



**Louisiana Soccer Association  
Olympic Development Program  
Information Packet  
2009 – 2010**





# Louisiana Soccer Association

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Re: ODP Tryouts 2009 – for Players Birth Year 1993 – 1998

Players and Parents:

Welcome to the Louisiana Soccer Association Olympic Development Program tryouts! We thank you for the time and commitment you have made to be a part of this elite program. This information packet describes the purposes of the Olympic Development Program and its focus upon the growth and development of soccer players within Louisiana. Also included are a listing of Olympic Development Program Events and a fee schedule. The event and fee information is preliminary and subject to change.

The LSA Olympic Development Program is designed to give the elite player the best possible exposure at Sub-Regional ODP events and major College Showcase Tournaments while complimenting a player's club commitment, not an easy task!! US Youth Soccer ODP is not only the first and original Olympic Development Program, but also the only elite player development program that can claim members of Major League Soccer and Women's Professional Soccer, as well as a majority of current and past US National and US Youth National team members, as alumni.

The LSA Olympic Development Program demands a commitment to excellence as the program offers the experience of being developed, exposed and identified by some of the top Club, Collegiate and National team coaches! Those participants who are selected will be representing our State at the highest level of youth soccer.

If you have any questions about the tryouts or the Olympic Development Program, please email or call. Again we thank you for your time and commitment. Good luck with tryouts!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Godwin".

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## ***The US Youth Soccer and Louisiana Soccer Association Olympic Development Program Philosophy***

Our Olympic Development Program is designed to identify players of the highest caliber on a continuing and consistent basis for the purposes of developing their skills and abilities; and creating sustained success for the U.S. National Teams in the International arena.

### ***The Olympic Development Program Provides Superior Benefits***

The Olympic Development Program is an integrated and comprehensive approach that provides benefits superior to other elite player concepts:

- Focus upon the individual player
- Development of the individual player is enhanced as he or she trains and plays against the best players in their age group
- Development of the individual player is enhanced because they must learn to adjust to varying groups of teammates. This requires the player to respond to the varying styles, strengths, weaknesses and abilities of the other elite players, rather than becoming dependent on habits of a fixed group
- The highest quality of competition against the best of the best drawn from the entire state rather than one or two clubs or associations
- Exposure to regional and national team coaches
- Exposure to college coaches within the environment of the highest quality competition
- The opportunity to represent our State, Region and Nation in domestic and international competitions
- Non-profit sponsorship and administration. Our Olympic Development Program does not carry the burden of a profit orientation. As a result, we will continue to drive down participants' costs. Our goal is to be significantly less expensive than other elite soccer concepts.

### ***How Are Players Selected?***

Players are selected in Louisiana on the basis of open tryouts conducted by the Louisiana Soccer Association, our State Coaches are experienced college and club coaches, selected by the LSA State Technical Director and approved by the LSA Executive Board. They have been recognized for their abilities to identify and train players with superior talents. Players are also invited into the Olympic Development Program if they are scouted and identified by our ODP staff and scouts.

Selection of Olympic Development Program players is not an easy task. Players are evaluated on the four components that make up a soccer player:

1. Technique
2. Tactics
3. Fitness and Athletic Ability
4. Psychological Component (attitude/desire for excellence)



### ***What Will Happen at Tryouts - Policies and Procedures***

- Players must participate at tryouts on set dates. Players must attend all dates!
- Players will receive one numbered T-shirt
- Coaches will receive a list with players designated numbers (no names)
- Players will be placed by age group, rotate, play games, etc.
- Players will be assessed and identified by the ODP staff. The staff will determine those players selected to the initial State Pool.

### ***Communication with Identification and Selection***

- All Players must currently be registered with LSA
- Player status after tryouts/training sessions will be posted on the LSA website, by the posted dates.
- Players can be released from the State pool after any session.
- Players must pay for all sessions whether in attendance or not; to stay in the ODP Program.
- Payment is required prior to the set dates and be made online. PLEASE DO NOT PAY AT THE FIELD.
- If withdrawing from the ODP program please notify Stacie Schneider, ODP Administrator, via email of your intentions at [ODP@lsa-soccer.org](mailto:ODP@lsa-soccer.org) Players must notify the LSA ODP Administrator to formally withdraw from the program or they will be responsible for all training fees.

### ***What are Regional Camps?***

US Youth Soccer is divided into four Regions. Each offers a Regional Camp for ODP participants in each eligible age group. The camps are designed to develop these elite players through high-level competition and training. During this training and competition, players who are capable of performing at the highest level of play are identified for possible Regional pool, Regional team and National team camp participation. The specifics, as well as the cost, of these Regional camps will be published by Louisiana Soccer Association to all invited players.

