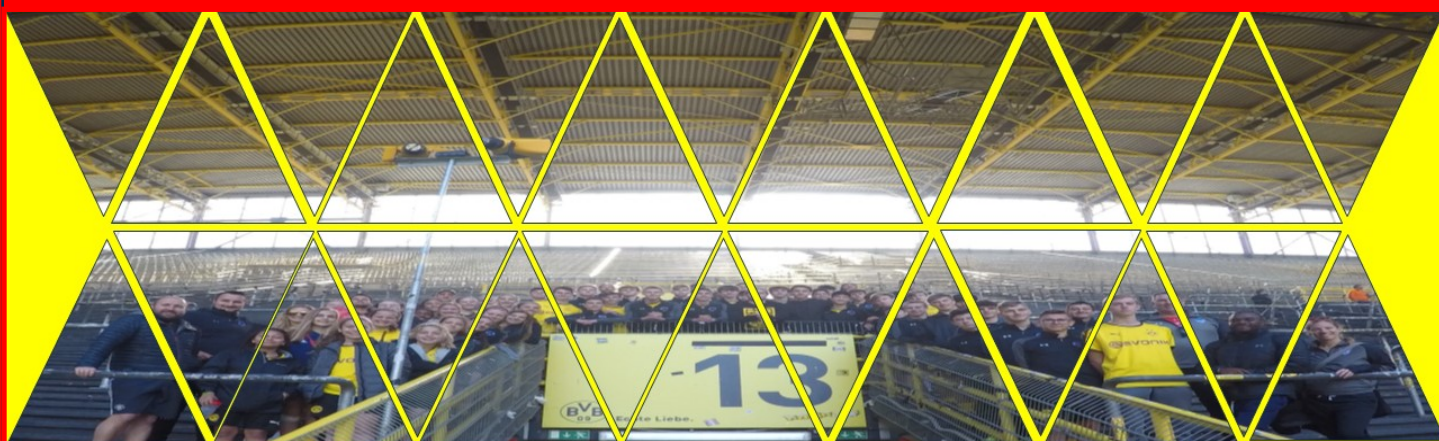




**Kentucky ODP**  
**Player and Parent Manual**  
**2023-2024**



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# About Kentucky ODP



## Our Mission

To identify players with potential to be impactful at the ODP Regional Level and beyond (National Level ODP or MLS/NWSL Academies), and to help develop their abilities in a competitive and enriching soccer environment.

To provide all players in the program with meaningful feedback that they use to help them develop as players to help improve their abilities.



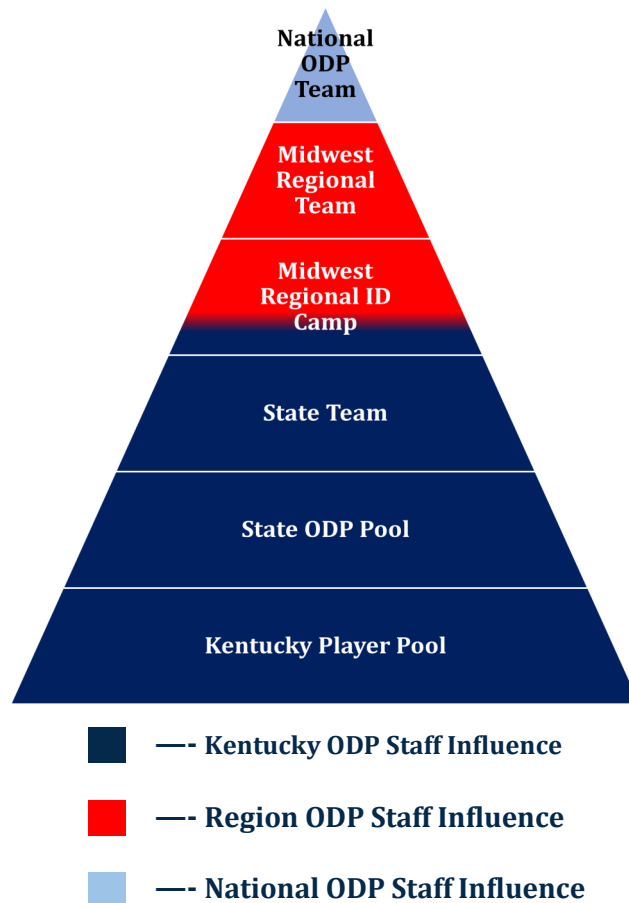
London 2022 ODP Trip. 2007-2005 Boys and Girls

## Our Values

For Kentucky ODP, there are six core values for our staff.

