

## About the Super Y-League Olympic Development Program System

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### The Super Y-League Olympic Development Program (ODP) Philosophy

To identify players for U.S. National Team Programs, within their natural environment during competition on their club team during the Super Y-League season.



### Purpose

The Super Y-League ODP system began in 2003 to identify a pool of players in each age group of the league for identification to U.S. National Team Programs; and to utilize the clubs system in the United States to identify players.

### How do I participate?

Contact a local club that participates in the Super Y-League to become a part of the Super Y-League ODP system. Players will be scouted during league play by the national scouting system of the Super Y-League, which is comprised of selected qualified individuals within the clubs of the league.

### Program Description History

In 2002, the Super Y-League, through US Soccer and the United States Olympic Committee, was granted ODP programs to identify players for U.S. National Team Programs. The first selection process began during the 2003 season to identify players for Regional Team selection events, where U.S. National Staff Coaches scouted players for National Team Programs. The Super Y-League North American Finals is another ODP program of the system. In addition to many players being identified for U.S. National Team Programs, top players have been identified by leading college and university soccer programs throughout the United States.

### The Super Y-League ODP Selection Process

During the regular season, over a series of matches players are evaluated by the opposing team coaches for tactical, physical and psychological characteristics that will determine their ability to attend the ODP National Camp typically held in February and March. Through the scouting system, the combined nominations will be used, along with proportional allocation in conjunction with Director of Coaching recommendations, to determine invitations to the ODP camps.

### What are SYL ODP National Camps?

The top players chosen by the divisional scouting system in each age group per geographic division of the Super Y-League will attend the ODP National Camp. These camps are attended by U.S. National Staff Coaches to identify players for U.S. National Team Programs, as well as many of the nation's top collegiate coaches. These camps are held in Florida in February and March.

### **What are the Benefits of Participating in the Super Y-League ODP system?**

1. Selection of players within the natural environment on their club teams within league play, as opposed to an open try-out system. Many players do not participate in the open-tryout ODP system operated by state associations. Some players do not react or perform well in an open tryout process.
2. Exposure to U.S. National Staff and Team Coaches.
3. Exposure to professional and collegiate scouts.
4. No cost to be scouted. The scouting system is built into league play and contains no ODP fees. Only those selected to attend the ODP National Camps in will incur camp fees.