



**Soccer Rhode Island  
United States Youth Soccer  
Olympic Development Soccer Program**

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Dear Coaches:

PLEASE NOMINATE YOUR PLAYERS. The United States Youth Soccer Olympic Program or ODP as it is more commonly called is a national identification and development program for high-level players. This program looks for the top youth soccer players in each state between the ages of 12 and 18. Once selected to their individual state Olympic Development Teams, players are given the opportunity to train with a staff of coaches who are all associated with local collegiate programs.

For over fifteen years, this program has been in existence in Rhode Island with identification of players being made through an advertised open tryout. In recent years, an added component of identification through a scouting program has been instituted as well. The success and respect of our Rhode Island players has continued to improve. Between 2000 and 2005, we have had 15 players reach the ranks of the Region 1 Olympic Team, and one player who reached the National Team in his age group. We have had two players selected to the Adidas All Star Team, one player advanced to the U20 Men's National team as a 17 year old, one player selected to the US Women's Deaf National Soccer team, and six players have received honors of High School All American. This past year, 85% of the High School All State and All Division selections were players who participate in ODP. In 2005, we saw one of our own (former ODP) drafted to the MLS.

Our club coaches throughout Rhode Island work with and develop thousands of players each year. As a coach, YOU know your players well and see their individual potential. With the goal in mind of identifying the best players in our state, the Olympic Development Staff in Rhode Island would like to include you in its selection process.

Please take the time to nominate those players from your team who you feel demonstrate superior soccer knowledge and soccer skills. Please base your evaluation and nomination on their technique, fitness, athletic ability and attitude.

Simply respond to this email with the names of those players whom you would like to nominate. Upon receipt of your nominations, a letter will be sent to the player inviting them to tryout in November. Only 24 players in each age group will be selected. The Olympic Development



Teams do not replace the need for a player to continue to play for a club or association; rather the Olympic Development Program is designed to help improve the individual in the hopes of their advancement to our Regional National and/or Olympic Teams. .

If you have any questions regarding the Olympic Development Program, please feel free to email me at [Flarry4814@aol.com](mailto:Flarry4814@aol.com).

Sincerely,

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