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United States Youth Soccer Region III ODP Camp—Boys Player Responsibilities

Welcome to the 2009 US Youth Soccer Region III ODP Camps. We hope your experience is rewarding and enjoyable. This letter is very important and reviews your responsibilities as a player while at Region camp.

Your primary responsibility is to develop as a player and have a safe and enjoyable time at camp. The process of the camp is as follows:

1. Each state chooses a team or teams to represent itself in each age-group through various systems throughout the seasonal year.
2. These teams are sent to camp by the individual states.
3. The cost of the camp is determined individually by each state and includes the fee to US Youth Soccer Region III, travel costs, coach/administrator per diem costs as well as other items.
4. The duration and characteristics of each camp varies by age-group and gender.
5. The camp is the primary responsibility of US Youth Soccer Region III. US Youth Soccer is divided into 4 regions. Region III consists of North Texas, South Texas, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and North Carolina.
6. The camp is divided into training sessions, lectures, and matches. Schedules of events will be posted on the Region III ODP website, when possible. Changes to the schedule are never ending and at times these changes will be made without notice on the website.
7. At the conclusion of the Region III 1993, 1994, and 1995 age group camps, approximately 30-40 players will be selected from each age-group to remain and participate in the age group Pool Training Camps (Holdovers). The purpose is to provide higher level training for all pool participants and prepare pool players to better compete as a team at the US Youth Soccer Interregional and International events. From this pool we will select the player rosters for the next Regional travel team events. Players will be selected immediately following the final games. The parents of holdover players will be notified by a STATE staff member at the end of camp to confirm availability, if chosen. The pool training camp fee is fully

- subsidized by Region III through the camp fees of all the players who participate in the camp. As such, there is no additional fee charged. Your state association is responsible for coordinating the transportation of any holdover pool player to return home.
8. At the conclusion of the Region III 1992 and 1996 age group camps, approximately 30-40 players will be selected from the 92 age-group and 65-75 players will be selected from the 96 age-group to be included in the Regional Pool and available to participate in the age group Interregional and International events later in 2008 and early 2009.
 9. The U.S. Soccer National Teams' Department holds National Teams' Camp each summer for the youngest age-group for each gender. This year there will be a camp for the 1996 boys. The U.S. Youth Soccer Regional Olympic Development Programs have assisted in this USSF National Camp by providing coaching and administrative support. The Regional U.S. Youth Soccer ODP Camps have also been the main source of selecting the players who will attend this National Camp.
 10. The 2009 USSF National Boys' Camp will be held at Middlesex Academy in Concord, Massachusetts from August 2 – August 8. Selection of the players for the camp will be made by National Staff Coaches with assistance from the Regional ODP Staff at the Region camp. Approximately 100 players from across the country will be selected. This is a fully funded event. U.S. Soccer will cover all normal travel and camp costs. At the conclusion of the Region III Boys' 1996 Camp, there will be a detailed information package distributed to the players selected to attend this camp. If you are selected for the U-14 Camp (1996 players), you should be prepared to provide the following information: 1) Main airport you can fly from, 2) Alternate airport you can fly from, 3) Shipping/ mailing address.
 11. In two age-groups each year, the Region holds an ODP Regional Championship. This year the ages involved in this tournament are the 1993s and 1994s. Both the 1993s and the 1994s will play one round within camp. The six teams that win in the first round will compete in the finals of the Region III ODP Championships in January, 2010 (location to be determined). The winners of the 1993 and 1994 age groups Regional ODP Championships will represent the Region at the National ODP Championships in Dallas in March, 2010.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Check In/Out:

- Team ONLY check in is allowed. It is expected that individual players/parents will wait patiently for their respective team administrator/coach.
- The site of registration will be first floor of **Burke Hall-West**. A map of the campus is linked to the Region III ODP website.
- Except in the case of inclement weather, all players must wait outside the building used for registration.

Dormitory/Campus

- Every player and staff in a state delegation must bring their own bed and bath linens.
- If something is/becomes broken report it to the camp coordinator and University staff ASAP.
- It is recommended that each player call home ASAP after arrival.
- Players are expected to respect ALL camp staff (Regional, State and University), other players and property.
- The room is the responsibility of those assigned. If something is broken/vandalized THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE ROOM are responsible for it.
- The Region **will** assess damages and lost key charge (\$50) to the respective state(s) after camp.
- Cleanliness in the common areas (halls, bathrooms, etc.) is the responsibility of the respective players on a wing/floor.
- Rooms and residence hall areas (inside and out) must be kept clean and tidy.
- Everyone is responsible for ALL trash (in/around the rooms, dorms, and fields).
- Rooms must be locked in order to discourage theft.
- After registration ONLY players and state, Regional and University staff (no pets, girlfriends, family, etc.) are allowed in any dorm.
- **No bouncing balls within the dormitory.**
- **LIGHTS OUT is 11:00PM.**
- Except in the case of emergency, players MUST NOT leave campus EVEN WITH PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S). If a parent wants to chauffeur a player they'll have an immediate opportunity to take him home.

Games

- Parents, Family, Guardians are encouraged to attend games and training sessions and are *discouraged from visiting with the players while in the dorms or cafeteria and will be asked to view the field activities from the sideline opposite the players and coaches.*
- In order for coaches to have an open and professional dialogue, ONLY STAFF WITH CREDENTIALS are allowed on the same sideline as the team during games.
- Players are not allowed to wear boxer shorts during games and training sessions.

Medical

- There will be 24 hour trainer coverage for any injury or medical ailment.

- Players will be transported to the local ER, if the situation warrants.
- Any charges incurred at the hospital are the responsibility of the player, parent/guardian (their insurance company) or state association.

Players

- Are expected to use their good judgment at all times and are responsible for their actions and deeds.
- Should bring personal medical supplies, bed and bath linens, toiletries, other personal necessities, a soccer ball, shin-guards and enough training clothes for the event.
- Any player that drives to camp is required to turn in the keys to the administrator upon check in.
- No knives of any kind are permitted in camp.

Disciplinary Issues

We anticipate a smooth event, and your adherence to the above noted activities will prevent any player-related problems. Use of alcoholic beverages for anyone under 21 years of age shall result in dismissal from camp. Use of illicit drugs shall result in dismissal from camp. Theft or defacement of property (personal or University) shall result in dismissal from camp. Bringing a knife to camp shall result in dismissal from camp. Transportation for a disciplinary dismissal will be at the player's family/guardians expense. The Regional ODP Administrator and Camp Directors have the final say in resolving any disciplinary issue(s). The respective State may determine the need for any additional penalty.

Thank you for your attention to these requests and enjoy the camp. If you need any assistance at camp, please contact your State Team Representative. Please check the Region III ODP website for more camp information as it becomes available in the next few days: www.region3odp.org

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