



Wyoming ODP



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Wyoming Soccer Association Programs

Wyoming Soccer Association will continue to oversee the Wyoming 307 Select Soccer Program and the Olympic Development Program. Although there are changes to the registration process for the programs, both will continue to be closely linked together. Participation in the WYOMING 307 Select Program will serve as an opportunity to continue player development through training and tournament schedules, and WYOMING ODP staff coaches will be actively scouting the 307 Select Soccer Program player pools to recruit players for the ODP program as well as hosting an annual ODP only tryout. Players are encouraged to be part of both programs to aid and continue long-term player development and raise the level of soccer across the state, increasing our ability to play and compete at the highest available level of US Youth Soccer.

Please NOTE: You do not need to be a registered member of the Wyoming 307 Select Soccer Program to be considered for the ODP Program and vice versa, as they are separate from one and other.



Progression Matrix for Wyoming Soccer Association Programs: WSA Affiliated Club, Wyoming 307 Select and Wyoming ODP

Wyoming Soccer Association provides and governs two separate state-based youth soccer programs.



Wyoming 307 Select Soccer Program is a state program that aims to bring groups of players together from across that state to compete in regional soccer tournaments. Wyoming 307 Select Soccer provides soccer programming for players aged between 10U- 19U with the view to providing tournament-based soccer outside of club seasons (Fall and Spring). Wyoming 307 Select Soccer Program holds annual tryouts in the summer to establish pools of players at each age group in both genders with the view to attending several tournaments across the year. Each 307 Team will have an assigned Head Coach and Team Manager, with a minimum of a USSF Grassroots License, who are responsible for the coaching, event selection and attendance, and overall management of the team with the assistance of WSA staff. WY 307 Select Soccer Program provides a fantastic opportunity to continue to train and compete regularly throughout the whole year outside of club soccer commitments.



Wyoming's Olympic Development Program (ODP) is a state program that aims to bring the best available players in the state together, to compete only at regional ODP events. Wyoming is part of US Youth Soccer's West Region. Wyoming ODP program provides ODP only training events, separate to 307 trainings and events, and competes in regional ODP events, primarily between August and January each year. ODP provides soccer programming for players aged 12U - 17U and players are selected to the ODP program through ODP tryouts, which are a separate event to Wyoming 307 Select Soccer tryouts. Players may be invited to ODP tryouts at any time during the year if approached by Wyoming ODP Staff Coaches who may be scouting a variety of soccer events and tournaments throughout each season; however, all players must attend ODP tryouts to be considered for selection to the ODP program. ODP teams will have a maximum of 22 players selected in each age group in both genders, in the knowledge that a maximum of 18 can be selected for a competitive ODP event. Each ODP team will have an assigned Head Coach and Team Manager, with a minimum of a USSF C License or a United Soccer Coach Advanced National Certificate which will be appointed by the WSA Technical Director, and management of the ODP program will be handled directly by Wyoming ODP staff.



What is the US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program?

The US Youth Soccer ODP Philosophy

To identify players of the highest caliber on a continuing and consistent basis, which will lead to increased success for the U.S. National Teams in the international arena.

Purpose

The US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program was formed in 1977 to identify a pool of players in each age group from which a National Team will be selected for international competition; to provide high-level training to benefit and enhance the development of players at all levels; and, through the use of carefully selected and licensed coaches, develop a mechanism for the exchange of ideas and curriculum to improve all levels of coaching.

The Olympic Development Program is a national process for identifying and developing the best youth soccer players. The process promotes players to the U.S. National Teams, which represent the United States in international competition, such as the Youth World Cup and the Olympics. The main ODP objective is to identify, evaluate and train highly talented male and female youth soccer players. As part of this national effort, Wyoming Soccer Association is dedicated to developing the highest level of youth soccer. This objective must be achieved in an atmosphere of integrity, fairness and impartiality. The player's physical, cognitive skills, attitude and commitment must be the only criteria for the program. The procedure to achieve this objective must be approved by the **Wyoming Soccer Association** Board of Directors and must not conflict with any US Youth Soccer or United States Soccer Federation (USSF) policies.



State ODP

State ODP is administrated at the State level by the State ODP Technical Director and the WSA State Office and adheres to all USYS ODP rules. For additional questions please see link below.



Regional ODP

The regional level of ODP is administrated by [ODP West Region](#). Players are selected to the regional pools from those who attend ODP West Region Camp. Players selected to attend ODP camp are upon recommendation of their state association or come with the State ODP team.



Youth National Teams

The Youth National team program is administrated by US Soccer.



About the Wyoming Olympic Development Program

The Wyoming Soccer Association (WSA) is proud to provide a comprehensive Olympic Development Program (ODP). In ODP, it is our goal to select and train the most talented, promising, and committed players in our state to represent Wyoming in ODP events.

