



Olympic Development Program Restructuring 2012-13 Season

Over the past three years, the total number of players participating in the Olympic Development Try-Outs and beyond has been dwindling. Below are some of factors that:

- **Cost:** To many families, ODP is seen as a luxury compared to their club commitments. Increased cost (Staff, transportation, etc) are not going down.
- **Travel:** Travelling across the state is becoming harder which mounts to the cost for the program due to increasing gas prices and the possible hotel fees.
- **Club Soccer:** Clubs are offering more training and more playing opportunities therefore people are not seeing the full benefits of ODP. Specifically, many leagues such as the KSSL and Midwest Regional League are not compromising by avoiding the try-out and training dates.
- **Best Player:** The better club players are not attending because they don't feel all the best talent is participating.

Two of the four factors above can be controlled by the structure. With the ever decreasing numbers of players registering we need to review the program and with changes taking place within how US Youth Soccer structure the program regionally and nationally due to the US Soccer Academies, Kentucky Youth Soccer needs to review how all of our elite player programs are to be structured.

2012-13 Season Age Groups

The eligible age groups allowed to participate in the program next season are as follows.

Age Group	Level
1996	Region II and National Level Events
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2001	Region II Events
2002	Kentucky Youth Soccer Events

To help overcome some of the problems previously mentioned, we should divide the state into East and West Divisions for certain age groups next year and continue to proceed with an invite only process which seems to have been successful this season with the 1995 age group.

The program for each age group at the state level as seen below.

1996/1997 Boys & Girls

They will continue to run in a state wide basis with 35 players being invited to attend the sessions in February and March (invitation process explained below). Following these sessions the coaches will select 22 players to attend the college show-case event and other interstate regional events. 18 players will then be selected to represent the Region II Tournaments. There will be no fee for the players to attend the events listed below, but further charges will occur for the other events.

Date	Venue	Gender	Time
Saturday Mar 2 nd 2013 Rain Date Mar 3 rd 2013	Dean Watts Park Bardstown, KY	Boys & Girls	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Saturday Mar 9 th 2013 Rain Date : Mar 10 th 2013	Woodford County Soccer Complex Versailles, KY	Boys & Girls	9:00 am – 12:00 pm

1998 Boys & Girls

They will continue to run in a state wide basis with 35 players (approx) per gender being invited to attend sessions will commence in November and go through until March with approximately six sessions. Players for the training pools will be invited to the sessions (invitation process explained below). The number of players invited can vary at the discretion of Kentucky Youth Soccer Director of Coaching

Date	Venue	Time
Nov 17 th 2012	Bowling Green, KY	Boys & Girls 11:30 am till 1:30 pm
Dec 1 st 2012	Lexington, KY Lafayette High School	Boys & Girls 8:30 am till 10:00 am
Dec 15 th 2012	Kentucky Wesleyan Owensboro, KY	Boys & Girls 2:30 pm till 4:00 pm
Dec 16 th 2012	Mockingbird Indoor Soccer Complex Louisville, KY. WILL ONLY TAKE PLACE IF DEC 15 th IS CANCELED	Boys & Girls 7:30 am till 9:00 am
Jan 26 th 2013	Union College Barbourville, KY. (includes a classroom session)	Boys & Girls 3:00 pm till 5:00 pm
Feb 23 rd 2013	Georgetown College Georgetown, KY	Boys & Girls 3:00 pm till 4:30 pm
March 2 nd 2013	DeBow Recreational Park Hopkinsville, KY	Boys & Girls 1:00 pm till 3:30 pm

The coaches will then select 22 players per gender to attend an event in Elizabethtown Kentucky in March and future events prior to Region II Camps.

1999/2000/2001/2002 Boys & Girls

The state will be divided into east/west districts with two try-outs taking place in November to select the district pools. Players will be charged \$50 to attend both try-outs. See dates below

East

Date	Venue	Gender	Time
Oct 27th 2012 Rain Date Oct 28 th 2012	Lake Reba Richmond, KY	Boys & Girls	Boys = 9:00 – 12:00 Girls 1:30 – 4:30
Nov 3 rd 2012 Rain Date Nov 4 th 2012	Oldham County, KY Buckner Soccer Complex	Boys & Girls	Boys = 9:00 – 12:00 Girls 1:30 – 4:30

West

Date	Venue	Gender	Time
Oct 27th 2012 Rain Date Oct 28 th 2012	Hopkins County, KY DeBow Rec Soccer Complex	Boys & Girls	Boys = 9:00 – 12:00 Girls 1:30 – 4:30
Nov 3 rd 2012 Rain Date Nov 4 th 2012	Owensboro, KY Thompson Berry Soccer Complex	Boys & Girls	Boys = 9:00 – 12:00 Girls 1:30 – 4:30

Once the district pools are selected players will train from November through March for six sessions.

