

Seattle Sounders FC & Washington Youth Soccer



Player Development Programs



Pyramid of MLS Youth Development



- **MLS Seattle Youth Development Program**
 - **Run out of Starfire*
 - **Ages 7-16*
 - **Weeknight training schedules*
 - **Position specific camps*
 - **Identification of top players*
 - **Year round training*
- **Seattle Sounders/Washington Youth Soccer Summer Soccer Camps/Team Camps**
 - **Weeks of summer booked with summer camps*
 - **All day soccer camps, half day camps*
 - **Geared toward recreational player*
 - **Promotion for full team*
 - **Identification of top players*

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- Sounders FC Team
- MLS Reserve Team
- USSF/MLS Academy Teams U16, U18
 - **Fulltime coaches/teams 2009*
- **Youth teams may or may not participate in the USSF Academy league*
- Washington Youth Soccer/MLS/ODP/Development Training Program
 - **PDL and State league Involvement*
 - **2008 Trainer Recommendations*
 - **Monthly training with top trainers*
 - **U10, U11, U12 Identification of training groups*
 - **U13, U14, U15 ODP Teams*
 - ****NO MLS TEAM YET IS USING A STATE ASSOCIATION OR ODP PROGRAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MLS YOUTH ACADEMY SYSTEM***

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- ***Pre-ODP Ages: Development Activities***

Recreational Age Players (U-7 to U-10)

- Evaluate, design and implement age appropriate training play days (Replaces or supports current recreational league offering)

U-11 Leagues (PDL)

- Post-Season Tournament with MLS All-Tournament Team Recognition, this will replace current U-11 Challenge Cup.
- Players can be recommended to MLS Development Training program

U-12 Leagues (PDL)

- Jr. Olympic Development Weekend open to all players. Identification and educational weekend. First year Seattle and Spokane areas, possible expansion second year to Vancouver area.
- Players can be recommended to MLS Development Training Program

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- ***Washington Youth Soccer ODP Ages:***
U-13 ODP
- Recommended Players & Open Tryouts players together (28 players of each group.) Session in morning and repeat in afternoon. The training pool will change each month to include recommended players and holdovers from Open Tryouts. This will be repeat September, October, November, and December. Final Pool size increase to 44. Provide T-Shirt with numbers which players can keep. Create a development team of additional 22 players.
- Pool Training once a month after pool established
- Players can be recommended to MLS Development Training Program

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U-14 ODP

- Scouting & Recommendations & Open Tryouts (Same format as used with the U-13 age group)
- Pool Training once a month
- Players recommended to MLS Development training Program

U-15 ODP

- Scouting & Recommendations & Open Tryouts
- Pool Training once a month
- Players recommended to MLS Development training Program

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U-16 ODP

- Scouting & Recommendations & Open Tryouts
- Non US Soccer Academy
- Pool Training once a month
- Represent MLS Team at selected events

U-17 ODP

- Scouting & Recommendations & Open Tryouts
- Pool Training once a month
- Represent MLS Team at selected events

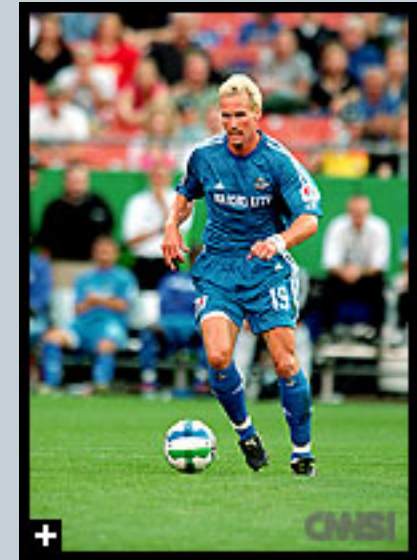
U-18 Age Group

- Recommendations & Open Tryouts
- Non US Soccer Academy
- Represent MLS Team at selected events

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- ODP Coach Application Process

- Deadline July 15
- Staff Appointed by August 15th
- Directors of Coaching, College Coaches
- Staff involvement with MLS



- Established ODP training day once a month (2nd or 3rd weekend of the month, Sept through December)
- Goal for program to be fully funded in three years