- Collaborative
- Disciplined
- Reliable
- Organized
- Introspective
- Motivated

# ODP Pathway



The ODP pathway for the players begins with the entire player pool in Kentucky from 10U-14U. Once the tryout and scouting process take place, the ODP pool is chosen.

For the 10U-14U pools, a state team is created that will represent the State at the Subregional Event. Players chosen for this event will be eligible to attend the Midwest Regional ID Camp as well as being invited to the State Pool for the following season (or to the international trip for U15's).

Once players are selected to attend the Midwest Regional Camp, the Regional Coaching Staff will evaluate the players and select a team to attend the Interregional Event to play against the other three regions.

The National Coaching Staff will then select a National ODP Team from the players that attend the Interregional Event.



# **Kentucky ODP**

## **Playing and Training**

### **Philosophy**



# Kentucky ODP Playing Philosophy

Kentucky ODP playing philosophy is dictated by the KY ODP Target for Success. In the Target for Success (next page), the game is broken down into the four moments, Attacking, Losing the Ball, Defending, and Winning the Ball. Encompassing the whole model is the key qualities of a Kentucky ODP player.

## Key Qualities of a Kentucky ODP Player

The below qualities are core to the success to the players and the program for Kentucky ODP. These qualities of players goes beyond the soccer field as players can demonstrate the following qualities in every aspect of what they do.

1. Resilient
2. Brave
3. Good Teammate
4. Accountable
5. Problem Solver
6. Humble
7. Energetic
8. Communicator

## Four Moments of the Game

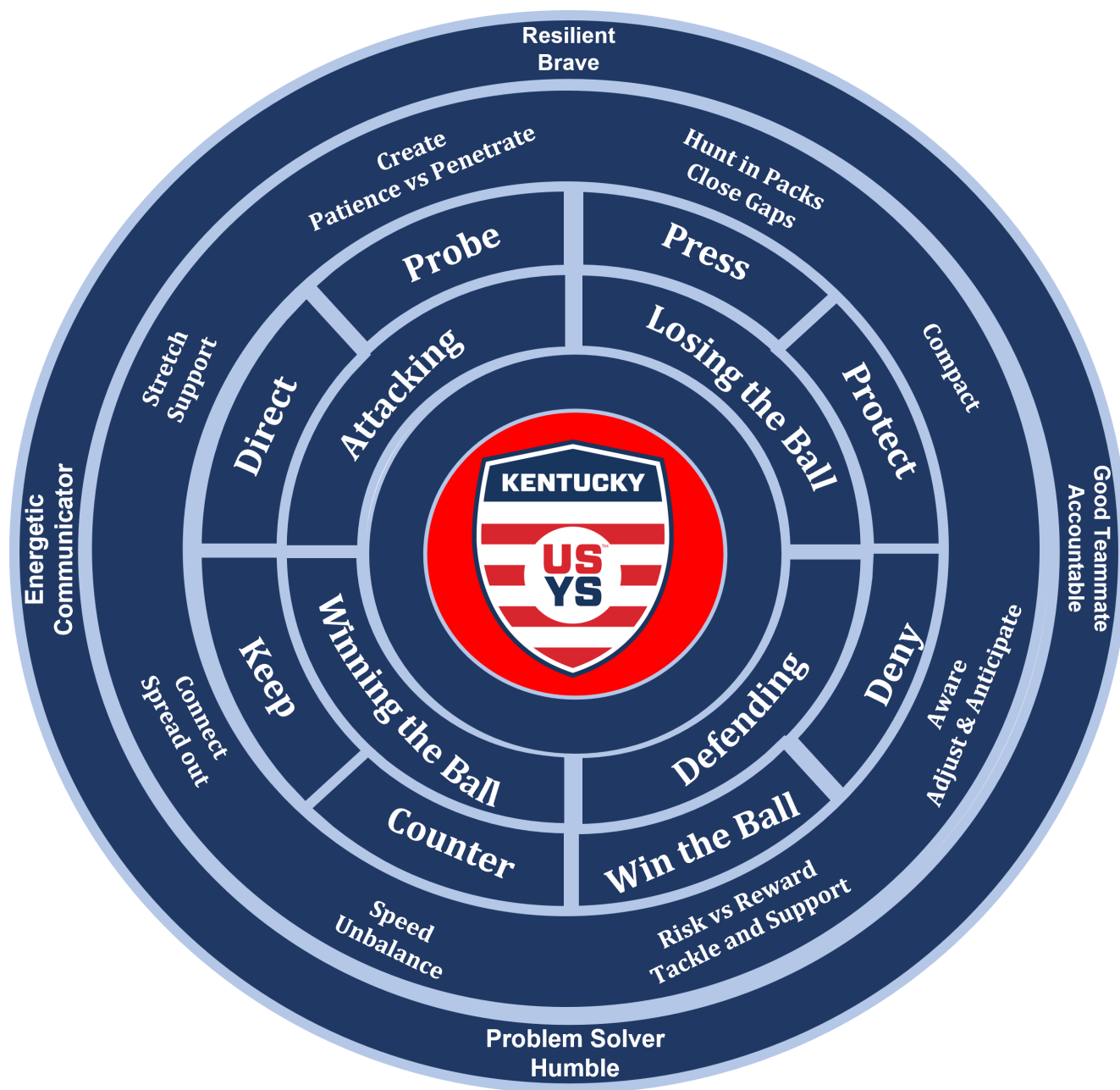
**Attacking**— Teams will look to go direct first (there is space behind, the defense is disorganized and unbalanced). To do this, the team will stretch the opponents forward and with width while some of the team will provide support. If we cannot go direct, we will probe (the defense is organized and balanced). Kentucky will then look to create on and off the ball and will have to decide when to be patient and keep the ball vs penetrate.

