

Registration and Dates

How do I register?

Online tryout registration opens on Dec 1st, 2009 at www.alabamayouthsoccer.org. We recommend that all players pre-register for tryouts more than one week in advance to avoid late fees. This also allows us to properly gauge the necessary coach to player ratio; our ability to staff properly will provide each player with a fair evaluation.



Is Financial Aid Available?

The Olympic Development Program Scholarship Committee will review all submitted applications. Scholarships are based on need; all or a portion of registration fees will be waived for the player if a scholarship is awarded. Financial Aid applications are available online at www.alabamayouthsoccer.org. Scholarships vary based on funds available.

Alabama ODP Staff

The AYSA ODP staff includes nationally licensed coaches, region and national staff coaches as well as representatives from major colleges predominately from the state. Please check www.alabamayouthsoccer.org for updates on the complete 2009-2010 staff.

Event	Ages	Date	Location
Boys & Girls Tryouts	1993 - 1998	Jan 9 - 10	Montgomery, Alabama
Boys & Girls Training	1993 - 1998	Jan 23 - 24	Decatur, Alabama
Boys & Girls Training	1996 - 1998	Feb 13 - 14	Decatur, Alabama
ODP College Showcase	1993 - 1998	Mar 26 - 28	Decatur, Alabama
Boys & Girls Mini Camp	1995 - 1997	Jun 1 - 4	TBA
Region Camp Prep Training	1993 - 1998	Jun 26 - 28	TBA
Girls Region Camp	1997	Jun 28 - Jul 1	Montevallo, Alabama
Girls Region Camp	1993 & 1996	Jul 6 - 10	Montevallo, Alabama
Girls Region Camp	1994 - 1995	Jul 12 - 16	Montevallo, Alabama
Boys Region Camp	1994 - 1996	Jul 8 - 12	Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Boys Region Camp [Holdovers]	1994 - 1996	Jul 13 - 17	Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Boys Region Camp	1993 & 1997	Jul 13 - 17	Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Optional Events			
Estudiantes De La Plata - Boys	1993 & 1994	TBA	
Costa Rica - Girls	1993 & 1994	Jun 28 - Jul 3	
Guadalajara - Boys	1995 & 1996	Jun 3 - 6	

ALABAMA ODP 2009-2010



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What is ODP?

Program Philosophy

ODP is an 'elite' program that aims to identify the best of the best in the state of Alabama. The Alabama ODP offers unique training and competition which compliments the players' development and their existing club team experience. We offer nationally licensed coaches and college level coaches to help develop each player. The Alabama ODP helps identify potential regional and national team players at various ages, boys and girls. It is also a tool to help



2009-2010 ODP Age Groups

Ages: 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998

ODP uses pure calendar years to determine age groups. Unlike club soccer, whatever year you are born (regardless of the month) is the age group in which you participate.



expose the older players to college coaches for scholarship opportunities. As an Alabama ODP member, you will have the opportunity to play and train with the best players that Alabama has to offer, guided by top level National, Regional and Alabama coaches. It is a great chance to represent the state of Alabama in the region, and possibly the nation! We work hard to schedule events to not conflict with your club experience.

What are the Benefits of Participating in Alabama ODP?

1. Development as a player. The opportunity to train and play with the best player's in one's age group.
2. Quality instruction from nationally licensed coaches.
3. Quality competition. Games against other state association ODP teams.
4. Exposure to regional and national team coaches.
5. The opportunity to represent one's state, region, or country in competition.
6. Exposure to college coaches.



The Tryout Process

Dates:
Jan 9-10, 2009
Each player that attends

tryouts will receive two numbered jerseys which are theirs to keep after the tryouts are complete. The majority of the tryouts are spent playing games. These games are the coaching staff's primary evaluation tool. Players are evaluated on their performance in the games that are played that day. Upon completion of the trials, the coaching staff meets to compare notes and make final pool selections.

How are Players Selected?

Selection of these players is not an easy task. The AYSA ODP coaching staff 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)

Program Highlights

ODP Showcase Tournament

AYSA will be hosting the 6th Annual ODP College Showcase at Jack Allen Soccer Complex in Decatur AL. Past youth team participants include the ODP programs from Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, Ohio South, Region III ODP as well as the youth teams of Mexican pro clubs. Unique to this showcase, college teams play in the event, providing an opportunity to watch matches in addition to being scouted. Past college participants include Alabama, Auburn, UAB, Samford, South Alabama, APSU, MTSU, Memphis, Martin Methodist, Columbus State, Vanderbilt, Michigan, Auburn University - Montgomery, Christian Brothers University, and Alabama A&M and many others. This past year over 60 colleges were represented to recruit the top players in the showcase.



International Training Opportunities



Boys ODP Players that are selected to attend Region camp are eligible for an international training opportunity. All 93 and 94 Boys ODP region camp selected players will be allowed to attend this trip. Players will travel to Buenos

Aries in Argentina to train at the current



Professional Team Academy Games

In an effort to further expose our state teams to the highest levels of soccer, Boys 1995-1996 will combine with TN ODP to form mixed state teams.



These teams will travel to Guadalajara Mexico to play matches against the youth academy teams of the professional clubs of Chivas, Atlas and Tecos. This will be our fourth year on this tour and the identical tour the Region III ODP teams have used for international competition and development. This is not a mandatory event but highly recommended.



South American club champions, Estudiantes de la Plata youth academy.

Players will be immersed in the top ranked professional club and academy in Argentina. This week long experience will be at the end of June [post regionals] in preparation for the July region camps. This year the girls 93 and 94 age groups will combine with Tennessee ODP to form teams to travel to Costa Rica. Amy Berbery [Auburn University assistant coach] will lead this group on this tremendous cultural and soccer opportunity to Costa Rica. This is not a mandatory event but highly recommended.