### ***What is a National Camp?***

National Camps and Interregional events are held throughout the year at various locations in the United States. The National Team Coach or a National Staff Coach is present at these events to observe, train, and identify players for placement in the National pool or on a National team.

### ***How Can I Learn More?***

The Louisiana Soccer Association is committed to providing the highest quality Olympic Development Program at the lowest possible cost and with fully informed parents and players. Additional information can be found at [www.lsa-soccer.org](http://www.lsa-soccer.org) or contact Mark Godwin, Technical Director of Coaching Education & Player Development and/or Stacie Schneider, ODP Administrator, as well as members of the LSA staff at (225) 766-0577 or [MarkGodwinDOC@lsa-soccer.org](mailto:MarkGodwinDOC@lsa-soccer.org) or [ODP@lsa-soccer.org](mailto:ODP@lsa-soccer.org).



### ***What are the Players Expectations?***

The Louisiana Soccer Association is rapidly becoming a leader in ODP within our Region largely due to the quality coaching staff available. The Louisiana Soccer Association provides several avenues for the players to improve, but it is their own enthusiasm, and commitment to excellence, as well as the support from their club coaches, that promotes them to the State, Regional and National Teams.

The Olympic Development Program expects a lot from its players:

- 1) Commitment to Excellence
- 2) Work Hard – Play Smart!
- 3) Personal responsibility – each player must sign the Code of Conduct. Violation of this contract will be dealt with fairly and firmly.
- 4) Attendance – players are expected to attend all training/competitive events, and any absences must be documented as well as approved by the Louisiana Soccer Association ODP Administrator.
- 5) All ODP events are scheduled very carefully therefore players are not expected to miss events.

### ***What happens if I miss a Training Session?***

Be aware that players are always being evaluated at every training session and players can be released from the program at anytime. If you are going to miss a training session please email us at [ODP@lsa-soccer.org](mailto:ODP@lsa-soccer.org) and [MarkGodwinDOC@lsa-soccer.org](mailto:MarkGodwinDOC@lsa-soccer.org) so that we can pass that information onto the coaches that will be affected. Remember that you are responsible for the training session fee regardless whether you attend or not. Approved excuses are medical, school and death in the family. Medical excuses must be on legitimate stationery from a Doctor (who is not related to the player.) Other excuses must be documented in writing.

### ***When are the final Pools Selected?***

Coaches are always evaluating the players so that they can select the best players to represent LSA ODP. The final team selection for the Region Camps in June/July will be selected after your respective events/training sessions have concluded.

### ***What are the Parents Expectations?***

The Louisiana Soccer Association appreciates the time and commitment parents make on the behalf of their sons and daughters. This information pack was developed in an effort to educate both parents and players of the ODP process. Please utilize this information pack as a tool to answer most of your questions as well as giving you an insight into our Olympic Development Program.

**IT IS THE PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK E-MAILS AND OUR WEBSITE PRIOR TO ALL TRAINING DATES/EVENTS. FIELDS CAN BE CLOSED UNEXPECTEDLY FOR REASONS OTHER THAN WEATHER. PLEASE PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ALL DEADLINES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES. ADHERENCE TO THESE DATES IS THE KEY TO REDUCING HASSLES AND COSTS. IT IS THE FAMILIES' RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPOND TO CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE STATE OFFICE. NOT DOING SO IN A TIMELY FASHION WILL JEOPARDIZE THE PLAYERS' OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EVENT.**



## *Tentative Budget 2009 - 2010*

### **Player Fees**

<b>Income</b>	<b>93/94/95</b>	<b>96/97</b>	<b>98/99 G</b>	<b>98/99 B</b>
Tryouts	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00
Training	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00
Events				
Austin#		105.00	105.00	105.00
Decatur*	330.00			
Oklahoma*			700.00	
Arkansas*				600.00
Mini-Camp**	225.00	225.00		
Region III Camp**	625.00	625.00		
 <b>Total</b>				
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$1,320.00</b>	<b>\$1,095.00</b>	<b>\$945.00</b>	<b>\$845.00</b>

\*includes all transportation, lodging and food.

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#does not include transportation, lodging and food

All uniforms and t-shirts are included in the ODP Fees except for socks.

### *Financial Assistance*

Financial assistance is available for those in need only for pool events and Region III Camp. All players must pay the tryout and training fees. After this, families may apply for scholarship assistance. Scholarship applications will be emailed upon request by contacting Stacie Schneider, ODP Administrator, at [ODP@lsa-soccer.org](mailto:ODP@lsa-soccer.org). All financial assistance information needs to be in the office by **February 1st** of each calendar year.

The Louisiana Soccer Association Olympic Development Program is financially self-supporting. It will be the policy of this administration to keep the total cost of this program as efficient as possible. Costs are determined by facilities, hotels, coaches, transportation, entry fees and other projected miscellaneous expenses.