East District

Date	Venue	Time
Nov 17th 2012	Town & Country, Wilder, KY	2002 Boys & Girls: 8:00 am – 10:00 am 2001 Boys & Girls: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm 2000 Boys & Girls : 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm 1999 Boys & Girls : 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Dec 1 st 2012	Lexington, KY Lafayette High School	2002 Boys & Girls: 2:30 pm -4:00 pm 2001 Boys & Girls: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm 2000 Boys & Girls : 11:30 am – 1:00 pm 1999 Boys & Girls : 10:00 am – 11:30 am
Dec 16 th 2012	Mockingbird Indoor Soccer Complex Louisville, KY	2002 Boys & Girls: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm 2001 Boys & Girls: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm 2000 Boys & Girls : 10:30 am – 12:00 pm 1999 Boys & Girls : 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Jan 26 th 2013	Union College Barbourville, KY (includes a classroom session)	2002 Boys & Girls: 9:00 am – 11:00 am 2001 Boys & Girls: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm 2000 Boys & Girls : 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm 1999 Boys & Girls : 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Feb 23 rd 2013	Georgetown College Georgetown, KY	2002 Boys & Girls: 9:00 am – 10:30 am 2001 Boys & Girls: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm 2000 Boys & Girls : 12:00pm – 1:30 pm 1999 Boys & Girls : 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Mar 2 nd 2013	Bardstown, KY	2002 Boys & Girls: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm 2001 Boys & Girls: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm 2000 Boys & Girls : 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm 1999 Boys & Girls : 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

West District

Date	Venue	Time
Nov 17th 2012	Bowling Green, KY	2002 Boys & Girls: 9:00 am – 11:00 am 2001 Boys & Girls: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm 2000 Boys & Girls : 9:00 am – 11:00 am 1999 Boys & Girls : 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Dec 1 st 2012	Mayfield, KY	2002 Boys & Girls: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm 2001 Boys & Girls: 9:00 am – 11:00 am 2000 Boys & Girls : 11:30 am – 1:30 pm 1999 Boys & Girls : 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Dec 15 th 2012	Kentucky Wesleyan Owensboro, KY	2002 Boys & Girls: 8:30 am – 10:00 am 2001 Boys & Girls: 10:00 am – 11:30 am 2000 Boys & Girls : 11:30 am – 1:00 pm 1999 Boys & Girls : 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Jan 26 th 2013 (Boys) Jan 27 th 2013 (Girls)	Sports Plex Paducah, KY Time slots will be the same for both genders on their respective days	2002 Boys & Girls: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm 2001 Boys & Girls: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm 2000 Boys & Girls : 10:30 am – 12:00 pm 1999 Boys & Girls : 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Feb 23 rd 2013	Lindsay Wilson (includes a classroom session)	2002 Boys & Girls: 9:00 am – 11:00 am 2001 Boys & Girls: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm 2000 Boys & Girls : 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm 1999 Boys & Girls : 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Ma 2 nd 2013	De Bow Rec Complex Hopkinsville, KY	2002 Boys & Girls: 9:00 am – 11:30 am 2001 Boys & Girls: 9:00 am – 11:30 am 2000 Boys & Girls : 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm 1999 Boys & Girls : 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

The coaches from each district will then select 22 players per age group/gender to attend an event in Elizabethtown Kentucky in March where the east/west districts will compete against each other. No cuts will be made at the 2002 age group allowing all the players to participate in the district v district pool events

East v West Play Date

Date	Venue	Gender	Time
March 23rd 2013	Elizabethtown Sports Park Elizabethtown, KY	Boys & Girls	All Day

Following this event 22 players for the 1998 thru 2001 age groups will be selected to create the state squad which will represent at future events prior to Region II Camps.

