



ODP FAQs

Q: What is the purpose of ODP?

A: The purpose of the Vermont ODP program is to identify, train, and develop the most advanced players in the state to their full potential. Once identified these players are provided with the opportunity to compete with and against elite players within the Region and across the country. The Vermont ODP program is one step in the National Player Pathway.

Q: What Age Groups are eligible for ODP teams?

A: ODP training pools will be formed in the 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 age-groups for both boys and girls. Some age groups may be combined based on participation numbers.

Q: What is the cost to attend tryouts for ODP?

A: The cost to register and attend tryouts is \$40.00. Players are strongly encouraged to register in advance online. We do accept registrations on the day of tryouts, however, t-shirt size availability is not guaranteed. Cash or check is the only form of payment accepted at the field on tryout day. Bring all necessary insurance cards and birth certificates for first time registrants.

Q: Can you explain the tryout and selection process?

During the tryout process players participate in a variety of technical and tactical training activities and then a small-sided or full game format. From these activities the professional coaching staff for the age group make their assessment of each player. The professional coaching staff make the final assessment on each player and then select the top players in each age group for Age Group training pools.

Q: What should I do if I am not selected?

A: Tryout the following year!!! The ODP program is for youth players who are developing technically, tactically, physically and emotionally. We all develop at different ages and at different rates. For this reason, it should be noted that the ODP process is completely new each year. Our teams are filled with players who were not selected in any given age group the year before.

Q: How often does the pool train and how much does it cost?

A: The pool will be named and will begin training in May and continue once a week through June. ODP is not intended to conflict with club soccer, rather it is designed to compliment the work being done at the club level. The cost to train for the season is \$225, which helps cover facility rentals, coaching and admin expenses.

Q: What does the pool do in addition to training?

A: Events vary depending on development phase. However, typically we participate in friendly ODP events. Each event is billed per participant actual costs prior to the event taking place. The goal is to compliment the club calendars while working to provide our elite players with additional opportunities to develop and compete against some of the best players/teams in the country.

Q: When are the State Teams announced?

A: Age Group pools are announced prior to an event. The pool will train throughout the year and players will be selected from the age group pool to represent Vermont in regional events. In June, some players will be selected to represent Vermont at the East Region ODP ID Invitational in July.

Q: What is the East Region ID Invitational?

The East Region ODP Identification Invitational is the culminating event of the ODP year. It is an opportunity for a select few Vermont players to individually represent the state at the next level, competing with/against other outstanding players from the East Region (New Hampshire, Vermont, New York East, New York West, Pennsylvania West, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania East, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine). It is from this camp that players are selected for the USYS Interregional over Thanksgiving in Orlando, FL.

Q: How much does East Region ID Invitational cost?

A: The fee for the East Region ID Invitational is approximately \$300 plus transportation, housing and meals.

Q: When and where are ODP practices?

A: Training will take place at a variety of complexes throughout the state on Friday or Sunday evenings.

Q: Who are the Vermont ODP coaches?

A: Vermont ODP coaches are coaches holding National Coaching Licenses, area college coaches, high school and club coaches.