



Dear Indiana '95, '96, '97, '98, and '99 ODP Players,

The Indiana Olympic Development Program goals are to provide for the unfolding of ideas about the game of soccer, to provide the players confidence and ideas to solve problems the game presents them, and to provide opportunities for the gradual growth and advancement through challenging, creative, and positive training and playing environments.

I hope you have enjoyed your ODP experience so far and have taken advantages of the opportunities to expand your understanding of the game, your awareness of yourself as a player, and your problem solving ability on the field. I am excited about the level of play and interaction I have seen during the training environment during Phase 1 and Phase 2. Each age group has one or two more training dates in Phase 2 and hopefully you are able to attend the final dates to continue your journey as a player.

As we transition from Phase 2 (State Pool Training) to Phase 3 (State Team Training) it is important to inform you of the process going forward. I would like to address what Phase 3 means, Regional Camp participation, and the player evaluation process.

Phase 3 Information

State Team Pool Players

March 11 – June 16, 2012

- To be eligible for consideration for Phase 3 “State Team Training Pool” you must have attended at least one session prior to the announcement date. If you have not attended at least one session you will not be considered for Phase 3 and the State Team moving forward. There may be exceptions to the eligible rule due to injury or boarding school attendance. Final decisions on eligibility will be made by the Indiana ODP Director.
- Following the last training session for each age group for Phase 2, the age group coaching staff will invite approximately 24-30 players to continue training in Phase 3: “State Team Pool”, except in the 2000 age group (separate letter). Not all players currently in Phase 3 will be invited to continue training. The players invited to continue training as part of Phase 3 will make up the “State Team Pool” and all players named to the “State Team Pool” will ultimately be named to either the State Team (18 Players) or as an alternate (remaining players not selected). Each Age Group Head Coach and staff will determine the final number of their age group “State Team Pool.”
- Age Groups: 2000, 1999 Older, 1999 Younger, 1998 Older, 1998 Younger, 1997, 1996, and 1995;
- 5 dates (2 sessions each date) on March 11th (Girls) or March 18th (boys), March 25-27th, April 15th, April 29th, May 12th, and June 16th;
- All training dates will be at Lawrence Park in Indianapolis (Indiana Soccer State Office) except for March 11th (Girls at Franklin College and Indiana University) and possibly March 18th (Boys at Franklin College and Indiana University);
- The '99, '98, '97, '96, and '95 age groups will participate in either the Alabama ODP Showcase from March 23-25, 2012 or the Kapsalis Cup on April 14-15, 2012. The actual event will be determined at a later date. If Indiana ODP teams participate in Alabama ODP Showcase the Indiana players, coaches, and administrators will travel and stay together for this event. There will be an additional fee to cover travel to and from Alabama ODP Showcase via Charter Bus, lodging, and food. This fee will be

determined and collected before travel to showcase. If Indiana ODP teams enter the Kapsalis Cup (Pike/Indy Burn) there will not be an additional fee since this tournament is in Indiana and players will be responsible for their own travel plans.

- Naming of State Team and Alternates from State Team Pool at a date still to be determined. Everyone in the State Team Pool will either be named to the State Team to attend Regional Camp or as an alternate;
- ODP State Team Pool Interregional event with Kentucky and Ohio South on June 16, 2012. This event will be hosted by Ohio South in Dayton/Fairborn Ohio. More details to follow later.

Phase 3 or what will be called “State Team Pool” begins in March and will encompass players invited by each age group coaching staff. Within one week following your last age group training session in February the list of invited players to Phase 3 will be posted on the “Players Corners” as well as an email to each player with instructions to register for Phase 3. The ’95, ’96, ’97, ’98, and ’99 players selected to be part of Phase 3 will be considered to be in the “State Team Pool” from which the ultimate State Team to attend Regional Camp will be determined. It is important to note that all players invited to Phase 3 will be either named to the State Team or as an alternate to attend Regional Camp, if one of the State Team players is unable to attend. All players selected for Phase 3 will train from March through June in preparation for Regional Camp. I know our coaches will have to make some very difficult decisions as we begin to trim the State Pools down at the end of February.

