"Getting Started": The Girls ODP Developmental Training Program
Open to 11 and 12 year old Players

The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association (WYSA) Girls Olympic Development Program (ODP)is pleased to announce plans for its Developmental Training Program for all 11 and 12 year old girls. We hope you will find the opportunity to participate in these training & evaluation sessions challenging and beneficial to your development as a player. Please take a moment to review the following information as we introduce our youngest players to the ODP process.

The 11 year old and 12 year old Developmental program birth years are the youngest age level in ODP. Our program is designed to give players the opportunity to become familiar with the ODP process and the coaching staff. In Wisconsin, players will register and be trained at the district level. All 11 and 12 year old girls are invited to participate in the District ODP Training Program. This is an **"All-Inclusive"** program and no players will be turned away or 'cut' from the program. This program operates under the direction of the Girls ODP Director of Coaching and is designed to expose as many players as possible to ODP for identification and fundamental training purposes. All interested players should be developed and trained to benefit from the technical & tactical training presented. One of the purposes of ODP is to help develop a passion for the game. Those who possess the ability and passion should be prepared to succeed at higher levels of play.

At present, trainings occur at four primary districts within the state of Wisconsin. The districts are Madison, Fox Valley, Stevens Point, and Milwaukee. Additional locations may be offered based on player interest and staff availability. The district coaches will train all players at the district level and identify the top talent from that district. The training sessions are held on multiple dates from August to the following July in each district. Players may participate in one or all three series of training sessions: Fall (Session I), Winter (Session II), and Spring (Session III).

Attendance at district training activities is expected since attendance is essential to player development. Monday has been designated as the ODP district training night. Winter training (mostly Sundays) will be scheduled based on available facilities. The exact number of trainings may vary due to weather conditions (some sessions cancelled

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due to inclement weather may not be rescheduled). Please come to these sessions 'ready to play' and give your coaches your full attention and effort.

Training Sessions

"Fall District Training Sessions"

Six district training sessions and one all district activity will comprise the fall program. District trainings are listed on the ODP "Calendar" page as announced. An 'All-District' festival is usually planned for early November.

"Winter District Training Sessions"

The winter training program usually consists of six training sessions and two events for selected players, usually scheduled on Sundays. Due to space constraints, the district pool may be split to create smaller training groups of approximately 25 players assigned to attend each session. These sessions will be scheduled based on the availability of suitable facilities and staffing.

"Spring District Training Sessions"

Similar training sessions are planned to complement events that comprise the spring program. Spring training occurs in March -May with *"ALL-District"* festivals planned for June/July.

Players are encouraged to attend as many of these training sessions in their district as possible. As mentioned earlier, the districts operating for 2005 – 2006 will be Fox Valley, Madison, Stevens Point, and Metro Milwaukee. Maps to the outdoor training locations are available on the WYSA web site, www.wiyouthsoccer.com.

Typical training days are Monday evenings from 6-7:30pm

Please note that this schedule of training sessions and events is contingent upon final confirmation of staff and facilities.

Events

At least one event is planned in conjunction with each series of training sessions. The initial series of training sessions in the fall will conclude with an all district festival held outdoors in early November for all players. The winter training program features two competitive events. The spring activities include three

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events: two *"ALL-District"* festivals (June & July) and the Region II Developmental Mini-camp in July as mentioned earlier.

State Team

No State Team will be selected for the Developmental birth years, nor is there any further progression at this age level. The intent is to introduce these young players to a qualified coaching staff and the ODP experience. One aspect of this program is the opportunity to receive additional training and development by participating in the Region II Developmental -camp in Illinois in July. At this camp, players from all the states in Region II are trained by a staff of USSF Licensed coaches. Any player who participates in the WYSA Girls ODP Developmental Program will be eligible to attend the Region II Developmental camp. If the number of players interested in attending the Region II Developmental camp exceeds the number of spots available, selections will be made.

Note: **Some of these developmental opportunities including camps and tournaments may have additional costs associated with them. These costs may include including food, lodging, transportation, and coaching fees in addition to program fees. Players who are "held over" at regional camp are charged an additional camp fee based on the number of days they are asked to participate with the regional team. Payment for holdover camp is due upon announcement and player parents will be asked to pre-pay via credit card.**

Program Communications

Because of the large number of players involved in the ODP programs, we rely heavily on the use of the WYSA web site, www.wiyouthsoccer.com. Players will be required to check the website "Calendar" link for the most current information on scheduled activities.

If you have any concern about a session being cancelled due to the weather, either through storms in the forecast or after prolonged periods of snow please check the website in advance of traveling to a session. Typically, we allow a window of 2-3 hours to announce the cancellation at a site. Be aware also that one site may be cancelled, but another may still be in operation on any given day.

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While we use the website and email to communicate with you whenever possible, there are also volunteers for each district to help with program communications and distribution.

Maps to the various locations shall also be available on the WYSA web site, www.wiyouthsoccer.com.

New Registrations

Players can continue to register for the 11 and 12 year old Girls ODP Developmental Program throughout the year. Fees will not be pro-rated for players entering the program after the start of a particular session.

T-shirts

A set of two T-shirts will be provided to each player at their initial training session. It is imperative that players wear this t-shirt each time they attend a training session or event.

Questions

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may email me at mwalby@wiyouthsoccer.com or leave a message at 888-328-9972 ext. 103.

Thank you for your support of the Wisconsin Girls Olympic Development Program!

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