



## 2016 & 2017 Region I ODP Tournament Rules and Procedures Manual

The US Youth Soccer Region I ODP Tournament is the opening event in the annual Region I ODP program cycle. It is opportunity for players from each of our states to compete at a high level event and be seen by the Regional ODP program coaching staff. At previous years' tournaments, over 200 colleges have sent coaches to the tournament to see the players. The preliminary round of the tournament will be played June 9-11, 2017 at Rider University, NJ for Boys ODP players and at Kirkwood Soccer Complex in DE for the Girls ODP players. All semifinals and finals will be played June 24-25, 2017 at the Kirkwood Soccer Complex in DE for BOTH boys and girls ODP players.

The younger age groups, 13 & under (2004s) and 14 & under (2003s) will compete in a round robin format with each team playing three games during the first weekend of the tournament. The 15 & under (2002s) and 16 & under (2001s) will play three preliminary round games to determine the four teams that will move on to the final round at Kirkwood. The Region I Champions at these age groups will represent Region I at the 2018 National ODP Championship. The 17 & under (2000s) will play three preliminary round games to determine the four teams that will move on to the Region I Championship at Kirkwood.

### A. AGE GROUPS

The Region I ODP Tournament will consist of the following age groups both Boys and Girls.

2004s	13 & under Girls	-	13 & under Boys
2003s	14 & under Girls	-	14 & under Boys
2002s	15 & under Girls	-	15 & under Boys
2002s	16 & under Girls	-	16 & under Boys
2000s	17 & under Girls	-	17 & under Boys

### B. ROSTERS

#### 1. Pool Rosters

Each State Association must provide the Region I ODP Tournament Committee with a State ODP Pool Rosters with a **maximum** of **40** players for each entry in the tournament. **A player may only be listed on one pool roster.** Pool Rosters must be entered into an online data system provided by May 15, 2017. Directions on data entry will be provided to each State Association. Copies of the Pool Roster will be provided to the Regional ODP Coaching staff and attending college coaches. Roster will be locked on May 25, 2017.

#### 2. Game Rosters

Each team will be given three Game Reports at check in that will have a section for the team to enter the game roster. Teams must complete the Game Roster section of the report to indicate the **18** players that will be participating in a particular match and submit it to the Referee prior to the game.



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### **C. SCHEDULE**

It is the intent of the Region I ODP Tournament Committee to schedule all preliminary games on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 9-11, 2017. The Semi-Final and Final games for the 15, 16, and 17 & under age groups will be played on June 24 and 25, 2017.

1. Teams will be scheduled by a blind draw to be held by the Region I ODP Tournament Committee. There will be no changes made to the schedule once the schedule is published on the Region I website.
3. Any State Association that withdraws a team 30 days or less prior to the start of the Region I ODP Tournament will be subject to a fine of \$1500.00.

### **D. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION**

1. All age group competition will be divided into either two, three or four groups determined by the number of teams entered in the tournament. The teams in each group will play 3 group games. Cross over games between groups may be scheduled when there are less than four teams in a group.

Advancement to the Semi-Final brackets of each group both boys and girls are determined by the group results. The 13 and 14 & under age groups will only play preliminary round games. There are no semi-finals or finals for the 13 and 14 & under age groups.

#### **2. Game Balls**

The Tournament Committee will supply game balls.

#### **3. Grace Periods**

Teams not ready to play at the scheduled start time of any match shall be granted a ten (10) minute grace period. A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team.

Teams not ready to play after this grace period has expired shall be reported to the Region I ODP Tournament Committee by the Referee. The game shall be recorded as a 0-1 loss for the forfeiting team. Any team with an unreasonable forfeit will not be allowed to advance.



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### 4. Home Team - Visiting Team

The team listed first in each pairing is the home team. The visiting team will have the choice of jersey colors. If, in the opinion of the referee, there is a conflict in colors, the home team shall change jerseys.

### 5. Team Bench - Sidelines

Teams and team personnel will be on one sideline, parents and spectators on the other sideline. A maximum of four (4) people can represent the team personnel, i.e. coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer. Team personnel will have identification passes provided by the Region I ODP Tournament Committee. Passes will be provided at check in to personnel on the Pool Roster. An individual may have only one sideline pass even though that person may be listed on more than one Pool Roster.

