

Olympic Development Program (ODP)

Frequently Asked Questions

In an effort to streamline the ODP operations, we ask that every parent and player take a few minutes to read through this page and familiarize themselves with the location of the ODP information on our website. This page is an effort to answer most of the ODP questions you may have as a parent or player, it also gives you the location of information that is posted to our website. This list is a compilation of the most frequently asked questions we receive. Please take a minute to read carefully to see if your question can be answered below or on our website. Thanks in advance!

What is ODP?

ODP is a US Soccer National Program designed to identify and develop talented youth soccer players throughout the country to represent their state, region and national team programs at the highest-level of soccer competition. At the first level, the Utah Youth Soccer Association (UYSA) identifies a pool of players in each of the appropriate age groups. These players are identified and selected from tryouts held across the state. This program is a supplement to the player's Club, Competitive or High School Teams. More information about ODP can be found on our website. Please note that **all** information and changes pertaining to ODP are posted on our website. You can access the ODP page through the UYSA website at www.utahyouthsoccer.net on the left choose ODP. It is important that you get used to checking this site on a regular basis.

What age is eligible to participate in ODP?

ODP is structured on a calendar year (January 1st through December 31st). The age groups recognized for the 2010-11 seasonal year are those players born in: 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001. There are no exceptions to these age groups.

Where and When are Tryouts held?

Tryouts will be held in Hyde Park, Layton, Salt Lake Valley, Orem & St. George. For selection purposes, players are strongly encouraged to attend tryouts at more than one site. Once the actual sites are secured, we will post that information to our website. It is always a good idea to access the Calendar of Events before travel as locations and times can and do change. **It is your responsibility to check the Calendar online.**

ODP TRYOUT SCHEDULE

October	29th	ODP Tryouts	Cedar Ridge MS 65 N. 200 W. Hyde Park Boys 9:00 – Noon; Girls 1:00 – 4:00 PM
November	5th	ODP Tryouts	Ellison Park 700 N 2200 W. Layton Boys 9:00 – Noon; Girls 1:00 – 4:00 PM
	12th	ODP Tryouts	Orem Location To Be Announced Boys 9:00 – Noon; Girls 1:00 – 4:00 PM
	19th	ODP Tryouts	Lakeside Sports Complex 1850 W. 400 S. Orem Boys 9:00 – Noon; Girls 1:00 – 4:00 PM

AND

**Dixie State Hansen Stadium 225 S 700 E
2000&2001 Boys& Girls—9:00-10:30am
1999,1998,1997 Boys& Girls—11:00-12:30pm
1996&1995 Girls—1:00-2:30pm
1996&1995 Boys—3:00-4:30pm**

How much does it cost to Tryout?

The tryout fee is \$40.00 – this fee covers all four tryout dates. **Online registration is required.** Your registration covers all four tryout sessions. So, for one price you can attend as many tryouts as you wish. We recommend you attend at least 2. **To avoid the \$20 late charge for signing up late or at the tryouts, please have your online**

registration completed by October 25. We will not be able to guarantee a 2011-12 tryout t-shirt to those players registering after October 25. If we run out of t-shirts, late registrations will be given a numbered t-shirt from a prior year. If you are having trouble or need assistance registering online, please call the UYSA office at 801-268-3365, or email odp@utahyouthsoccer.net.

What do they do at Tryouts?

Each tryout consists of a three hour “training” period. Tryouts generally consist of training exercises and games that are assessed by UYSA ODP Staff who evaluate players based on their technical, tactical, psychological and physical development in the game.

How does the selection process work and what comes next?

After tryouts, a **maximum** of up to 48 players are selected in each age group, some age groups may have less than 48. Selection notification is done prior to Thanksgiving and will be posted on the website. Training begins in December with player clinics, and age specific training begins the first Saturday in January. *Exception: The 2000 and 2001 age groups have a modified training schedule.*

Winter training will take place at selected venues along the Wasatch Front. Currently, we utilize BYU, Newpark Indoor (Park City), Juan Diego High School (outdoors), University of Utah (outdoors) and Ultimate Indoor. Occasionally, (weather permitting) we are outside, you will need to check carefully and dress appropriately. The schedule will be posted on the website when it is finalized. Please check the website on a regular basis.

From the winter training pool, a team of 18 is selected to attend the ODP Championships, held in Phoenix in January. (It is anticipated, we will take players from the 1995, 1996, and 1997 age groups.). In March, 18 players are selected in each age group and this will be the State ODP Team. Four additional players will be identified and will continue to train with the team as alternates in case of injury or other circumstances.

*Exception: The players in the 2000 and 2001 age groups only will keep their pool of 48. The 2000 and 2001 age groups will have **NO** out of state travel.*

Additional information about the Mountain States Friendlies and any out of state tournaments will be posted to the website as soon as information is available. Please check the website at regular intervals for updates.

What are the estimated yearly ODP fees?

Tryout Fee:	\$40.00 (for online registration by October 25 th)
Pool/Winter Training Fee:	TBD
ODP Championships:	\$550.00 (Selected 1995, 1996, and 1997 age groups only) <u>Estimated costs only</u> , selected players will be notified of exact costs)
ODP Mountain States Friendlies	TBD
ODP Region Camp	\$800.00 - \$1000.00 (Selected 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999 age group players only). <u>Estimated costs only</u> , selected players will be notified of exact costs)
Additional Tournaments -as determined by age group coach	TBD

Who do I contact if I need help?

If you have further questions or need help registering online. Please call the UYSA state office at 801-268-3365. You can also email odp@utahyouthsoccer.net

Is Financial Assistance Available?

UYSA makes every effort to ensure that ODP participation is achievable for everyone, regardless of cost. **Limited**, partial funding is available for families whose child could not otherwise participate. In special cases, UYSA can provide an installment payment plan. If you foresee a financial problem, applications for financial assistance or requests for an installment plan are available to players. Applications **must** be received well in advance of any scheduled event for which you are applying for financial assistance. For more information with regard to financial assistance and an application form, please contact the UYSA State Office at 801-268-3365 or at odp@utahyouthsoccer.net. Additional assistance may also be obtained by contacting your UYSA club, league or district representatives.

However, funding is extremely limited. So, we have a letter on our website that we ask you to use. This letter can be sent to family members, neighbors, friends, businesses, doctors, dentists etc. It works well for many players. We encourage all players to utilize this sponsorship letter, however, ALL players requesting financial assistance will have to send out 20 of these letters prior to being considered for assistance. It has a great success rate and can be a valuable tool if you need financial assistance to participate in ODP. An updated

copy of this letter will be posted to our website in October. You can find it on the ODP page. We work diligently to keep the costs of ODP reasonable. However, it does cost money, please make arrangements to pay ODP fees in a timely manner.