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Welcome to the Kansas Olympic Development Program (ODP) Newsletter.

Throughout the course of the upcoming year, this E-Newsletter will be sent out to all participating players in order to provide you with news and updates on the Kansas ODP program. If there are certain news or items of interest which you feel would benefit you or all participants of Kansas ODP, please feel free to e-mail suggestions and/or updates.

Thank you.

Mark Sheldon
Director of Coaching
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KANSAS '93 GOALKEEPER INVITED TO U18 US NATIONAL TEAM CAMP.

Emily Lillard, a Kansas ODP '93 Goalkeeper, was invited to attend the past two U18 Youth National Team training camps after being identified at the ODP National Championships in Frisco, Texas last March. After her brilliant play in between the pipes at the National ODP Championships while playing for the Kansas '92 Team, Emily was quickly called in to the April U18 National Team camp in California.

After the high school season, as Emily prepared to attend the Regional ODP Camp in DeKalb, she was called back in to attend the U18 National Team Camp in Colorado. The dates were the exact same as the Region 2 Camp, but obviously she was thrilled to be called back in to the National Team Camp.

As a '93 player, she is actually playing up with the U18s and she is still eligible to attend the U17 World Championships next summer. Only time will tell if she gets that wonderful opportunity or not. Good luck and Congratulations to Emily!!

The Kansas Olympic Development Program completed the past cycle year returning from the Region 2 Camps for both Boys (Rockford, IL) and Girls (DeKalb, IL) in the month of July. Overall, Kansas was a success in having players looked at and considered for the Region 2 Pools.

The following Boys (age group) were either held-over and/or named to the extended Regional Pool:

Daniel Chance (92)
Jon Kankam (92)
Seo H Kim (92)
Doug Stevenson (92)
Nicholas McDonald (92)
Samuel McCrillis (92)
Edgar Anima (93)
Nicholas Besler (93)
Tyler Dixon (93)
Tyler Drumm (93)
Ari Velasquez (93)
Ryan Schmidt (93)
Trevor Pentola (93)
Christopher Nothnick (94)
Matthew Hamm (94)
John Lujano (94)
Alexander Richt (95)
Seo In Kim (95)
Cole Stevenson (96Y)

The following Girls (age group) were either held-over and/or named to the extended Regional Pool:

Taylor Isenhower (90/91 Invite)
Karoline Castor (90/91 Invite)
Selby Polley (90/91 Invite)
Ashley Catrell (92)
Kelsey Lyden (92)
Frances Silva (92)
Emily Lillard (93)
Erin Mitchell (94)
Sydney Miramontez (94)

Congratulations to all the players for representing Kansas with distinction at the Region 2 ODP Camps.

A RENEWED VISION

Kansas ODP has changed its structure and process slightly this year in order to address the needs of its participants. For more detailed information about the changes, please visit our website at [Kansas ODP News and Info](#).

One of the changes this year is holding of tryouts for the selection age groups. There are two tryout dates - the first was held on Saturday, August 8 - the second is on Saturday, November 14

at the TRYSA Soccer Complex in Emporia, Kansas. All REGISTERED players are encouraged to attend BOTH tryouts. If you missed the first one, you can still register and attend the second tryout in November. Each gender has two training times for the tryout date. GIRLS Tryout times: 9 AM - 10:30 AM and 1:15 - 2:45 PM. BOYS Tryout times: 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM and 3:00 - 4:30 PM. To REGISTER online, visit our website at [Kansas ODP Registration](#).

Another change this year is having Local "Centers of Excellence" (C of E) Academy trainings throughout designated areas of the state to make it more convenient for travel and expenses. The four designated areas are:

1. Wichita (Southlakes Soccer Complex)
2. Topeka (Sunflower Soccer Complex)
3. Salina (Salina Soccer Complex)
4. KC (Overland Park Soccer Complex)

There will be two scheduled trainings in September and two trainings in October for the younger age groups (96, 97, and 98+ Boys & Girls) at each C of E Academy. If you have already registered for Kansas ODP, an e-mail was sent out on Saturday, August 15 asking you to choose which C of E you will attend in the fall. To view a calendar of the dates and times for each C of E Academy trainings in September and October, visit our website at [Girls ODP Calendar](#); [Boys ODP Calendar](#). If you get a monthly view, please click on "Agenda" to get a list view for the fall.

If you are not a REGISTERED player in ODP yet, you still have time to REGISTER. By registering a week prior to the first training at any C of E Academy, you can still attend the trainings and tryouts.

Any questions, please contact the Director of Coaching for Kansas Youth Soccer - Mark Sheldon - at 913-782-6434 ext. 502.

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