Wyoming ODP holds a tryout as the preliminary entry point to the program. In order to be selected for ODP, a player must attend the tryout annually, as ODP membership is not guaranteed from year to year. Players will be notified upon selection for the Wyoming ODP State Pool. A State Team will be identified from the State Pool to attend ODP tournaments and events. The State Teams will represent Wyoming at several events which could include friendly events and tournaments, including ODP Championships in November through January.

Identification:

Wyoming ODP may identify players prior to tryout:

- Wyoming ODP may identify potential players in their natural game-playing environment as well as during Wyoming 307 Select training events.

Tryout:

Wyoming ODP holds an open tryout for all identified, or interested players:

- Players attendance at the tryout is mandatory for players selected for the Wyoming ODP State Pool.

Development:

- Wyoming ODP contends that player development is directly related to the quality of play, the level of coaching and the best players playing against the best. Therefore, we will always be centrally focused on creating a high-level environment, a quality coaching staff and selecting the greatest development opportunities for the players at our training events.

Playing Opportunity:

- Wyoming ODP offers players the highest level of playing opportunity to promote growth and advance the game in Wyoming. Games may consist of friendly matches as well as tournaments to prepare teams for ODP Championships held in January of each year.



Wyoming ODP Calendar 2020-21

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| ○ May 1, 2020 | Wyoming ODP Team Coaches Named |
| ○ <i>July 11-12, 2020</i> | <i>Wyoming 307 Select Tryout/Training</i> |
| ○ August 8-9, 2020 | Wyoming 307 Select Tryout/Training |
| ○ August 30, 2020 | Wyoming ODP Mandatory Tryout |
| ○ September 11, 2020 | Player Accept or Decline Deadline |
| ○ November 7-8, 2020 | ODP Training / TBD |
| ○ November 14-15, 2020 | ODP Training/Event |
| ○ December 18-19, 2020 | ODP Training 2007-2009 Teams *Friday evening/Saturday training |
| ○ December 19-20, 2020 | ODP Training 2004-2006 Teams *Saturday evening/Sunday training |
| ○ January 9-12, 2021 | West Region ODP Event / TBD |

***Every effort will be made to adhere to this schedule as presented, however due to inclement weather and/or changes to facility availability, these dates may change. WSA reserves the right to make those changes and will work to provide adequate notice.*



Wyoming ODP Fees

Wyoming Soccer Association offers two state-level programs that players may select to participate. Both Wyoming 307 Select and Wyoming ODP are 100% self-funded, non-profit programs. Please note, the fee structure has changed for both programs from the 2019-2020 season.

Wyoming ODP

▶ Tryout Fee \$50

▶ Program Fee \$75

▶ State Team Fee \$TBD *

***ODP State Team Fee** –Required of players selected to participate in the West ODP Championship Tournament. This fee includes ALL team travel/hotel/meals, tournament fees, and coach/chaperone room/board for the event.

Payment plans will be available at registration.

WSA reserves the right to charge and collect past due registration and team fees from all players.



Wyoming ODP Financial and Participation Commitment

Financial Commitment:

It is expressly understood by all players and their parents/guardians that once selected to the program; they are responsible for all fees associated with the program, with the exception of documented injury*. No refunds will be given once accepted and registered to the program should a player elect not to participate. Wyoming ODP provides an experienced quality coaching staff, so no refunds are given for any changes in coaching staff.

**Refunds are decided on a case-by-case basis and require proper documentation.*

Participation Commitment:

It is understood that players are expected to participate in all training sessions and designated ODP events. Wyoming ODP expects full program commitment up to and including:

- Attendance to ODP Tryout Weekend
- Attendance to all training sessions
- Attendance to all ODP events (Friendlies, Sub-Regional, ODP Championships, etc...)

Tournament Travel:

Wyoming ODP will secure lodging and transportation for our teams at ODP tournaments and friendly matches. Those costs will be split equally between rostered players and is assessed as the State Team fee. The cost of meals while at the event will be the responsibility of the individual player. Hotel blocks will be reserved for the players only. Players will be under the direct supervision of Wyoming ODP Staff and appointed team managers/chaperones. Teams will stay in the team hotel, and will travel as a team, attending all team meetings, team meals and any other associated team events together. Please understand that parent-player interaction at ODP team events will be limited. Wyoming ODP encourages parents to support our teams at ODP events. It is our goal to create a team environment that both builds responsibility and independence, while fostering a deeper team connection. While we encourage parental support, we will not be securing parent blocks at our team hotels and require that parents attending the games stay at nearby hotels of their own choosing.

