



District V ODP Tryout and Selection Process Overview

An overview of the general guidelines for District V ODP Tryout and Selection Process:

After Tryouts are held each pool's coaching staff will select their POOL.

1. THE CLOSED AND OPEN POOL

Under the guidance and suggestion of State ODP, the coaching staff for each POOL may either:

- a. CLOSE and FREEZE their pool after tryouts by making the FINAL POOL SELECTION, OR
- b. Keep the pool OPEN after tryouts and begin training and may add to the OPEN pool until the pool is CLOSED and FROZEN in mid-August.

2. THE CLOSED POOL

The coaching staff may CLOSE and FREEZE their pool after tryouts by making the FINAL POOL SELECTION. The final selected or FROZEN pool will have a ceiling of 20 players but will have no floor. The maximum number of players will be 20.

When you are selected to join the CLOSED POOL, your \$50 check will be cashed. You may then participate in our CLOSED POOL trainings and other events. You will also have the opportunity to be selected to the DISTRICT V POOL. There is no refund after you have agreed to join the CLOSED POOL.

This is the pool that will be submitted to the State ODP in mid-August for the PLAY DAYS in September and October.

If you were not selected into the CLOSED POOL, we will mail back your check in the self-addressed stamped envelope you provided at the Tryouts. The coaching staff will also give you a verbal or written description of areas you can improve and strengthen. You will be included in the email list for invitations to special ODP events, camps or clinics.

3. THE OPEN POOL

Some of teams will choose to keep an OPEN POOL and make final selections for STATE PLAY DAYS in mid-August from the players that are in their OPEN pool. The OPEN POOL means that you have a continuing opportunity to train, improve and compete for one of the final selection spots.

The coaching staff will keep the pool OPEN after tryouts and begin trainings, and may add to the pool until the pool is FROZEN in mid-August. An OPEN POOL will usually be in the 20-30 player range.

When you agree to join the OPEN POOL, your \$50 check will be cashed. You may then participate in the OPEN POOL trainings, clinics and other events. You will also have the opportunity to be selected to the DISTRICT V POOL. There is no refund after you have agreed to join the OPEN POOL.

If you do not want to be in the OPEN POOL, we will mail back your \$50 check and withdraw you from the OPEN POOL.

Players that have attended the tryouts will be at a greater advantage because they have put themselves in front of the coaching staff for training and evaluation and have the best opportunity for selection to the pool. As a coaching staff, our primary focus is on improving and preparing the players in the OPEN POOL.

If a player has not attended a tryout then a player's coach or coaching director may put their name forward as a likely ODP candidate to encourage individual evaluation and observation during a game or other suitable venue. The coaching staff, at its discretion, will respond to these nominations for evaluation.



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Until the pool is frozen in mid-August, a coach may invite and select a player to be added to the OPEN pool from the coach's own evaluation and observation. It is within the coach's discretion to formulate the criteria for invitations into the OPEN pool. Upon District V ODP Coordinator's receipt of the \$60 fee and approval of the Medical Release form and copy of Birth Certificate an invited player may then join the OPEN pool and begin to train with the pool.

4. THE FINAL OR FROZEN DISTRICT POOL

The final selected or FROZEN pool in mid-August will have a ceiling of 20 players but will have no floor. We expect the final selection of players to range from 15-20.

5. DISTRICT PLAY DAYS

Players selected to the DISTRICT V POOL will represent our District in the PLAY DAYS held for one weekend day in September and one weekend day in October at the Morgan Hill facility. PLAY DAYS are the opportunity to showcase for the STATE Coaches and potentially be selected to the CAL NORTH STATE POOL.

6. STATE, REGIONAL and NATIONAL POOL

All players must participate at the March State Pool Try-Outs to be selected to the STATE POOL.

On the STATE POOL there are showcases, competitions and REGION IV ODP CAMP where the opportunity to be selected to the REGIONAL IV ODP POOL. For more information visit: www.cysanorth.org.

From the REGIONAL POOL the selection process moves to the NATIONAL POOL that represents the United States in the Olympics and other international events. For more information visit: www.regioniv.com and www.ussoccer.com.

ODP is a great opportunity for players to showcase their talent and mix with the highest level of players in the District and State. Ultimately, the goal of the ODP player is to play in the NATIONAL POOL.

We encourage you to take advantage of the many outstanding opportunities available in ODP.

Sincerely,

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For further information visit the District V website at www.cysadistrictv.com