



Michigan State Youth Soccer Association

Welcome to ODP!

Some of you are new to ODP and some of you have been with us for years! The information below is intended to help our new participants. As we approach our upcoming tryouts for the 2021/22 cycle we just wanted to reach out and make sure everyone understands the tryout process.

Who can participate: This year ODP is open to ages 2005-2010 boys and girls.

When: The tryout weekend is being held July 30 – August 1st, 2021.

Where: Tryouts will be held outdoors at Independence Park in Canton, MI.

Make-up tryouts: If we are impacted by inclement weather, and are not afforded time to evaluate players, we will hold any make-up tryouts needed the following weekend, August 7-8, 2021 at the Legacy Center in Brighton, MI. (Details will be communicated if/when needed).

Are parents able to watch the tryouts?

Parents are welcome to watch from a distance. Be supportive. Please avoid yelling out or sideline coaching.

Check-in

Players will need to check-in at the MSYSA tent approximately 30-45 minutes before their tryout time. They only need to check-in for the first session. Upon check-in all players will receive an ODP t-shirt. This shirt should be worn to ALL tryouts and pool training sessions. These shirts have a number on the back that has been specifically assigned to your player. This number helps the coaching staff to coordinate player ratings and comments for each player. These shirts may not be the size you desired; we are not able to switch them out due to the individual number allocated to each participant prior to the tryout.

Players should bring:

- Cleats for natural grass surface
- Shin guards
- Plenty of water. Tryouts are rigorous – stay hydrated!
- A well inflated soccer ball
- Players should wear their ODP shirt to each tryout session and pool training (if selected)
- Please make sure all individual items are labeled with the player's name.

Will coaches provide feedback after tryouts?

Players can ask coaching staff for feedback on areas of strength and areas of improvement on the field after their tryout. Coaches are not obligated to provide feedback in the week/s following tryouts as they make themselves available after the sessions to talk one on one with any players looking for feedback, while the tryout is fresh in everyone's mind. Some coaches may provide written feedback if requested within the first week following the tryouts, but they are not obligated to do so.



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Who should I contact with questions?

Any questions or concerns should be directed to Julie Pearson, ODP Administrator, at the MSYSA State Office: stateoffice@michiganyouthsoccer.org. If you have a question for your coach or need to get in touch with a coach, please email state office. All emails will be forwarded to the coach for you.

What happens after tryouts?

Step 2 in the ODP process is selection for the 'ODP training pool'. After the final tryout session for each age group coaches will announce the 'ODP training pool' for their respective age group and gender. Some coaches will make this announcement after the final session, others will email selections to the MSYSA State Office. All participants will receive an email from MSYSA State Office listing the jersey numbers of those selected. These decisions are final.

For those that make it to pool training, you will be required to pay the training fees before the first session. Training fees are \$200. This is for 4 indoor winter training sessions (\$50 x 4 sessions). A payment link will be emailed to you. Those who don't pay prior to the training sessions will not be permitted to continue with the pool training and may potentially be eliminated as a 'Michigan ODP state team' selection.

Step 3 of the ODP process is selection to the 'Michigan ODP state team'. During these pool training sessions, players are being further evaluated for state team selection. It is important that, if possible, players attend all sessions. The more time they spend with their coach the more opportunity there is for a detailed assessment and evaluation. If you are unable to attend a session, please email MSYSA State Office and we will inform your coach.

Coaches will make state team selections after the final pool training session. Once the coaches' selections have been made and emailed to the MSYSA State Office everyone will receive an email listing the jersey numbers of those selected for a state team. Our expectation is to communicate the state team's selections within a week of the final pool training session.

Step 4 of the ODP process is an invitation from the Midwest Regional staff to the summer Midwest Regional Camp. The top players from pool training will receive a recommendation to attend the ODP regional camp, usually held at Saginaw Valley State University the following July.

Step 5 of the ODP process is an invitation from the Midwest Regional staff to attend the Inter-Regional event. Top players from camp are likely to be invited to play at the Inter-Regionals in Florida, typically held around Thanksgiving. There are fees for camp and Inter-Regionals which are set by US Youth Soccer. These fees will be communicated closer to the event. For a point of reference, this year's camp was \$300.

Step 6 of the ODP process is an invitation to the National Team Camp. At this time there are no events scheduled for the state team to play together in competitive games against other states. The region is in discussions to host a regional event at the end of June, or early July for state to play games. This is not confirmed as yet.