



To: ODP (Olympic Development Program) Player and Families

From: ODP Director Todd Sheely and Staff

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To all Indiana ODP players and families,

The 2022 state teams will starting posting in the next few days. We realize that while this can be a time of great excitement, it can also be one of disappointment for those who do not make the final roster. This year has seen us reach new standards across the board. Numbers are up in almost every age group, and accordingly there is greater competition for spots. We do have two age groups where numbers were not large enough to name full teams, so the 2005/06 boys and girls have been made into combo teams. We hope to work hard to fix this for next season.

We ask every player to reflect on the year and consider their own development. If you can say that you have grown as both a soccer player and as a person, then it has been a success regardless of if you make a team or not. Making a team does not define you or your future. Different players thrive in different environments. Just because you excel for your club team does not automatically mean you will excel for ODP, and vice versa. There are many ways to play the game, and none of them are right or wrong.

For those of you who are alternates, there is always a possibility of a call up, and the last few years have shown the need to be ready at any time. We do have some Developmental Teams this year. If a spot opens on the state team and there is a developmental team in that age group, then a player from that team would be moved up and then an alternate would be added to the developmental team.

If you made the team, congratulations, but it is not the time to relax. Continue to put in the work and prove to everyone you are worthy of the Indiana ODP jersey. You will need to accept and pay for your spot on the team by Monday April 11. If a spot is not paid for by that time it will go to the next alternate. If you sign up and then down the road decide to decline the spot a refund will only be given if an alternate can be found. For those whose club teams are successful in state and president cups we will work with you on an individual basis.

If you are unable to attend, please let Todd and Joy know as soon as possible.

Each player, whether on a state team, developmental team or an alternate, should plan to attend training sessions on April 3 and June 12.

If the player chooses to email the Age Group Coordinator, please use the following guidelines:

1. Have the player email the coach.
2. Has the coach already given feedback regarding the player?
3. The coach may ask to wait and speak directly to the player at a training session instead of doing it via email.
4. Realize some are in the middle of their spring college season and it may take some time to get a return email.

If you have any questions pertaining to Indiana ODP, feel free to reach out. Thanks for your support.

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