

2018-19 Indiana Olympic Development Program – Todd Sheely, Director

Program Philosophy, Components and Activity Summary

One 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, however, 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 the players ability to solve problems as 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 invitation to the Midwest Region ID camp in July. Invited players are selected to the Midwest Region Pool for inclusion to events throughout the year from the ID Camp.

- 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 when participating 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 separated 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 be named as an alternate. The state pool 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 the 2002-2007 boys and girls participated in the Midwest Sub Regional in Cincinnati, Ohio. In July 2018 the Region II ID camp was held in Saginaw, Michigan. Only invited players can attend the Region II ID camp, and during this 4-day camp, the Regional Pool is selected from the 2002-2006 age

groups and from this group several players will be invited to attend national events. 67 Indiana players were invited to attend the Midwest ID camp. 40 of those invited were able to attend.

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 are repetitively received by participants concerning the Olympic Development Program. Typically, these remarks applaud the opportunity for the State Pool/Team to play against outside competition throughout the year. In 2018-19 Indiana ODP participated in the following events:

- January 5-6, 2018- 2002-2007 boys and girls participated in Friendlies vs. Illinois and Kentucky at Grand Park
- January 12-13, 2018- 2002-2007 boys and girls participated in the Midwest Challenge 7v7 event at Grand Park.
- February 16-18, 2018 2002-2007 boys and girls participated in an Inter-Regional event in Memphis, TN.
- June 28-30, 2018 2002-2007 boys and girls participated in Sub-Regional event in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Evaluation/Tryout

The Evaluation/ Tryout Program was established to satisfy the need to provide identification opportunities for players to possibly earn a spot on the State Pool in their respective age group. All high school players born in the three oldest age groups are extended an invitation to attend a 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 Indiana also hosted a regional USTC event and invited players who participated in this prestigious event.

Junior Olympians: An Introduction to the Olympic Development Program

This program is designed to be an introduction for U10 and U11 players (2009, 2010, 2011) 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 a member of the beginning State Pool in 2019-2020.

District Training: Taking ODP on The Road

Indiana Soccer and the Indiana Development Program (IDP) is pleased to announce the return of District Training. District Training will be for players that do not play high school soccer and that are birth years: 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009. Starting the Fall of 2019, the following sites have been identified as areas where IDP will conduct training sessions: Evansville, Jeffersonville, Merrillville, Elkhart, Fort Wayne, Zionsville, Granger and Terre Haute. Some, but not all locations will have one session per month in August, September and October. Each training session will run an hour and fifteen minutes. These

sessions will provide an opportunity to participate for players who would like to give IDP a try, but find travel to Grand Park problematic. District Training is \$20/session.

Players who become a part of the Indiana State Pool will train at Grand Park, as has been the practice for the last few years.

Indiana Olympic Development Program

Activity Summary

August 2018 – July 2019

Phase 1: State Pool Players Dates: Aug. 24 – Oct. 12, 2018

The 2017-2018 Indiana's 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 Tryout Dates: Aug. 30, 2018 – January 6, 2018

Close to 100 players come through the Evaluation Program this year. Club DOC's also recommend players and those players were placed 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 invited back for additional evaluation.

District Training Dates: Aug. 2, 2019- October 14, 2019

More than 400 players took part in a District Training event. The feedback we received was positive. Some areas of the state did very well, promoting and encouraging their players to attend. Some areas asked for District Trainings in the Spring of 2020.

Junior Olympians Program Dates: Winter 2018/19

Six different Junior Olympian dates were established during the Winter of 2017/18 at a cost of only \$25 per session. The quality of the young players is exceptional, with many having impressive tactical awareness, which speaks well of the local coaching these players are receiving.

Phase 2: State Pool Players Dates: Oct. 18, 2018– February 7, 2019

Phase 2 introduced the high school age players and included the following age groups: 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, and 2002. Phase 2 consisted of 7 training dates (2 session each date) both outdoor and indoor and indoor friendlies at a player cost of \$550.00. Phase 2 also included special events i.e., tournaments, showcases, and friendlies for both genders. Utilizing GPEC for training is wonderful even though the cost can be a stretch; The value remains quite attractive for most.

Phase 3: State Team Dates: March 2019-June 2019

Phase 3 included two training sessions and the Sub Regional event in Ohio. The state teams were named in March and players not named to a state team were listed as alternates. Our teams fared well in Ohio with more wins and goals scored than in previous years.

Congratulations to the following players that made it into the Midwest Regional Pool:

Crisitan Espinoza	Gavin Stagg	Erika Wells
Sydney Stott	Ashlyn	Jackson Jelinek
	Hoover	Ariyana
Peter Girzades	Ian Knight	Edwards
Seja Lang	Alexis	William Latham
Ian Holtz-Hazeltine	Watkins	Lainy Akins
Rory Barnard	Dillon Lambert	Benjamin Thien
Albert Thang	Grace	Eleanor
Emilie Vereb	Weaver	Shirkey
Seth Walters	Xavier Vaz	Jared Garcia
Grace	Audrey Abel	Sarah
Weaver	Bryce Johnson	Edmonds
Jacob Scouler	Tewabech	Liam Deel
Olivia Kalil	Seerup	Macy Stuck
Abraham Buescher	Jacob Douglass	Joshua Placzek
Karina Cremeens	Madison Ott	Zachary Naessens
	Alexis Moro	Alex Valdez

Invitations Extended, but could not attend Midwest Regional ID Camp:

Ecris Revolorio	Michael Tibbitts	Lucy Kult
Brenna Buhrt	Audra Meyer	David Anderson
Alex Coulumbe	Simon Mayer	Meskeram
Mackenzie Kent	Breanna	James
Tyler Murphy	Buels	Nestor Sharaf
Emma Lopp	Ryan Thien	Olivia
Zachary Collins	Ana Rosato	Gardner
Anna Borkowski	Colin Mackey	Girik Walling
Josemir Gomez	Kasidy	Asharia
Alexa Fraley	Schenk	Hernandez
	Alec McKinney	Morgan Petty

Indiana Players who Made Midwest Regional Teams

2005 Girls

Madison Ott, Junior Irish
Alexis Watkins, Tempest FC and IFJ

2004 Girls

Ashlyn Hoover, Boilers FC

2005 Boys

Jared Garcia, ECU
Jackson Jelinek, Hoosier FC

2004 Boys

Ian Knight, Millennium Indy

Isaac Timmer, Fort Wayne United

2003 Boys

Abraham Buescher, Millennium Indy

This past year was a very exciting year for the Indiana Olympic Development Program recognizing player growth and coach development. Indiana continues to strive to make Indiana ODP the best program in the country. As the Indiana Olympic Development Program moves forward, we will continue to re-evaluate and refine the program.