

# **US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program**

## **The Regional Team and the Extended Regional Pool**

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### **The Extended Regional Pool**

At the end of each regional camp in July, the top 40-60 players in each age group are named to an "extended" regional pool. This pool is posted on the Region II website after regional camp and represents those players assessed to be capable of performing at the regional level.

**Note 1:** In the youngest age group (U-14), an "older" regional pool of 30-40 players born between January and June, and a separate "younger" regional pool of 30-40 players born between July and December are named.

**Note 2:** All players listed on the extended regional pool are eligible to be named to a regional team; however, only the top 25-30 players will likely represent Region II in competition during the calendar year.

### **Hold-over / Call-back Camps**

From each extended pool, a regional pool of 24 players is named to remain at the regional camp (hold-over) or return to a later regional camp (call back). This camp provides the regional age group coaches with additional time for assessment and teambuilding.

From the players attending hold-over or call-back camp, 18 will be selected to travel to the fall inter-regional event to represent Region II.

**Note 1:** Regional level players who are injured remain eligible for the regional team.

**Note 2:** Players who have been named to the extended regional pool, but cannot participate in the hold-over or call-back camp due to extenuating circumstances, remain eligible to be named to the regional team.

### **Regional Team Events**

All regional teams compete at an inter-regional event in the fall. In addition, the U-14, U-15 and U-16 teams also travel to a second event in February or March.

**Note 1:** Invitations for the inter-regional events are extended at the conclusion of each hold-over or call-back camp. These invitations are provided verbally and via e-mail and confirmations are expected within two weeks.

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**Note 2:** Invitations for the February or March events are extended after the fall inter-regional events. These invitations are extended via e-mail and, where necessary, by phone, and confirmations are again expected within two weeks.

**Note 3:** The list of players named to an event roster will be posted on the Region II web site and e-mailed to all members of the extended pool.

### **US Soccer National Pool Players**

Players who are named to the US Soccer Boy's U-14 YNT will not compete for the regional teams at the fall inter-regional event.

**Note 1:** Following consultations with US Soccer National Staff coaches, players who are active members of the US Soccer YNT player pool may also be excluded from the February or March regional level events in order to provide other regional level players with valuable developmental experiences and the opportunity to be evaluated for US YNT opportunities.