



OKLAHOMA ODP

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Parent FAQ

A guide to selection, development, commitments, and next steps.

YOUR GUIDE TO THE SEASON

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Your selection and what comes next

1. My child's birth year has only a few selected players. Will there be a team?

A smaller State Player Pool does not automatically mean there will be no team. The August Talent ID Camp is the first opportunity for players to be identified in our 2026–27 cycle. Identification continues throughout the year.

With U.S. Soccer Talent ID involvement with Oklahoma ODP, there will be multiple identification events throughout the year, along with talent scouts observing players at Oklahoma tournaments and league games. Additional players may be identified and considered for the State Player Pool.

Your child has earned a place in the pool. The initial list is not necessarily the final pool size. Entering a team depends on player availability, an appropriate roster, and the event's requirements. Pool selection does not guarantee a separate team for every birth year at every event. We will communicate your group's opportunities as plans are confirmed.

2. Did my child make the Oklahoma State Team?

Your child earned selection to the Oklahoma ODP State Player Pool—a meaningful achievement. State Team and event rosters will be selected later through continued evaluation and consideration of event needs. The published pool list is not an event roster or a player ranking.

3. What should selected families do now?

Watch for the official GotSport invitation, read the next-step instructions, and complete the requested action by the stated deadline. Verify your player and parent contact information. Review the schedule, fee inclusions, and commitment before paying. Continue with your club team and your child's development goals.



Understanding Oklahoma ODP

4. What is Oklahoma ODP, and what does it add to club soccer?

The Olympic Development Program provides supplemental player identification and development opportunities. Oklahoma ODP brings players together from across the state to learn from different coaches, train with new teammates, and be considered for opportunities beyond their everyday environment. Your club remains an important part of your child's development.

5. Does my child need to change clubs or play in a particular league?

Changing clubs is not part of accepting an Oklahoma ODP State Player Pool invitation. Our focus is the individual player's ability, potential, and development. If you have a registration, residence, or league-eligibility question, contact us before registering; staff can verify the requirements for the specific opportunity.

6. Which age group should my child use?

Oklahoma's 2026–27 Talent ID Camp and State Player Pool groups use calendar birth years, 2010 through 2018. Use the player's year of birth, even if their club uses a different age-group label. Each event may serve only some of these birth years. Pool selection does not make a player eligible for every event.

7. Can players train with another age group or can smaller groups combine?

Staff may review grouping options based on player needs, appropriate challenge, available numbers, and event rules. A training assignment does not automatically change a player's official birth year or event eligibility. Families should wait for a confirmed assignment rather than assume groups will combine.

8. Why are pool sizes different across birth years?

The number and readiness of players evaluated vary by group. Pool sizes reflect selection decisions within those groups, rather than a promise to fill a fixed team roster. A smaller pool does not mean that group matters less, and a larger pool does not guarantee more event invitations for each player.



Evaluation and continued identification

9. What do coaches look for?

Coaches look at how a player understands and influences the game: decisions with and without the ball, technical execution, movement, responsibility, initiative, response to challenges, and ability to learn. Goals and saves are only part of the picture. A player's role, age, and development help give performance context.

10. How were camp selections made?

Oklahoma's camp process brings together staff evaluations of players in training and game settings. Coaches' observations and recommendations are compiled and reviewed to make selection decisions. Different observations can provide useful context; the public results communicate the final pool selection, not individual evaluator notes.

11. Can a player who missed camp or was not selected be identified later?

Yes. Identification continues through additional events and observation at Oklahoma tournaments and league games. Contact Oklahoma ODP about upcoming opportunities and how to share a player's information. Being observed or recommended creates an opportunity for consideration; it does not guarantee selection.

12. Does U.S. Soccer involvement mean my child has been selected by U.S. Soccer?

No. Oklahoma ODP State Player Pool selection is an Oklahoma ODP decision. U.S. Soccer Talent ID Centers and Youth National Teams have their own invitation and selection processes. Continued scouting can broaden opportunities to be seen, but it does not mean every player will be watched by a U.S. Soccer scout or receive an invitation.



Training, attendance, and event rosters

13. When and where will training take place?

Use the official Oklahoma ODP schedule and direct program communications for confirmed dates, locations, and age-group assignments. The complete 2026–27 schedule is being finalized. Camp locations and schedules should not be assumed to apply to every future training date.

14. What if my child has a club game, school activity, or family conflict?

We recognize that players have commitments beyond ODP. Tell staff as early as possible, including any late arrival or early departure. Attend as much as you reasonably can; participation provides learning and observation opportunities. Check the requirements for each accepted event, and contact staff if the commitments conflict.

15. How are event rosters selected? Can they change?

Event rosters are selected through continued evaluation, player availability, positional needs, and event requirements. A player may be selected for one event and not another. An event invitation is separate from pool selection, and one roster does not establish every future roster.