### 6. Region I ODP Coaching Staff/College Coaches

The Region I ODP Coaching Staff and attending college coaches will be given identification passes that will enable them to be on the sideline with the teams and team personnel.

### 7. Uniforms

Each player must wear an official uniform with a six inch minimum size number on the back of the shirt (this includes goalies). Duplicate numbers are not permitted. Teams **MUST** bring an alternate jersey with a six inch minimum size number on the back. Goalkeeper jerseys must be numbered.

### 8. Preliminary Games - Length of Games

In the preliminary round robin portion, tie scores at the end of regulation time shall stand. Except for a serious injury, there will be a running clock for all preliminary games.

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Friday Night Games</b>	<b>Saturday and Sunday Games</b>
13 & under	No Games	Two 30 minute halves
14 & under	No Games	Two 30 minute halves
15 & under	Two 30 minute halves	Two 40 minute halves
16 & under	Two 30 minute halves	Two 40 minute halves
17 & under	Two 30 minute halves	Two 45 minute halves



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### 9. Semi-Finals and Finals - Length of Games and Overtime Periods

Age Group	Game Length	Overtime Period
15 & under	Two 40 minute halves	Two 15' minute halves
16 & under	Two 40 minute halves	Two 15' minute halves
17 & under	Two 45 minute halves	Two 15' minute halves

**Note:** If the game is tied at the end of the second half of regulation time, the teams will play two overtime periods consisting of 15 minutes each. If the game is still tied at the end of the second overtime period, FIFA “Kicks from the Penalty Mark” will be used to determine the winner.

### 10. Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, the Region I ODP Tournament Committee has the authority to change games as follows:

- a. Relocate or reschedule any game(s) and/or
- b. Change the duration of any game(s) and/or
- c. Cancel any preliminary round game(s)

### 10. Determination of standings within a group

Each team will be awarded Round robin game points according the table below. The team with the highest number of points will be the group winner.

Three	(3) points for a win
One	(1) point for a tie
Zero	(0) points for a loss

The tie breakers used to determine the group winner at the end of the round robin, when there is a tie between two or more teams and it is necessary to resolve the tie shall be:

- (1) Winner of head to head competition (only with two teams)
- (2) Goal differential (Maximum of 4 goals/game)

Example:     9-0 = 4-0 (+4)  
                  8-1 = 5-1 (+4)  
                  2-4 = 2-4 (-2)

- (3) Least goals allowed (total of all 3 games)
- (4) Most goals scored (Maximum of 4 per game)
- (5) FIFA Kicks From the Penalty Mark (immediately following the round robin games)



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If FIFA *Kicks* have to be taken to resolve a three way tie, there will be a draw by the Region I ODP Tournament Committee. The first team drawn will receive the bye; the next team drawn will be the home team against the remaining team in the first contest of penalty kicks. The winner of the first contest will then compete against the bye team in penalty kicks to determine the group winner. The bye team will be the home team.

### E. RULES of PLAY

1. Except as otherwise provided herein, the rules of US Youth Soccer and the FIFA "Laws of the Game" shall apply.
2. Substitutions may be made at any stoppage of play during the game, with the consent of the referee.

#### **Special Instructions on Substitutions**

13 & 14 and under Teams shall be allowed unlimited substitutions in either half of the match up to their full game roster size of 18 players.

15, 16 & 17 and under Teams shall be allowed substitutions up to their full game roster size of **18 players, but no player re-entry allowed in each half.**

3. Game Report: Each team will be provided with three game reports during check in. The team must complete the Roster section of the Game Report for each game and present the Game Report to the Referee before the start of the match.

### F. GENERAL

1. The Region I ODP Tournament Committee's interpretation of the rules shall be final.
2. The Region I ODP Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to this Tournament.
3. There will be **NO** Protests.
4. All Tournament participants are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner throughout the Tournament. All Participants are subject to the terms of the US Youth Soccer Code of Conduct.