

\*Anthony James (A) and Jammi McClead (C).

Chris Kraft (B) and Chris Voase (C).

GK: \*Pat Sweeney (A)

Girl's 1996/5

TBA

Goalkeeper Sessions

There are two more goalkeeper-specific sessions scheduled at PSA. The next date is Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> (9:00 am- 10:30am) and the final session is scheduled for Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> (7:30 pm - 9:00 pm). All goalkeepers are encouraged to attend and there is no additional cost.

Please note that, if a choice is to be made, the training priority for goalkeepers should be the regular age group session and not the GK-specific session. No formal evaluations will be compiled at the GK-specific sessions.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please e-mail Bernie Telmanik at [Btelmanik@ohinorthsoccer.org](mailto:Btelmanik@ohinorthsoccer.org) and be sure to include the birth year of your son/daughter.

Tom Turner

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