

# NEVADA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

## SECTION 8 OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

### 8:01:00 INTRODUCTION AND BENEFITS:

8:01:01 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.

8:01:02 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, Nevada Youth Soccer Association (NYSA) 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 Board of Directors and must not conflict with any US Youth Soccer or United States Soccer Federation (USSF) policies.

8:01:03 NYSA is to run an Olympic Development Program each seasonal year. The ODP will identify the best players in each age group for participation.

8:01:04 The ODP and any of its satellite affiliates are to be financially self-sufficient, collectively and individually. All monies received or expended related to ODP are to be accounted for by NYSA. Each year the Board may, at its discretion, set aside an amount in its annual budget to provide subsidies or sponsorship funds.

### 8:02:00 ODP COMMITTEE:

8:02:01 The ODP Committee is to consist of the following voting members:

- A. Executive Director – Chair (non-voting unless tie breaker)
- B. First Vice-President
- C. Northern Vice-President
- D. President or Designee

8:02:02 The ODP Committee is responsible to the NYSA Board with regard to the following:

- A. Development and proposal of an annual ODP budget to the NYSA Board for its approval
- B. Establishing satellite ODP programs in the state and designation a point of

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coordination for each program

- C. Being the direct liaison to the NYSA Board regarding all ODP events.
- D. Address all disciplinary matters directly related to ODP programming involving players, coaches or parents.
- E. Maintain minutes of meetings.
- F. Establishing ODP scholarship criteria, reviewing all ODP scholarship applications and deciding on scholarship awards.

### 8:03:00 **STATE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR:**

8:03:01 NYSA ODP shall be administered by the State Technical Director under direction of the NYSA Board. In the absence of a State Technical Director, the Director of Programs shall assume all responsibilities as follows:

- A. Oversee the budget;
  - i. Determining the costs associated with ODP participation, payment schedules, and any refunds
  - ii. Reviewing, and amending where appropriate, the ODP budget at each ODP Committee meeting in order to ensure a balanced budget
- B. Have the option to employ paid administrators to assist with programming;
- C. Hold regular meetings to organize and manage the ODP;
- D. Determining procedures regarding State ODP program; i.e., try out procedures, payment procedures, etc.; Reviewing and approving all ODP fundraisers; Ensuring that any coaches selected by the ODP Director are not in bad standing or in any way unable to function in the position.
- E. Overseeing registration information, mailing lists, rosters, etc.
- F. Organize tryouts and training sessions.
- G. Ensuring completed player evaluations for every player by their ODP coach.
- H. Announcing all information on the NYSA website (calendar, meetings, agendas, minutes, coaches, administrators, players, fees, etc.)

### 8:04:00 **COACHES TERM OF APPOINTMENT AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

8:04:01 All coaches will be appointed for a one-year term. Any coach that fails to perform their duties will be subject to removal from the program at the discretion of the State Technical Director.

8:04:02 Coaches will have the following responsibilities:

- A. Take all reasonable actions necessary to identify the top players in the state, including the holding of tryouts;
- B. Attend tryouts (a majority of a team's coaching staff must be in attendance at each tryout);
- C. Select team members;

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- D. Hold training sessions (at least 1 member of a team's coaching staff must be in attendance at each training session and the head coach must attend a majority of a team's training sessions);
- E. Attend staff trainings held by or under the direction of the State Technical Director

### **8:05:00 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

8:05:01 No individual serving on the ODP coaching staff may coach in an age group and gender that is the same as a team the individual is serving as a head coach or head trainer in their respective club, league or independent team, without NYSA board approval.

8:05:02 The State Technical Director has the authority to make any other conflict-of-interest determinations necessary.

### **8:06:00 RECRUITMENT AND PROHIBITION**

8:06:01 Members of the Nevada ODP coaching staff are prohibited from engaging in any recruiting activity with respect to NV ODP players in accordance with policy 5:11:00.

### **8:07:00 CODE OF CONDUCT:**

8:07:01 All individuals participating in the ODP program, whether at the state, regional or national level, shall conduct themselves in a manner which befits worthy representatives of the United States in conformity with the tradition of the Olympic Matches.

8:07:02 Such individuals shall comply with all NYSA, UYSA, USYSA, and USSF rules.

8:07:03 No individual participating in NYSA ODP as an administrator, coach, parent, or player may engage in any activity deemed to be a conflict of interest as determined by the State Technical Director, or the NYSA Board of Directors.

### **8:08:00 TEAM ADMINISTRATORS:**

8:08:01 Team administrators will be a parent volunteer or coach appointee selected from the ODP State Team.

8:08:02 Team administrators are responsible for the following:

- A. Acting as the communications link between the players/parents and the State Technical Director for administrative matters.
- B. Acting as chaperones to the players.
- C. Ensuring the completion of all paperwork by the players and parents on the team, and to forward all of the paperwork to the State Technical Director.
- D. Carrying out any administrative duties as tasked by the State Technical Director.

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### 8:09:00 **GENERAL POLICY:**

8:09:01 The following general policies will apply to the ODP:

- A. Final player pools will be announced after the try out process.
- B. All coaches must have a minimum National 'D' coaching license unless otherwise approved by the State Technical Director.
- C. No administrator, coach, or player may be in 'bad-standing' with any NYSA member organization.
- D. Players are responsible for the payment of all of their ODP expenses.
- E. Players may be given opportunities to participate in fundraising events sponsored by ODP Committee.
- F. Players may petition the ODP Committee for financial assistance.

### 8:10:00 **REFUND POLICY:**

8:10:01 There are no refunds after the first day of try-outs, with the exception of injury. (This includes those who register after try-outs.) Refunds for injuries will require a Medical letter from the treating physician and must state that the player is "unable to play soccer" due to the treating injury through January. Please submit this letter to the NYSA office, within 7 working days of the injury to begin the refund process. Refunds for injuries (or any portion of the try-out fee) will not be issued if a player has already participated in a try-out session.

### 8:11:00 **DISCIPLINE RULES:**

- A. Players who accept a position on the State Team and subsequently withdraw without proper medical documentation will face a one-year suspension from the NYSA ODP program.
- B. 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.
- C. Persistent irresponsible and disrespectful behavior is cause for dismissal from the program.
- D. Destruction of property or violation of State and Federal laws is cause for dismissal from the program.
- E. 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 Nevada Youth Soccer Association
- F. 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.
- G. If dismissal from the program or an event occurs while traveling, the participant will 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.

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