# 2023-24 Indiana Olympic Development Program Todd Sheely ODP Director

#### **Program Philosophy, Components and Activity Summary**

One role of the Indiana Olympic Development Program is the identification and selection of players with the ability to progress to the next level of competition, However, *development* should and will be at the forefront of the Indiana Olympic Development Program. Players want to be challenged in competitive, positive, developmental environments against players of equal or better proficiency. The Indiana Olympic Development Program goals are to provide for the unfolding of ideas about the game of soccer, to assist in developing the player's confidence as well as their willingness to engage in the real-time solving of problems presented during the game; to provide opportunities for the continual growth and advancement of the player through challenging, creative, and positive training and playing environments.

The Indiana Olympic Development Program's 10-month journey of identifying, evaluating, and training players begins in September, and culminates for some in June when 16 age-groups (8 boys and 8 girls) travel to an Inter-State event. The annual program ends in July for those invited to attend the Midwest Region ID camp. Players can be selected from the Midwest Region ID camp as Regional Pool players and are eligible to attend Region/national events throughout the year. Below are a few of the statements that guide Indiana Soccer's ODP (Olympic Development Program) program:

- → Understand, learn, and develop the technical qualities necessary to advance one's game to the Regional and National level;
- → Expand interpretation and understanding of the game from different perspectives (Systems and Positions);
- → Learn and develop problem solving skills to be used before, during, and after matches;
- → Learn how to confront adversity and respond responsibly, maturely, and thoughtfully;
- → Learn how to effectively use different forms of communication with teammates and coaches;
- → Learn how your role may change playing in different systems and in various positions;
- → Become a soccer player, not a system or positional player;

To accomplish the overall goals of the Indiana Olympic Development Program and the player development goals, the Olympic Development Program training and developmental calendar (August – July) is broken down into three phases. The three phases are Phase 1 (Fall), Phase 2 (Winter), and Phase 3 (Spring/Summer). Phase 1 and Phase 2 are considered State Pool Training which encompasses a larger pool of players. Phase 3 is considered the State Team Pool. Every player invited to continue training as part of Phase 3 will either be named to the State Team or as an alternate.

Teams participated in friendlies with Kentucky and Illinois, a Sub Regional event in Memphis, TN, and another Sub Regional in Ohio.

The Olympic Development Program calendar also includes other distinctive features and programs which are offered to enhance the player's developmental experience as well as accomplish the goals of the program:

#### **ODP Friendlies/Scrimmages and participation in Tournaments**

Positive remarks repetitively offered by participants concerning the Olympic Development Program are about the opportunity for the State Pool/Team to play against outside competition throughout the year. IN 2023/24 Indiana ODP participated in the following events:

- January 20, 21, 2024 Indiana Hosted friendlies with Kentucky and Illinois
- February 16-19, 2024, Teams participated in Memphis, TN Subregional
- Midwest Sub Regional hosted by Ohio, June 13-15, 2024

#### **Evaluation/Tryout**

The Evaluation/ Tryout Program was established to provide identification opportunities for players to be selected for the State Pool in their respective age group. Tryouts for non-high school age players were conducted in September and October. Phase 2 provides all high school players born in the three oldest age groups, an opportunity to attend a tryout for consideration to the State Pool. The tryout period occurs through Phase 2, which begins after their Indiana High School soccer season. Participating players train in the State Pool session for their respective age group and are evaluated with and against the current State Pool players in each age group. In addition to the tryout option, DOCs could recommend players and coaches were also scouting at events.

#### Junior Olympians: An Introduction to the Olympic Development Program

This program is designed to introduce U10 and U11 players in 2013, 2014 and 2015 into the ODP System and training environment they will encounter in future years. The Junior Olympian program is purely a developmental program with the chance to train and play with the best players in one's age group and receive quality instruction from Nationally Licensed Coaches. Since this program is an introduction into the Olympic Development process, no State Team is formed, and this group will not travel to Regional Camp. Players who participated in this program could be invited to become the beginning State Pool in 2024-25.

