



**MISSOURI YOUTH  
SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

**OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM**

**2018/2019 PARENTS GUIDE**

# **WELCOME**

Parents and Legal Guardians,

First of all, thank you for signing up for the 2018/2019 Missouri Olympic Development Program. Over the next few months, we look forward to your son/daughter participating in this tremendous program which has seen several players develop and be identified to the Regional Pool, National Pool, and US Men's and Women's National Teams.

Through this program, we expect all players to learn and develop their individual and team skills through competition. This is one of the few opportunities that you'll have to play with some of the best players and coaches in Missouri and our Region. We fully expect all players to have a fun and enjoyable experience while participating in the program. Soccer is a sport after all and it's meant to be fun!

We wish you the best of luck as your son/daughter begins their experience with the Missouri Olympic Development Program.

Sincerely,

Jeff Muhr & Kelly Jenkins  
Missouri Youth Soccer Association

## **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's 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 Missouri Youth Soccer Association's (MYSA) Olympic Development Program is to identify the top players registered within the State of Missouri, to promote through quality coaching, and to help these players gain recognition on the Regional and National levels. This is done by using the individual team coaches as a resource and reference for college acceptance.

## **ODP Philosophy**

We believe that playing with those of equal or greater ability is a tremendous teaching tool.

We believe that exposing players to such competition is the best method for development.

We also believe that this exposure is the best method of identifying the highest caliber players.

We believe that the development of players in Missouri takes a collaborative effort by our affiliate clubs and the Missouri ODP program.

We believe that the MYSA ODP is beneficial for that development as it allows the best players in the state to compete alongside each other in scrimmages and friendly games against the best players of other states in the Region.

We believe that the success of the Missouri ODP will be a direct result of the quality of players, coaches and Club Organizations.

Therefore, we believe that we must foster a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect between the Clubs and MYSA ODP.

The Missouri ODP program welcomes and employee's coaches from colleges and many of the clubs throughout the state.

## **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 named to the Regional pool.
2. To provide an opportunity for players to play in front of college coaches, especially at the older age groups, Region Staff and USSF Scouts.

## **Age Groups**

The age groups for ODP are determined by the year of birth. That is, players are put together if they were born between January 1st and December 31st. The youngest age group is considered 'Developmental'. There are six (7) age groups involved in State ODP each year. This year the 07 and 08 age group will be considered developmental.

For the 2018/19 ODP season, the six (7) age groups are:

- 2002 Boys & Girls
- 2003 Boys & Girls
- 2004 Boys & Girls
- 2005 Boys & Girls
- 2006 Boys & Girls
- 2007 Boys & Girls
- 2008 Boys & Girls

## **Process**

The ODP seasonal year follows the same season as Clubs: August 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>. Player registration opens August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The registration fee of (\$225.00) is paid when you register your player. Players are evaluated during the tryouts (October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>). State Team, Alternates and Pool Players will be announced on/before November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (except for 2007 and 2008 developmental).

## **PLAYER COMMITMENT**

Players must do their best to be at all tryouts, and additional sessions. These events will stretch from November through June. We understand that there are other responsibilities that a player takes on with being a part of a club. We ask that if you commit to be a part of ODP that you give it your best both on and off the field. Remember, you are representing the state of Missouri as a member of this program. We ask that you be respectful to both your club coach and your ODP coach while you manage your playing calendar.

## **COST / WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?**

The program fee is \$225.00/player. The fee covers four (4) Tryouts, two (2) Tryout shirts, Team Scheduled Sessions, pre-season training (for those players that are registered) and administrative expenses for the program. Refunds will not be given after try out weekends are complete.

All State Team Players and Alternates will be required to order a uniform kit. A kit consists of two (2) jersey's (home and away), a pair of shorts and a pair of socks. Kits are expected to cost around \$62. Kits are the players to keep. Kits were ordered in 2017 and will be used for one more year. New players to the State Team and Alternates will need to purchase the same uniform kit.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL EVENTS**

All 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 for these events.

For those players invited to attend the Regional Event in the summer of 2019, there is an additional cost for this event as well. Most of this expense is housing, transportation, and food are paid directly to Region 2. All arrangements will be made directly with a Region 2 representative. Since the Region has gone to a format that no longer has teams attending the competition, Missouri Youth Soccer Association no longer arranges any transportation to or from any Regional event.