16. Does pool selection guarantee games, a position, or playing time?

Pool selection alone does not establish a match roster, position, or playing-time commitment. Read the specific event invitation and ask about the intended playing opportunities before accepting. Coaches may use different roles to evaluate and develop players; a club position is not automatically an ODP position.

17. How are goalkeepers included?

Goalkeepers are part of the State Player Pool and event-selection process. Their role includes decision-making, positioning, communication, distribution, and preventing goals. Follow the goalkeeper and age-group instructions for each activity. An event's goalkeeper needs may differ from its field-player needs.



Costs, commitments, and travel

18. Did the Talent ID Camp fee pay for the whole ODP season?

No. Camp participation and the State Player Pool are separate steps. Do not assume the camp fee covers future training, uniforms, competitions, travel, or regional and national opportunities. Review the specific registration or invitation for its price and inclusions, and ask staff about anything unclear before paying.

19. What will the season cost? Are payment plans or financial assistance available?

The confirmed fee information will be provided with the applicable registration or invitation. Ask which expenses are required and which are separate, including uniforms, travel, hotels, and meals. If cost may prevent participation, contact Oklahoma ODP privately before the deadline to discuss any available assistance or payment options.

20. What if a team does not form, an event is canceled, or we must withdraw?

The terms for the specific registration or event need to explain refunds, credits, cancellation, and withdrawal. Before paying, ask what happens if the anticipated opportunity does not take place. Contact staff promptly about a change in your circumstances. Please do not assume every payment has the same refund terms.

21. Should we book travel now? What about the Heartland Challenge?

Wait for your player's event invitation and the official travel instructions before making nonrefundable arrangements. The ODP Heartland Challenge & Identification Event is planned for December 4–6, 2026, at Indian Springs Sports Complex in Broken Arrow, for 2010–2016 boys and girls. Those event dates and birth years do not guarantee an invitation for every Oklahoma pool player. Follow the separate event communication for roster, cost, and lodging details.



Development beyond a selection decision

22. My child was not selected. What should we do?

A selection decision describes an evaluation at this point in development; it does not define your child's worth or future. Give them space to process the result. Then help them choose one or two useful development goals with their coach, keep enjoying the game, and watch for future identification opportunities.

23. Can we request feedback or an Individual Development Plan?

Contact Oklahoma ODP about your player's camp evaluation, Individual Development Plan (IDP), or next development steps. Include the player's full name, birth year, and tryout number. A useful discussion focuses on strengths, a specific area to improve, and a practical action the player can take. Ask staff about the delivery process and timing.

24. What about Techne, Stark Strong, Soccer Resilience, and goalkeeper resources?

These resources were part of Oklahoma's 2026 Talent ID Camp development offering. Refer to the camp communications for the access instructions, eligible participants, and length of each benefit. Contact staff if an activation message is missing. Camp benefits and future State Player Pool registration are separate; avoid purchasing duplicate access before checking.

25. How does a player progress beyond the Oklahoma pool?

Players may earn additional opportunities through state event selection, regional identification, regional teams, interregional events, and US Youth Soccer National Select Teams. Each stage has its own eligibility and selection process. USYS National Select Teams and U.S. Soccer Youth National Teams are distinct programs; advancement is never automatic.

26. Will ODP lead to college soccer or a scholarship?

ODP can provide new learning environments and opportunities to be evaluated. For older players, some events may offer college exposure. No pool selection, event, or scout observation guarantees recruitment, admission, a scholarship, a professional contract, or national-team selection. Ask about confirmed opportunities for the particular event.



Communication and caring for the player

27. My child is listed, but we did not receive an invitation. What should we do?

Check spam and junk folders and verify the parent email connected to your player's GotSport profile. If the announced invitation date has passed, contact Oklahoma ODP with the player's full name, birth year, and tryout number. A missing email needs an administrative check; it does not by itself change the published selection.

28. A name, birth year, or tryout number appears incorrect. How do we correct it?

Email Oklahoma ODP privately with the player's full name, birth year, tryout number, and the detail that needs checking. Staff will compare it with the records. Please keep full birth dates, account information, and private evaluations out of public comments. The tryout number is an identifier, not a ranking.

29. What if my child is injured, unwell, overwhelmed, or needs additional support?

Tell staff promptly so the situation can be discussed before participation. Let us know about relevant activity restrictions and support needs through a private conversation. A player should not feel pressure to hide a concern to be seen. Ask staff about the applicable participation and return requirements for the activity.

30. Who should we contact, and how can parents help?

Start with Adam Kenes, Oklahoma Soccer Association Director of Coach Education and Player Development: Adam@oksoccer.com. He can direct administrative, coaching, or event questions to the appropriate staff member. For an event already accepted, use the contact listed in its instructions.

Keep contact information current, respond to invitations, communicate conflicts early, and encourage your child to ask questions and take ownership. Support teammates and respect coaches and officials. Help your child focus on learning, effort, and enjoyment rather than comparisons with other players.