#### **District Training: Taking ODP on The Road**

Indiana Soccer and Indiana Development Program (IDP) are pleased with District Training. District Training is for players not playing high school soccer and of the following birth years: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013. For the Summer/Fall of 2023, the following sites were identified as areas where IDP will have sessions: Indianapolis, Richmond, Noblesville, Evansville, Jeffersonville, Merrillville, Elkhart, Fort Wayne, Zionsville, Granger, and Terre Haute. These sessions provide an opportunity for players to give IDP a try, without the travel demands associated with traveling to Grand Park. Players who are a part of the Indiana State Pool will still have training at Grand Park as has been the practice for the last few years. District Training is \$20/session.

#### Other Add on Areas

- Used VEO cameras to record games and sessions to add to our ODP YouTube Channel.
- We use Team Genius as evaluation software to assess all players in our ODP program.
- We use Techne for all our ODP players. We were the number 1 ODP program in the country in terms of hours used.



## Indiana Olympic Development Program Activity Summary September 2023 – July 2024

#### Phase 1: State Pool Players Dates: September 17, 2023- October 22, 2023

The 2022-23 Indiana Olympic Development Program Calendar began on September 12 with the first session of Phase 1. Phase 1 was for non-high school age players and included the following age groups: 2012-2009 players not in high school. Phase 1 consisted of 3 training dates with each one costing \$50.

#### Evaluation Program and Tryouts Dates: September 17, 2023 – December 17, 2023

Approximately 300 players came through the Evaluation Program this year. Additionally, club DOC's recommended players and then those players were put into the State Pool. Players who were trying out were given a red tee shirt and then trained within their specific age group. Players were notified the evening of their tryout if they were invited into the State Pool or if it was recommended, they come back for another evaluation.

#### District Training Dates: July 2023- September 2023

Indiana ODP had over 400 players take part in a District Training event. The feedback we received was positive. Some clubs did very well promoting and encouraging their players to attend.

#### Junior Olympians Program Dates: Winter 2023/24

During the Winter of 2022/23 Indiana ODP offered eight different Junior Olympian dates. Each session costs \$20. The quality of the participating young players is exceptional. The club coaches provide excellent training as the tactical awareness of these young players is superb.

#### Phase 2: State Pool Players Dates: Dec. 9, 2022- February 11, 2023

Phase 2 introduced the high school age players and included the following age groups: 2013-2007. Phase 2 consisted of 7 training dates (2 sessions each date). The training included both outdoor and indoor training along at a player cost of \$600 for players 2010-2013 and \$515 for 2007-2009 or \$115 per date of training. Phase 2 also included unique events including tournaments, showcase games, and friendlies for both genders.

#### Phase 3: State Team Dates: March 2023-June 2024

Phase 3 had one training date (June 9) and then the Midwest Subregional in Cincinatti, Ohio. The cost was \$150.

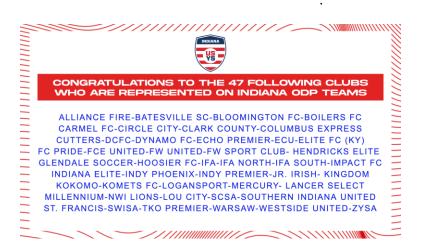
### Clubs and Player Recognition for 2023/24

















RILEY HORNSBY- 2012 IPSC ADDYSON KERN- 2012 FC PRIDE SHAY STOCKSTELL- 2012 JR. IRISH GRACE FASSNACHT- 2012 BOILERS FC NORA GREGORY- 2012 FC PRIDE NATALIE RIVERA- 2012 NWI LIONS UNITED **GWYNETH PROVOST- 2011 IFA** KYLER KEEN- 2011 BOILERS FC PAIGE STANOCH- 2010 FC PRIDE ELLA HANSON- 2008 WESTSIDE UNITED CALI DOUGLAS- 2008 IFA JAYDEN SILVA- 2011 BOILERS FC MOSES STANLEY- 2011 FW SPORTS CLUB AUSTIN VINCENT- 2011 FC PRIDE RYDER NGUYEN- 2010 CUTTERS FC KUTANGA KATEULE- 2009 WARSAW NIEKOS WHITNEY- 2008 ALLIANCE FIRE NIKOLA DIMITRIJEVIC- 2007 INDIANA ELITE OWEN PRICE- 2007 HOOSIER FC