**Losing the Ball**—As the ball is being lost, Kentucky will either look to press (recognize the cues and game situation) by hunting in packs and closing the gaps. If unable to press, teams will look to protect by becoming compact and closing the gaps.

**Defending**— Kentucky ODP will look to win the ball when the cues and game situation presents itself. Risk vs reward (best case scenerios) is an important factor here as well as the ability to tackle and have support. If unable to win the ball, teams will deny the opposition's attack y being aware of the dangers and continuing to adjust and anticipate until the opportunity is there to win the ball.

**Winning the Ball**— When the ball is being one, KY ODP will look to counter attack (cues and game situation) by going with speed and looking to unbalance the opposition on and off the ball. If we cannot counter attack, we will keep the ball by connecting passes (safe pass first) and spreading out of the ball.

# Kentucky ODP Target for Success



# Kentucky ODP Training Philosophy

Training sessions for Kentucky ODP should be dynamic, informative, and as unobtrusive as possible. ODP players should leave training sessions with a feeling that the sessions were informative, relatable, and fun for the players.

In order to first identify players, and secondly get them prepared for their events, Kentucky ODP training will consist of two different types of activities, conceptual and functional training activities. Both types of activities may take place within the same training session.

**Conceptual Training Activities**— Conceptual Training Activities, as the name suggests, will be used to teach concepts that are not tethered to positional play. For example, teaching group defending in small sided groups where the focus is staying compact. Conceptual training activities can be non-game like form activities such as rondos.

These activities are great to use when there is little knowledge of the individual qualities of the pool yet, teaching general concepts that are applicable to all positions, or when coaching the youngest age groups where they are still learning the four moments.



**Functional Training Activities**— Functional Training Activities will be used to teach concepts that are based upon positional play. For example, teaching building out the back with your goalkeeper, back four, and central midfield. These activities are considered game like forms where all aspects of the activity should be focused on making the activity as realistic to the conditions the players will see in the game.

When running functional activities, coaches will use different scenarios that the player will likely see in the match. For example, when working on building out of the back, the coach may elect to work against a team playing with two or three strikers, with a high press or a mid-block. This will give the players the ideas on how to progress the ball forward when playing against different shapes and systems.

These activities are best used when players have been identified by position so that they may understand their roles when playing in those positions. Functional Training Activities should be used when preparing teams for an event.



# Kentucky ODP Training Session Order

Below is the training session topic order. If the topic falls on a day where there are double training sessions for the pool, the topic will be the focal point for both training sessions. Coaches would use the 2nd session as a check for understanding by playing larger sided games when possible to both observe players and teach.

1. Building up and thru the midfield
2. Building thru the midfield and attacking 1/3
3. Defending in the attacking 1/3 to midfield
4. Defending in our half of the field
5. TBD patterns of play or specific pool needs (Head Coach decision)
6. Scoring Goals
7. Preparation for friendlies/subregionals

[Click here for the ODP Calendar \(Subject to change\)](#)



## Kentucky ODP Game Philosophy

The games and events are an opportunity for players to showcase their abilities and what they have learned in training. While Kentucky ODP does always play to win matches (players should always have that drive), we will not sacrifice our philosophies to get a result. Players should continue to play the KY ODP way no matter if they winning, drawing, or losing the match.

