

2017-18 Indiana Olympic Development Program – Todd Sheely, Director

Program Philosophy, Components and Activity Summary

Development is *the act or process of developing; unfolding; a gradual growth or advancement through progressive changes*. While ultimately the role of the Indiana Olympic Development Program is the identification and selection of players with the ability to progress to the next level of competition, the developmental process should be and will be at the forefront of the Indiana Olympic Development Program. The top players want to be challenged in competitive, positive, developmental environments against players of equal or better proficiency. If we refer to the above definition of “Development,” The Indiana Olympic Development Program goals are to provide for the unfolding of ideas about the game of soccer, to assist in developing the player’s confidence as well as ideas in order to solve problems the game presents, and to provide opportunities for the gradual growth and advancement of the player through challenging, creative, and positive training and playing environments.

The Indiana Olympic Development Program calendar runs from the end of August, when we begin the 11 month journey of identifying, evaluating, and training players, to the end of June when we take 16 age groups (8 boys and 8 girls) to an Inter-State event and then for some players an invite to the Midwest Region ID camp in July. From the ID Camp invitations players are selected to the Midwest Region Pool for inclusion to events throughout the year.

- Understand, learn, and develop the technical qualities necessary to advance one’s game to the Regional and National level;
- Expand interpretation and understanding of the game from different perspectives (Systems and Positions);
- Learn and develop problem solving skills to be used before, during, and after matches;
- Learn how to confront adversity and respond responsibly, maturely, and thoughtfully;
- Learn how to effectively use different forms of communication with teammates and coaches;
- Learn how your role may change playing in different systems and in different positions;
- Become a soccer player, not a system or positional player;

To accomplish the overall goals of the Indiana Olympic Development Program as well as the player development goals, the Olympic Development Program training and developmental calendar (August – July) is broken down into three phases. The three phases are Phase 1 (Fall), Phase 2 (Winter), and Phase 3 (Spring/Summer). Phase 1 and Phase 2 are considered State Pool Training which encompasses a larger pool of players. Players in the State Pool are trained and evaluated for a 6 month period (September – February) in preparation for our coaches to invite a selected group of players into Phase 3. Phase 3 is considered the State Team Pool. Every player invited to continue training as part of Phase 3 will either be named to the State Team or as an alternate. The players are trained in this tighter, more homogenous environment for a period of 4 months in preparation for the Inter State Midwest Region Event.

In June of 2018 our 2004-2007 boys and girls went to Edinboro, PA and competed against Ohio South, Ohio North, Kentucky and Western PA. Our 2001-2003 boys and girls attended a camp at University of Indianapolis along with Kentucky. These teams were trained by college coaches and competed against the other state in nightly matches. In July 2018 the Region II ID camp was held in Saginaw, Michigan. Only invited players can attend and from this 4 day camp the Regional Pool is selected in the

2001-2005 age groups for ultimate selection to attend national events. Indiana sent 43 players to the Midwest ID Camp.

The Olympic Development Program calendar also includes other special features and programs which are offered to enhance the player's developmental experience as well as accomplish the goals of the program:

ODP Friendlies/Scrimmages and participation in Tournaments

Positive remarks repetitively offered by participants concerning the Olympic Development Program is about the opportunity for the State Pool/Team to play against outside competition throughout the year. In 2017-18 Indiana ODP participated in the following events:

- November 3-5 and 10-12, 2017- (2004-2007) boys and girls attended – Germantown Invitational (Memphis, TN)
- January 6-7, 2018- 2004-05 boys and girls participated in friendlies vs. Illinois at Grand Park
- January 13-15, 2018- 2001-2007 boys and girls participated in the Midwest Challenge 7v7 event at Grand Park.
- June 22-24, 2018 2004-2007 boys and girls participated in Inter-Regional Event in Western Pennsylvania
- June 28-30, 2018 2001-2003 boys and girls participated in "Border Wars" event with Kentucky at University of Indianapolis.

Evaluation/ Tryout

The Evaluation/ Tryout Program was established to satisfy the need to provide identification opportunities for players to possibly join the State Pool in their age group. All high school players born in the three oldest age groups are extended an invitation to attend tryout for consideration to the State Pool. The tryout period occurs through Phase 2, which begins following the completion of their Indiana High School soccer season. Participating players train in the State Pool session for their respective age group and are evaluated with and against the current State Pool players in each age group. In addition to the tryout option we also co hosted a regional USTC event and invited in players from this event.