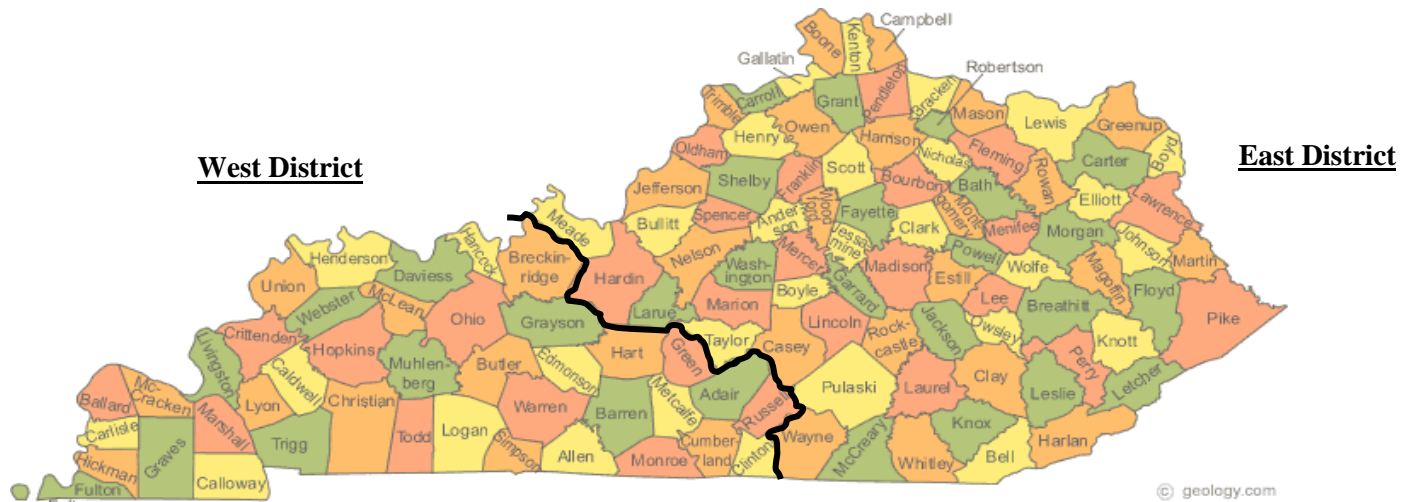
Defining the Districts

In age groups where the state is divided, during the district try-outs and pool training sessions players are only permitted to participate within the district that they reside.

East District = All Counties that are in the Eastern Time Zone

West District = All Counties that are in the Central Time Zone

See Picture below



Invitation Process (1996, 1997 & 1998 Age Groups)

Invitations will be sent out to players that meet the following criteria:

- Represented National/Region II Teams
- Previously been involved and represented Kentucky Youth Soccer ODP
- Scouted by Director of Coaching and the Assistant Director of Coaching
- Recommended by previous ODP Coaches
- Recommended by Club team Coach or High School coach. Club coaches will be contacted by KYSA for player recommendations

Players wishing to be recommended for ODP must have their name submitted by either the Club coach or High School coach to the State Director of Coaching and need to include player contact details and match schedule.

Once all invites have been received the list will be reviewed by a coaching panel consisting of the Director of Coaching of Kentucky Youth Soccer, Assistant Director of Coaching Kentucky Youth Soccer, Club Directors of Coaching or representatives and college coaches. The panel reserves the right to only invite players they feel will enhance the program at any time during the ODP process. Even if a player gets recommended this does not automatically qualify for an invitation – this list will be reviewed by the ODP Panel.

Kentucky Youth Soccer Association reserves the right to merge age groups or remove them from participating.

At any time players on the invite list can be pulled in to represent at a session.

People selected on the panel will serve for a maximum of two years/season. These people will be invited in by the Director of Coaching.

**Please note that not all former players are automatically qualified for an invite, it is highly recommended that if they wish to be involved that they have a coach send in a recommendation.

Pool Play

Players that are selected to play in the pools will receive the following items. Pool Fee will be set in October 2012

- Two ODP Golden T-Shirts

- Training from highly qualified college, high school and club coaches
- Free access to I-Soccer
- Opportunities to represent KYSA at state level events

Squad Events

Following the inter district games in Elizabethtown a squad of 22 players will be selected allowing them to attend the following events.

1996 & 1997 Boys & Girls

- College Showcase Event in March
- June Practice Session
- Indiana/Ohio South & Kentucky Play Date (June)
- Possible other interstate events.
- Squad training sessions will be added before regional camp, players need to be fully committed to ODP and attend these events.

Players will be charged \$150 for the above events which will also include the ODP uniform

1998 Boys & Girls

- College Showcase Event in March
- June Practice Session
- Indiana/Ohio South & Kentucky Play Date (June)
- Possible other interstate events.
- Squad training sessions will be added before regional camp, players need to be fully committed to ODP and attend these events.

1999 & 2000 Boys & Girls

- Interstate squad event in late March/early April
- June Practice Session
- Indiana/Ohio South & Kentucky Play Date (June)
- Possible other interstate events and squad training sessions could be added before regional camp

2001 & 2002 Boys & Girls

- Interstate squad event in late March/early April
- June Practice Session
- Indiana/Ohio South & Kentucky Play Date (June)
- Possible other interstate events and squad training sessions could be added before regional camp

Squad fees will be announced in Feb 2013