2012 Regional Camp Information

Indiana ODP will be taking the following age group teams to Regional Camp in July:

Boys ODP

Regional Camp Site: Rockford, IL

’95’s: 1 Team (18 players)

’96’s: 1 Team (18 players)

’97’s: 1 Team (18 Players)

’98 O: 1 Team (18 Players)

’98 Y: 1 Team (18 Players)

’99 O: 1 Team (18 Players)

’99 Y: 1 Team (18 Players)

2000’s: 4 teams of 12 (48 players)

(2000 boys will be in DeKalb, IL)

Girls ODP

Regional Camp Site: DeKalb, IL (see 95/96 note below)

’95’s: 1 Team (18 Players) Players will be in Rockford

’96’s: 1 Team (18 Players) Players will be in Rockford

’97’s: 2 Teams (36 Players)

’98 O: 1 Teams (18 Players)

’98 Y: 1 Team (18 Players)

’99 O: 1 Team (18 Players)

’99 Y: 1 Team (18 Players)

2000’s: up to 50 players

Dates of each Regional Camp have been determined and are posted on the Region II website as well as on the Regional Camp page of the ODP website. You can access the Region II calendar for both boys and girls by going to www.region2.com and clicking on either Boys or Girls ODP. In an effort to extend the naming of our State Teams to a later date in the Phase 3 portion of our schedule, we will be collecting a Region II Camp deposit (\$250.00) from all players in Phase 3 beginning April 3, 2012. If you do not attend Regional Camp your deposit will be refunded. Additional information regarding Regional Camp will be available at a later date.

Indiana ODP Player Evaluation Information

As part of Indiana’s ODP commitment to having the players begin to take more responsibility for their own development the evaluation process will now incorporate the players doing a self-evaluation along with the coaches providing an evaluation. Who will receive an evaluation? All players who have participated in the Indiana Olympic Development Program and have attended at least two dates. Each player who is not invited to participate in Phase 3 will receive an evaluation from their age group staff by March 16, 2012. Each player who is named to Phase 3 and does not attend Regional Camp will receive an evaluation either from the State Staff in early July or from the regional camp staff. All ’95’s, ’96’s and ’99’s who attend Regional Camp will also receive an evaluation from the State Staff, while the 97’s and ’98’s who attend Regional Camp will receive an evaluation from the Regional Camp Staff after Regional Camp in July.

In an effort to make the evaluation process more streamlined and effective as well as add the self-evaluation process Indiana ODP in cooperation with Zoom Reports will be doing the evaluation process online. Each player in the State Pool will receive a unique username and password **from Zoom Reports** which will allow you to go online and fill out the evaluation form. There will be one for field players and one for goalkeepers. You should be receiving instructions on how to access your self-evaluation form and your username/password directly from Zoom Reports via e-mail in the very near future. When you receive an e-mail from Zoom Reports, please don't delete it but click on the link provided to set up your account.

We request that every player participating in ODP complete your online self-evaluation form and submit it by your last training session in February. If selected to continue in Phase 3 you will have the ability to go back into your self-evaluation and update it later before the coaches complete the evaluation. Following are the dates for each age group that the self-evaluation should be completed online:

'99's: Boys submitted by Feb. 26, 2012; Girls submitted by Feb. 18, 2012

'98's: Boys submitted by Feb. 15, 2012; Girls submitted by Feb. 19, 2012

'97's: Boys submitted by Feb. 15, 2012; Girls submitted by Feb. 19, 2012

'96's: Boys submitted by Feb. 26, 2012; Girls submitted by Feb. 26, 2012

'95's: Boys submitted by Feb. 26, 2012; Girls submitted by Feb. 26, 2012

We believe your participation is extremely important to this process and to your continued development as a player. All you need to do is to be honest with yourself as you compare yourself to your peers within the Olympic Development Program. It is important that you begin to have the ability to recognize your strengths that allow you to impact the game in quality ways. It is also important that you recognize areas (weaknesses) that you need to focus on as you continue to develop as a player. The coaches will use your self-evaluation as part of their evaluation. **If you do not fill out a self-evaluation online, the coaches will not release their evaluation of you to you.** To receive your evaluation you must become part of the process. If you are not selected to continue training into Phase 3 you will receive a completed evaluation by your age group coaches by March 16, 2012. If you are selected to continue training in Phase 3 you will not receive an evaluation until later in the process.

I hope this letter helps offer some explanation and clarification to what is coming up within Indiana ODP. We have changed many aspects of the program this year and hopefully they have benefited you the player. I understand that we are coming up to an important time within our process as we must trim the pools down, select some of you to move on and release others. I hope you take this to heart when I say that if you are not selected to move forward to Phase 3 it certainly does not mean you are not a good player and can't impact the game at appropriate levels. This is just one aspect on your journey and just because you are not selected now doesn't mean you will not be selected next year or in the future. I can name many players who were not selected for a level they attempted to achieve but took the lessons learned throughout the process, came back again and made the impact necessary to achieve their goals. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact myself, Joy Carter, or your age group head coach.

Yours in Soccer,

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