Junior Olympians: An Introduction to the Olympic Development Program

This program is designed to be an introduction for U10 and U11 players (2008, 2009, 2010) into the ODP System and training environment that they will encounter in future years. The Junior Olympian program is purely a developmental program with the opportunity to train and play with the best players in one's age group as well as receive quality instruction from Nationally Licensed Coaches. Since this program is an introduction into the Olympic Development process, no State Team is formed and this group will not travel to Regional Camp. Players who participated in this program could be invited to become the beginning State Pool in 2018-2019.

**Indiana Olympic Development Program
Activity Summary
August 2017 – July 2018**

Phase 1: State Pool Players **Dates: Aug. 24 – Oct. 12, 2017**

The 2017-2018 Indiana Olympic Development Program Calendar began on Aug. 25th with the first session of Phase 1. Phase 1 was for non-high school age players and included the following age groups: 2007, 2006, 2005, and 2004 players not in high school. Phase 1 consisted of 4 training dates (2 sessions each date) at a player cost of \$125.00.

Evaluation Program and Tryouts **Dates: Aug. 30, 2017 – January 6, 2018**

We had close to 60 players come through the Evaluation Program this year. We also, allowed club DOC's to recommend players and then those players were put into the State Pool. Players who were trying out were given a red tee shirt and then trained within their specific age group. Players were notified the evening of their tryout if they were invited into the State Pool or if it was recommended they come back for another evaluation.

Junior Olympians Program **Dates: Winter 2017/18**

During the Winter of 2017/18 we held six different Junior Olympian dates. Each session costs \$30 or someone could sign up for all six session for \$150. The quality of the young players is exceptional. With some their tactical awareness is superb.

Phase 2: State Pool Players **Dates: Oct. 18, 2017– February 7, 2018**

Phase 2 introduced the high school age players and included the following age groups: 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002 2001, 2000 and 1999's. Phase 2 consisted of 10 training dates (2 session each date) both outdoor and indoor at a player cost of \$600.00. Phase 2 also included any special event including tournaments, showcases, and friendlies both genders. Utilizing GPEC for training is wonderful but the cost can be alot for some families to understand.

Western PA Inter Regional 2004-2007 boys and girls **Dates: June 22-24, 2018**

Border Wars with Kentucky 2001-2003 boys and girls **Dates: June 28-30, 2018**

Boys Region II Pools

- 2001: Brenden Nolte, Parker Stewart, Christian Thang, Refik Dogruyol, Bryant Echeverria
- 2002: Tyler Murphy, Alan Johnson, Alexander Coloumbe, Kai Moore, Ecris Revolorio, Jerry Little III, David Ross III
- 2003: Max Robbins, Seth Walters, Michael Tibbits, Cole Little, Alexander Svetanoff, Jacob Scouler, Dane Richardson, Jackson Campbell, Collin Crandall
- 2004: Hugo Herndon, Ian Knight, Xavier Vaz, Jacob Douglass,
- 2005: Benji Chavarria, Austin Wells, William Latham

Girls Region II Pools

- 2001: Taylor Delaney
- 2002: Taylor Kitts, Rachel Hill, Ashley Heemstra
- 2003: Anna Borkowski, Sarah Mullins

2004: Karina Cremeens, Ella Scott, Ashlyn Hoover, Kasidy Schenk, Rory Barnard, Brianna Buells, Olivia Kalil, Grace Weaver, Neyda Macias, Anna Rosato

2005: Avery Conner, Alexis Watkins, Erika Wells, Grace Bamber, Kate Weber, Olivia Hopper, Solana Hernandez

Indiana Players – Midwest Region and National Events

Girls NTC (National Training Center)

Tampa, FL

January 24-29, 2019

2005 Alexis Watkins - Tempest FC

2005 Grace Bamber - NWI Lions

Girls Thanksgiving Interregional

Boca Raton, Fla.

Nov. 15-23, 2018

2002 Taylor Kitts - Fort Wayne United

2003 Anna Brokowski - Jr. Irish

2005 Grace Bamber - NWI Lions

Boys Winter Interregional

IMG Academy, Bradenton, Fla.

Dec. 18-22, 2018

2002 Alan Johnson - Indy Millennium

2002 Tyler Murphy - Indy Millennium

2005 Ben Chavarria III - Elkhart County United

December Midwest Region Mini Camp (Girls)

Kansas City, KS

Dec. 15-16, 2018

2005 Katherine Weber - NWI Lions

2005 Alexis Watkins - Tempest FC

2005 Grace Bamber - NWI Lions

Overall this past year was a very exciting year for the Indiana Olympic Development Program in regards to growth of player and coach development. We continue to strive to make Indiana ODP the best program in the country. As the Indiana Olympic Development Program moves forward in the future we will re-evaluate the program following the July Regional Camps.