All matches that Kentucky ODP will play during the season are considered showcase events, there is no trophy to win, no standings to worry about. The performance of the team and individual players is the most important aspect of each match, and that should be the major emphasis of each coach to the players.

When planning player rotations and starting line-ups, coaches will need to adhere to the following:

- Every players should start at least one game, and finish at least one game at events
- Playing time should be distributed such that each player plays at least 50% of the event
- Every player should play in the position or role that they feel the most comfortable in when possible in order to showcase themselves.



# KY ODP Staff



Staff assignments for 2023-2024. Note that these are subject to change.



## Kentucky ODP Leadership

### Derek Willis—Technical Director



Derek is entering his 7th year as the head of the Kentucky Olympic Development Program, and has been involved as a coach with the program since 2006. Born and raised in Kentucky, Derek played club soccer at the former club, Kentucky Kickers, and played collegiately at Centre College.

Derek holds his USSF A, Goalkeeper, and Director of Coaching licenses. Also tasked with leading coaching education in the state of Kentucky, Derek holds his grassroots instructor license and his C Educator License.

Derek is also on the Midwest Regional Staff for both the boys and girls as a goalkeeper coach.

### Jeremy Anderson—Assistant to the Technical Director



Jeremy is entering his 11th season with Kentucky ODP. Jeremy is currently the director of Madison United in Richmond, Kentucky. Jeremy holds his USSF B License and Grassroots Educator License.

Jeremy is currently the assistant coach to the 2010 boys for the Midwest Region ODP

Jeremy has traveled with KY ODP twice, in 2018 to Liverpool and in 2023 to Barcelona..

## 2014 Boys



### Head Coach— Jordan Parker

Jordan has coached for ODP for several seasons along with being a coaching educator for Kentucky Youth Soccer. Jordan has a wealth of experience on the club soccer season having coached with Lexington FC for over a decade.

Jordan holds his USSF B License

### Assistant Coach— Brady Morris

Brady is entering his first year as a coaching with Kentucky ODP.

He is currently the Head Middle School, Head JV Coach, and assistant varsity coach at Bardstown for their boys program.

Brady is also the head coach of a 2013 Boys Team at Nelson Elite.



## 2014 Girls



### Head Coach— Zach Salchli

Zach is entering his fifth year of Kentucky ODP. Zach has extensive coaching experience coaching at SKY for several years, Greenwood High School girls and is currently the Head Coach at Warren Central Girls. Zach also runs Mighty Kicks, a program for young players (8 years old and younger).

Zach recently received his Grassroots Coach Educator License as is on the Kentucky Youth Soccer Education Staff.

Zach also holds his USSF C License

### Assistant Coach— Erica Hanson

After her playing career at Northwood University, Hanson began her collegiate coaching career at her alma mater. She coached twelve years of club soccer and ten years of high school soccer before leaving Michigan. A year of coaching club in Fredericksburg, Virginia then led her to Charlottesville, Virginia where she was a Girls Academy staff coach for Skyline Elite Soccer Club. In 2022 Hanson moved to Kentucky and began coaching GA for Lexington Sporting Club while also spending time at Centre College before taking over the reins at George Rogers Clark High School as the Varsity Girls coach. Erica holds her USSF C License





## 2013 Boys



### Head Coach— Eric Krivitsky

Eric joins the Kentucky ODP staff for his first year this season. He has been coaching at Elizabethtown FC since 2016 and has been a head high school coach at John Hardin High School and currently is an assistant coach at Central Hardin High School Girls Team.

Eric was the 2023 Girls Competitive Coach of the Year for Kentucky Youth Soccer.

Eric holds his USSF C License.

### Assistant Coach— Paul Maddox

Paul is entering his 2nd year coaching with Kentucky ODP. Paul has been coaching club soccer since 2008 with various clubs in the Louisville and Owensboro area.

He currently holds his USSF B License and United Soccer Coaches Advanced National Diploma



## 2013 Girls



### Head Coach— Bryan Smothers

Bryan is entering his 2nd year coaching with Kentucky ODP. Bryan has been coaching for the past 15 years mostly in the Marshall County area. He serves as the assistant coach with the Marshall County Boys Team as well as coaching club (on the girls side) at MC Dynamo.

