

2019-20 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, **development** should and will be at the forefront of the Indiana Olympic Development Program. Players want to be challenged in competitive, positive, developmental environments against players of equal or better proficiency. 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 their willingness to engage in the real-time solving of problems presented during the game; to provide opportunities for the continual growth and advancement of the player through challenging, creative, and positive training and playing environments.

The Indiana Olympic Development Program's 11-month journey of identifying, evaluating, and training players begins at the end of August, and culminates for some in June when 16 age-groups (8 boys and 8 girls) travel to an Inter-State event. The annual program concludes in July for those that are invited to attend the Midwest Region ID camp. Players can be selected from the Midwest Region ID camp as Regional Pool players and are eligible to attend Region/national events throughout the year. This year, due to the pandemic, the end of the ODP season occurred in March rather than July. Below are a few of the statements that guide Indiana Soccer's ODP program:

- 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 various 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 the ODP 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.

The normal June events were cancelled in 2020 because of the Covid Pandemic. Players were still named to the Midwest ID camp even though the event did not occur. Those names will be listed later.

The Olympic Development Program calendar also includes other distinctive 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 2018-19 Indiana ODP participated in the following events:

- January 3-4, 2020- 2003-2008 boys and girls participated in Friendlies vs. Illinois and Kentucky at Grand Park
- January 12-13, 2019- 2003-2008 boys and girls participated in the Midwest Challenge 7v7 event at Grand Park.
- February 16-18, 2018 2003-2008 boys and girls participated in an Inter-Regional event in Memphis, TN.
- Midwest Sub Regional initially scheduled for June 19-21 was Cancelled.

Evaluation/Tryout

The Evaluation/ Tryout Program was established to provide identification opportunities for players to be selected for the State Pool in their respective age group. Tryouts for non-high school age players were conducted in September and October. Phase 1 provides all high school players born in the three oldest age groups, an opportunity 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 ODP hosted a regional, United States Technical Championship (USTC) event from which players were also identified and invited.

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 the beginning State Pool in 2019-2020.

District Training: Taking ODP on The Road

Indiana Soccer and Indiana Development Program (IDP) are pleased to report on the return of District Training. District Training is for players that do not play high school soccer and that are of the following birth years: 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009. Starting the Fall of 2019, the following sites were identified as areas where IDP will have sessions: Evansville, Jeffersonville, Merrillville, Elkhart, Fort Wayne, Zionsville, Granger, Richmond, and Terre Haute. Some, but not all locations offered one session per month in August, September and October and each session was scheduled for an hour and fifteen minutes. These sessions provide an opportunity for players to give IDP a try, without the travel demands associated with traveling to Grand Park. Players who are a part of the Indiana State Pool will still have training at Grand Park as has been the practice for the last few years. District Training is \$20/session.

Indiana Olympic Development Program

Activity Summary

August 2019 – July 2020

Phase 1: State Pool Players Dates: Aug. 24 – Oct. 12, 2019

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: 2008, 2007, 2006, and 2005 players not in high school. Phase 1 consisted of 4 training dates (2 sessions each date) at a player cost of \$105.00.

Evaluation Program and Tryouts Dates: Aug. 30, 2019 – January 6, 2020

Approximately 100 players came through the Evaluation Program this year. Additionally, club DOC's 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.

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

Indiana ODP had over 400 players take part in a District Training event. The feedback we received was positive. Some clubs did very well promoting and encouraging their players to attend.

Junior Olympians Program Dates: Winter 2019/20

During the Winter of 2019/20 Indiana OPD offered six different Junior Olympian dates. Each session costs \$20. The quality of the participating young players is exceptional. The club coaches are providing excellent training as the tactical awareness of these young players is superb.

Phase 2: State Pool Players Dates: Oct. 24, 2019– February 7, 2020

Phase 2 introduced the high school age players and included the following age groups: 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004 and 2003. Phase 2 consisted of 7 training dates (2 session each date). The trainings included both outdoor and indoor trainings along with an indoor friendlies event at a player cost of \$540.00. Phase 2 also included special events including tournaments, showcases, and friendlies for both genders.

Phase 3: State Team Dates: March 2020-June 2020

Phase 3 was scheduled to include a Sub Regional event at Grand Park. Unfortunately, with the Covid Pandemic Indiana Soccer was not able to host this event.

Clubs and Player Recognition for 2020

Congratulations to the following players who participated in the Memphis Interregional Pool Games in February.