## **2019 SUB-REGIONAL EVENT**

The 2019 Regional event will be held on February 16-18, 2019 In Memphis, Tennessee at the Mike Rose Soccer Complex. The format and information details will be announced later this fall when we receive that information from the Region.

The final costs for this Regional event will not be finalized until fall 2018.

## **EQUIPMENT TO BRING**

While participating in ODP, players should **never** wear or bring any gear that identifies a particular club or high school. Players are always asked to bring both Tryout t-shirts (that you get at the 1<sup>st</sup> tryout), shin guards, water, and a ball). If you attend wearing any club gear you will be asked to change or turn your items inside out.

## **WEATHER POLICY**

In the case of inclement weather and cancellation or postponement of an ODP event is necessary, you will be notified by your coach via email, text or both. To avoid people traveling to a venue Missouri Youth Soccer Association will try and cancel the event 24 hours prior to the first session that is scheduled to take

place. New this year, is the Missouri Team App that we use for weather update/news info. You can find the information to download the app on our website.

If we are experiencing severe weather such as thunder and lightning at the start of the session, 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 cancelled, coaches will notify players as soon as possible.

**ODP CLOTHING / GEAR**

All players attending tryouts will be given two (2) tryout shirts that they'll use during tryouts sessions. In addition, MYSA will make available specific clothing items each year to ODP participants for purchase. Last year, hoodies and t-shirts were available. Proceeds from the sale of these clothing items go directly back into the program. Please note, this is optional to ALL ODP players.

**COACHES**

\*For coach's bios, please see the ODP team pages on the MYSA website.

<b><u>AGE GROUP</u></b>	<b><u>COACH</u></b>	<b><u>EMAIL</u></b>
2002 Boys	Rob Wilkinson Dan Garabedian	<a href="mailto:Rwilk27@gmail.com">Rwilk27@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:dvgarabedianmo@yahoo.com">dvgarabedianmo@yahoo.com</a>
2003 Boys	Damion Frederick	<a href="mailto:Damion.frederick@morushsocer.com">Damion.frederick@morushsocer.com</a>
2004 Boys	Brad Gieske Sam York	<a href="mailto:brad@jogadoressc.com">brad@jogadoressc.com</a> <a href="mailto:Samuel.l.york1@gmail.com">Samuel.l.york1@gmail.com</a>
2005 Boys	Joe Wyland	<a href="mailto:josephwyland@gmail.com">josephwyland@gmail.com</a>
2006 Boys	Zak Fox	<a href="mailto:Zakfox15@gmail.com">Zakfox15@gmail.com</a>

Developmental 2007/2008 Boys	Chris Stockmann Mike Quante	<a href="mailto:cstockmann@fz.k12.mo.us">cstockmann@fz.k12.mo.us</a> <a href="mailto:mquante@hotmail.com">mquante@hotmail.com</a>
2002 Girls	Michael Brown Brett Lewis	<a href="mailto:Michael.Brown.825@gmail.com">Michael.Brown.825@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:Lewis.brett15@gmail.com">Lewis.brett15@gmail.com</a>
2003 Girls	Tim Strange	<a href="mailto:tstrange@mckendree.edu">tstrange@mckendree.edu</a>
2004 Girls	Jeff Muhr Deno Merrick	<a href="mailto:Jmuhr15@yahoo.com">Jmuhr15@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:merrickd@mobap.edu">merrickd@mobap.edu</a>
2005 Girls	Mark Kaiser Dan Schmidlin	<a href="mailto:Mk9256@yahoo.com">Mk9256@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:dschmidl@centralmethodist.edu">dschmidl@centralmethodist.edu</a>
2006 Girls	John Markey Soraya Lakatos	<a href="mailto:johnm@lakecountrysoccer.org">johnm@lakecountrysoccer.org</a> <a href="mailto:soraya.lakatos@yahoo.com">soraya.lakatos@yahoo.com</a>
Developmental 2007/2008 Girls	Christy Kononiuk Sarah Sabo	<a href="mailto:christysoccer@sbcglobal.net">christysoccer@sbcglobal.net</a> <a href="mailto:Sabo922@live.missouristate.edu">Sabo922@live.missouristate.edu</a>

\*\*\*Additional ODP coaches and GoalKeeper Coaches will be announced.

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