Bryan holds his USSF C License.

### Assistant Coach— Taylor Hamblin

Taylor is a coach with 10 plus years of coaching experience in KY and Southern Indiana. He has coached both Girls and Boys. Current u17 boys coach at SIU and Asst Girls coach at Charlestown IN high school.

This is Taylor's 2nd year with Kentucky ODP



### Assistant Coach— Austin Morris

Austin is entering into his 2nd year coaching ODP. He currently coaches at Lexington Sporting Club, He also coaches at Bardstown High School.

## 2012 Boys



### Head Coach— Glenn Rees

Glenn is entering his fourth year on the Kentucky ODP Staff. He has coached various age groups for ODP and currently is also the 2012 Boys Head Coach.

Hailing from the Birmingham, England area and playing in the Birmingham City Academy, Jude Bellingham is his favorite current player..

He currently holds the USSF C License and the FA Level 2

### Assistant Coach— Jose Toro

Jose is in his 2nd year with Kentucky ODP. Jose coaches at Georgetown FC.



### Assistant Coach— JD Dai

Coach JD has been with Kentucky ODP for several years. He has helped on both the boys and girls sides in mostly the 9v9 playing format.

JD holds his USSF C and National Youth License

## 2012 Girls



### Head Coach— Nick Maxwell

Nick is entering his 2nd year of Kentucky ODP. He is currently the Boys Head Coach at Great Crossing High School. Nick also coaches club at Georgetown FC and has over 18 years coaching experience.

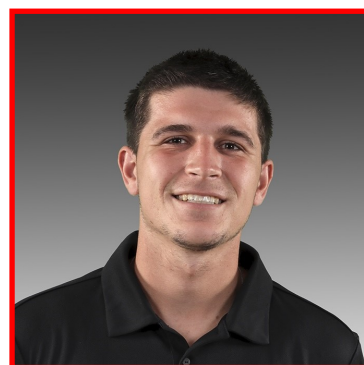
Nick holds his USSF C License

### Assistant Coach— Andrew Minnis

Andrew is entering his first year as a Kentucky ODP Staff member, however Andrew was a player for Kentucky.

Andrew has coached at Elizabethtown FC, Louisville City/Racing as well as has been director at Southern Indiana United.

Andrew currently holds his USSF C License



### Assistant Coach— JD Dai

Coach JD has been with Kentucky ODP for several years. He has helped on both the boys and girls sides in mostly the 9v9 playing format.

JD holds his USSF C and National Youth License

### Assistant Coach— Erica Hanson

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Erica holds her USSF C License





## 2011 Boys



### Head Coach— Joe Thomas

Joe is entering his 3rd year with Kentucky ODP. Joe has coached for over 12 years with various different age groups. He currently coaches at Elizabethtown Football Club and Central Hardin High School on the boys side.

Joe has travelled to Spain to learn more about the game and travelled with Kentucky Youth Soccer last year to Manchester on a coaching education trip.

### Assistant Coach— Tyler Joy Brandon

Tyler is in his first year as a staff coach with ODP. As a player, Tyler was a 1st team All American at Transylvania University. Tyler coached at Hanover College where they advanced to the Sweet 16 and had their first All-American in program history. Currently Tyler coaches at Spalding University and coaches at Mockingbird Valley Premier.

Tyler currently holds his USSF C License.



## 2011 Girls



### Head Coach— Alyssa Hendershot

Alyssa is in her 2nd year with Kentucky ODP. Alyssa coaches for Southern Indiana United and coaches at Jeffersonville High School.

Alyssa is also a goalkeeper coach for her club.

### Assistant Coach— Brad Turpin

Brad returns to Kentucky ODP for the first time in several years. Brad has had extensive coaching experience, most recently as a coach for Lexington Football Club and Woodford County High School Girls. In 2017 Brad traveled to Feyenoord in Holland with Kentucky ODP

Brad holds his USSF A License



### Assistant Coach— Carlos Baldeon

Carlos is coming to ODP for his first season. Originally from Peru, he was raised in Louisville and now coaches club in Louisville.

Carlos holds his USSF C License

### Assistant Coach— Louis Jones

Louis is in his 2nd year with Kentucky ODP. Louis has college coaching experience with the women's side as a former assistant coach at Asbury University and is currently the assistant at Midway University.