2003 Boys Rainey Biggerstaff, Westside United Jacob Scouler, Kalamazoo Kingdom Abraham Eicher, Rangers Seth Walters, Indiana Elite Gavin Kinsella, Millenium	2004 Girls Allison Curlee, IFJ Cassidy Schenk, IFJ	2004 Boys Colin Mackey, Millenium Alec McKinney, FW United Colm Oneacre, FC Pride Gavin Stagg, Indiana Elite
2005 Girls Hailey Wade, IFJ Alexi Watkins, Tempest FC/IFJ Kate Weber, NWI United/IFJ Tewabech Seerup, IFJ Olivia Hopper, Tempest FC	2005 Boys Jackson Jelinek, Hoosier FC Alexis Moro, ECU Jared Garcia, ECU Zane Biggerstaff, USAi	2006 Girls Karly Miller, FC Pride; Ft Wayne United Sarah Edmonds, Hoosier FC Ariyana Edwards, FC Pride Eleanor Shirkey, NWI United/IFJ Taylor Wert, FC Pride
2006 Boys Alex Valdez, ECU Landon Ryner, Cutters Zach Naessens, FC Pride	2007 Girls Daphne Wright, Cutters Leah Rocha, Chicago Fires Jrs. South, Soraya Vigil, NWI United Riley Scheumann, Boilers FC	2007 Boys Ian Lam, IFJ Cooper Flannery, Hoosier FC Ethan Simmons, Hoosier FC, Sawyer Beachy, ECU Liam Licon- Reyes, ECU

The 42 clubs below had at least one player represent Indiana ODP on the 2019/20 State Teams. Indiana ODP wants to thank the clubs for their contribution to the development of soccer and the individual players and for allowing Indiana Soccer the opportunity to assist in the player's development.

Alliance FC	Hobart	Rangers
Boilers FC	Hoosier FC	SCSA
Carmel FC	IFJ	Southern IN United
Cincinnati West	IFJ South	Sporting Southern IN
Circle City FC	Impact	SW Michigan Soccer
Columbus Express	IN Invaders	Tempest FC
Cutters	Indiana Elite FC	Terre Haute Premier
CWSA (Cincy)	Indy Premier	Total Futbol Academy
Delaware County	Jr. Irish	USA of Indiana
Deportivo FC (IL)	Kingdom (MI)	Warsaw Wave
ECU	Michiana Echo	Westside
FC Pride	Millennium	ZYSA
Ft. Wayne United	Millennium Indy	Chicago Fire Juniors South
FW Sports Club	NWI Lions	Tri West

The 31 clubs below had at least one player who would have represented Indiana ODP at the Midwest ID Camp. These players were chosen through various state, regional and/or national events. This camp brings together some of the region's best players. Indiana ODP wants to thank the clubs for their contribution to the development of soccer and the individual players. Had Indiana hosted the Sub Regional as scheduled, more players would have been chosen to represent the region.

Alliance FC	Hoosier FC	Millennium Indy	Boilers FC	IFJ
NWI Lions	Carmel FC	IFJ South	Rangers	
Chicago Fire South	Indiana Elite FC	SCSA	Indy Premier	Cutters
Tempest FC	ECU	Jr. Irish	Total Futbol Academy	
FC Pride	Kalamazoo Kingdom	USA of Indiana	Ft. Wayne United	Kentucky Fire
Goshen Stars	Westside United	Michiana Echo	FW Sport Club	Warsaw Wave
Millennium	ZYSA	Hobart		

Congratulations to the following players who would have received an invite to the 2020 Midwest ID Camp

Rainey Biggerstaff	Kendall Starks	Abraham Buescher	William Latham
Tristan Tas	Abraham Eicher	Niekos Whitney	Alexis Watkins
Gavin Kinsella	Olivia Clive	Jacob Scouler	Carson Brown
Katie Hofbauer	Seth Walters	Rory Barnard	Katherine Weber

Jacob Douglass	Karina Cremeens	Cristian Espinoza	Liam Deel
Allison Curlee	Dillon Lambert	Ashlyn Hoover	Bernadette Wismann
Colin Mackey	Olivia Kalil	Alec McKinney	Joseph DeGiorgio
Kasidy Schenk	Colm Oneacre	Grace Weaver	Lainey Akins
Gavin Stagg	Audrey Abel	Zane Biggerstaff	Tyler Doss
Olivia Hopper	Carson Feeney	Madison Ott	Sarah Edmonds
Jared Garcia	Tewabech Seerup	CJ Imhoff	Zachary Naessens
Hailey Wade	Jackson Jelinek	Hannah Wade	Ariyana Edwards
Benjamin Rudolph	Olivia Gardner	Landon Ryner	Karly Miller
Nolan Shawl	Eleanor Shirkey	Alex Valdez	Taylor Wert
Sawyer Beachy	Addison Wieser	Tom Henry Berry	Amelia Brocious
Cooper Flanary	Addyson Caniff	Arron Habecker	Mackenzie Kruer
Nikola Ivetic	Leah Rocha	Ian Lam	Ryleigh Scheumann
Liam Reyes-Licon	Grace Sepiol	Ethan Simmons	Soraya Vigil
Christian Zermeno	Daphne Wright	Cooper Abel	Anderson Broshears
Michael Bonaccorsi	Riley Cunningham	Noah Chisholm	Helena Cutshall
Keegan Dame	Chloe Finney	Treyten Fackelman	Elle Fischer
Matt Ferguson	Presley Kessler	Evan Hudak	Lola Pepper
Simon Ngo	Ashley Wieser	Yonatan Omer-Springs	