WISCONSIN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
BOYS OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
FOR 11,12 AND 13 YEAR OLD BOYS

The Spring Boys Developmental program for player identification and training is coordinated by the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association. Our program of activities for 12 and 13 year old boys begins every Spring with the Boys Developmental program. A general overview of the process for the next 15 months is presented below. ODP, unlike club soccer, divides players by birth year, rather than U-11, U-12, U-13, etc. Player are chosen to participate by birth year. Players may register one year early (or "play up") but in no case can a player register two years early.

A series of sessions to educate and evaluate the players will be held beginning in August and continuing until a state pool is selected, usually in December. Limited training activities will take place in fall, because of club schedules, high school and college events.

13 year olds Timetable of Events: April-July

-Boys Developmental Program: A series of six training sessions offered on Monday evenings at four separate locations around Wisconsin. (Milwaukee, Madison, Fox Valley, and Stevens Point areas.) Cost $100

-Boys Training and Tryout Sessions and Region II ODP camp*: A group of 36 players (two teams) will be selected from the Developmental program and invited to attend Region II camp for five days. Players will receive instruction by regional and national coaches and will compete against the other state teams in Region II. **This group will train twice prior to attending camp. These two teams of 18 will need to attend the Region II Camp in Rockford, IL in July. Players identified by the regional coaching staff at that camp may be invited to an additional "holdover" camp of 2-3 days.** All players who wish to be considered for Regional camp must pre-register prior to the selection of team members by paying the camp fee. Only those not selected for camp will receive a refund. Program participants will receive complete details at a training session. *Camp cost $500-600. Holdover camp $250-300.*

-Boys ODP State Pool-At least two events are planned to compete against ODP opponents from other states. Previous year's events were held in Lincoln, NE and Faribault, MN. Cost of pool trainings-$300. *Cost of events-approx. $250*

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12 year old Developmental Camp*-Boys who are interested may attend the Region II developmental camp to be held in Rockford, IL. Attendance at this camp is only limited by the number of spots available to Wisconsin campers. 11 year old boys may attend this camp. Preference is given to 12 year olds if space becomes short. *Cost $400-500*

***Players must make a firm commitment to attend the Regional camp, pay all fees, and complete all paperwork no later than mid-May. Only players who have made the commitment to attend camp will train at the All-District event in June.**

The ODP process begins every August. Players must try out each year to be selected for that year's squad. If you have additional questions, contact Mike Walby at 888-328-9972 x 103 or at mwalby@wiyouthsoccer.com

Because of the number of players involved in the ODP programs, we rely heavily on the use of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer web site, www.wiyouthsoccer.com/ODPWebsite and email correspondence for the majority of program communications. Players should check the website home page and the ODP Boys Calendar at: http://ssl.hammerhead.net/Wisconsin/ODPWebsite/ODPCalendarNew.asp?Gender=Boys for the most current information on scheduled activities. If there has been a prolonged rain or even a forecast of severe storms or heavy rain, please check for cancellations before leaving for the fields. In any event, please don't drop your player off and leave the site until a staff member has indicated that practice will occur. Typically, we try to allow a window of 2-3 hours to announce the cancellation at a site. Be aware that training at one district site may be cancelled, but other district training activities may still be held.

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