Louis holds his USSF C License



## 2010 Boys



### Head Coach— Shaun Goulbourne

Shaun has been with Kentucky ODP for well over a decade. He has been a head coach both at the state and regional levels with the Olympic Development Program.

Shaun has traveled with Kentucky ODP twice overseas coaching boys teams in Holland (2017) and in England (2022)

Shaun holds his USSF A License

### Assistant Coach— Jonathan Rase

Jonathan grew up in Georgetown Kentucky where he played both High School and Club soccer. He went on to play for the Men's Soccer Team at Transylvania University for 4 years between 2015-2019. Following graduation Jonathan began coaching for his local club Georgetown FC and local high-school Great Crossing. In 2021 Jonathan became part of the KY ODP Coaching Staff.



## 2010 Girls



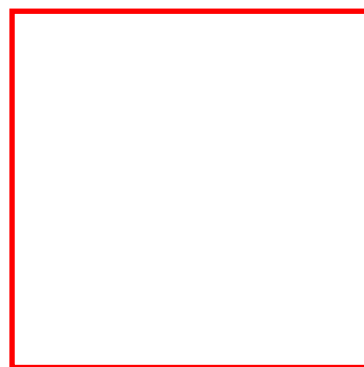
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### Assistant Coach— Carson Reynolds



### Assistant Coach— Ben Dempsey

Ben is returning to Kentucky ODP for his third season. Ben has coached at Henderson County High School for 10 years with one appearance in the Final Four. He has been the Large Public School Coach of the Year twice (2015 & 2023) via the State Coaches Association. Ben has coached collegiately at University of Southern Indiana, Tiffin, and University of Evansville.

Ben Holds his United Soccer Coaches Advanced National Diploma and his Goalkeeper Level 1 and 2.

### Assistant Coach— Colton Flynn

Colton is entering his first year on staff with Kentucky ODP. He has several years of college coaching experience as an assistant coach at Penn State Harrisburg, Frostburg State University and at the University of the Cumberland. He is currently an assistant at Southwestern High School and coaches club at Kentucky Rush.

Colton holds his USSF C License





## Goalkeeper Staff



### Goalkeeper Coach— Jacob Roberts

Jacob played collegiately at Georgetown College. He has been a goalkeeper trainer for KeeperEdge and Tower Hill Sports. Last season was his first at the high school level as goalkeeper coach for Paul Lawrence Dunbar boys team.

### Goalkeeper Coach— Leah Castleman

Leah has been with Kentucky ODP for close to 10 years as a goalkeeper coach. She has been the head coach at Georgetown College since 2008. Leah also played at Georgetown College as a goalkeeper.

Leah holds her USSF C License



### Goalkeeper Coach— Greg Hilvers

Greg has extensive experience as a goalkeeper coach. He currently is the goalkeeper coach at Lexington Catholic for both the boys and the girls teams. Previously Greg was the goalkeeper coach for Georgetown College on the men's side with Derek Willis.

Greg is also a director for KeeperEdge. This is his first year on ODP staff.

## International Trip Boys

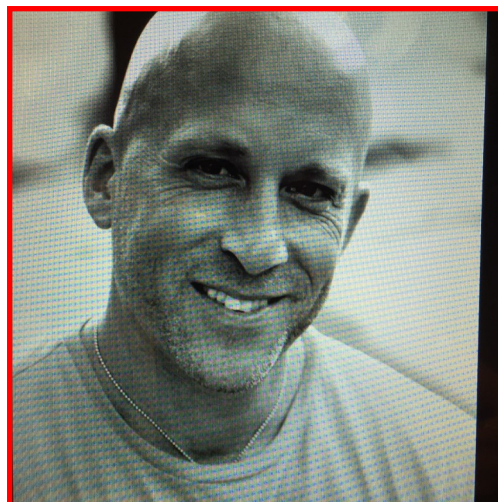


### **Head Coach— Jordan Heuglin**

Jordan has been coaching in the Louisville area for 10 years at the club, high school, and ODP levels. He holds a US Soccer B License, Premier Diploma and Director of Coaching Diploma from United Soccer Coaches, and a National Youth License from US Youth Soccer.

### **Assistant Coach— Diego D'Angelo**

Diego is entering his first year with Kentucky ODP. Diego brings a wealth of coaching experience having coached club in the Lexington area for over 13 years from U11-U19 age groups with two state cup titles. He also currently coaches at Lafayette High School with the boys side, 2023 State Finalist.



## International Trip Girls

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