Consequences

Wyoming ODP allocates many resources for each player selected which includes monetary commitment, staffing, travel, etc. Wyoming ODP is committed to your player and team and expects players/families to match that commitment to Wyoming ODP. Players who are invited and subsequently choose to accept the offer to represent Wyoming ODP and then drop from program will face a one-year suspension from the Wyoming ODP program. Once the player accepts the invitation to participate, the player/family is responsible for all fees associated with the program, barring documented injury. Players may only be relieved of their obligations with the permission of the Wyoming Soccer Association Technical or Executive Director.



Wyoming ODP Participant Code of Conduct

Participant COPY for your records—Code of Conduct signed with registration

Participants Agreement to Accept and Abide by Rules of the Program

Players participating in the Olympic Development Program with Wyoming ODP are exercising a privilege afforded them by Wyoming Soccer Association in pursuit of Regional and National recognition as a youth soccer player. These players must exhibit the maturity to be successful in this pursuit. Thus, the following guidelines and rules shall apply in all activities within the Wyoming Olympic Development Program.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES:

1. Participants must confirm attendance at all training sessions and playing events at acceptance.
2. Participants are expected to commit to all training sessions and playing events.
3. Participants are expected to pay for the full program cost by December 1 of the program year.
4. Participants are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner which is in keeping with representing Wyoming Soccer Association and will not bring discredit upon the Association.
5. When traveling with the Wyoming ODP Program, each participant is expected to dress appropriately as befits representing Wyoming Soccer Association or as directed by the Coach.
6. Respect for property of others, adherence to the rules and guidelines as specified here or by the Coach/Administrator and observance of State and Federal laws are required for participation in this program.

II. DISCIPLINE RULES:

1. Players who accept a position on the State Team and subsequently withdraw without proper medical documentation will face a one-year suspension from the Wyoming ODP program.
2. Substance use and/or possession thereof [drugs, alcohol, or, in the case of minors, tobacco and vape] is cause for immediate dismissal from the program.
3. Persistent irresponsible and disrespectful behavior is cause for dismissal from the program.
4. Destruction of property or violation of State and Federal laws is cause for dismissal from the program.
5. Zero Tolerance on Hazing: defined as any activity that endangers the physical safety of another person, or produces mental or physical discomfort; causes embarrassment, fright, humiliation, or ridicule; or degrades the individual is cause for dismissal from the program and other programs of Wyoming Soccer Association
6. Failure to comply with any and all team rules (curfew, attendance, dress code, schedules, etc.) may be cause for disciplinary action. Persistent failure will be cause for dismissal from the program for the remainder of the current season of this program and could affect a player's future participation.

NOTE: If dismissal from the program or an event occurs while traveling, the participant may be sent home immediately at the participant's cost by whatever means is most convenient for the Program Administrators. No reimbursement of program fees will be made to the dismissed participant or the participant's family.

We, the undersigned, have read, understand and agree to abide by the above guidelines and rules. We also agree to accept actions taken for failure to abide by these guidelines and rules.



Wyoming ODP Frequently Asked Questions:

How are Players Selected?

Players are selected, in most states, on the basis of open tryouts. These tryouts are conducted by state association coaches who are recognized for their ability to identify and train players with superior skills. Some state associations combine scouting techniques and invitations to certain players with the open tryouts. Selection of these players is not an easy task. The state association head coach or State Coach will, in most cases, be assisted in the selection process by several other qualified coaches from the club or league level. Players are evaluated on the four components that make up a soccer player:

1. Technique
2. Tactics
3. Fitness and Athletic Ability
4. Psychological Component (attitude)

What is the player selection process for the State Pool in Wyoming?

In Wyoming, the selection process begins with the preliminary open tryout for Wyoming 307 Select identifying potential players may begin during the summer events. Players will not be selected based on 307 Tryouts, however ODP scouting may occur and scouts may approach players to encourage their attendance at the August ODP tryout. From the ODP tryout, ODP pools of up to 22 players will be selected. The State Pool in each age group will train 3 times during the fall & winter. From the ODP Pool, Players in the state pools also attend one inter-state event, usually in the winter and/or spring.

How and when is the State Team roster identified?

In all the age groups, players selected to the state pool are eligible to participate in all trainings. Final State Team roster selections for ODP events will be announced following the first ODP-only training. Alternates will be encouraged to attend the ODP trainings following the announcement of the State Team, however unless notified by coaches, alternates will not participate in events outside of training.

Can players be added to the State Pool after tryouts are over?

WSA ODP strives to maintain the original ODP roster, however circumstances may dictate that players need to be added after the tryout.

Wyoming Soccer Association Technical Director reserves the right to add a player at any time to the state pool or team.

What happens if your child has a conflict with their club and an ODP event?

We respect that clubs may have to schedule tournaments during our events. Due to the short amount of time that the state coaches are allocated to work with these players, it is required that they attend the ODP event.