

Greetings Parents and players,

If you have properly Registered and Paid for your child to attend 2025-2026 Cal North ODP Tryouts, this letter should cover all the details for July 20<sup>th</sup>. All communications will be via TeamSnap, so make sure your computer is set to accept emails from that platform. If you have properly registered your player, you will receive an email from TeamSnap, please make sure to check your spam/junk folders if you feel you missed it. ODP Tryout registration will not close until September, so there is plenty of time to still register.

#### Coach Recommendation:

**IF** your child requires a "Coach Recommendation" we will reach out to you if one has not been completed. Otherwise, you can assume it has been received. Please do not contact us for additional confirmation. The coach that enters your recommendation will receive a confirmation you can contact them. If you have any questions regarding the Coach Recommendation process, please refer to the ODP Tryout page: <a href="https://www.calnorth.org/odp-tryouts">https://www.calnorth.org/odp-tryouts</a>.

If your child was on the 2024-2025 State ODP Pool you do not need a recommendation (Boys and Girls official pools are posted at the bottom of this page: https://www.calnorth.org/olympic-development-program)

ODP Tryouts will begin on Sunday, July 20th and this email will contain specific information for those who are able to attend the first weekend. If you are unable to attend the July 20th session, no problem we will look for you in August. However, if you could please take a moment to complete the Absent Form, the coaches would appreciate it. 2025-2026 Player Absent Form

# <u>IMPORTANT</u>:

Weather-Extreme Heat Policy: ODP will be relying on the recommendations of US Soccer that we have posted on the Cal North website regarding extreme heat.

https://www.calnorth.org/health-safety-protocols

Please make sure your player has a LARGE water bottle.

For those who bring canopies, they MUST be anchored at all times. No exceptions.

For those attending on July 20th, please review the details below:

**SESSION SCHEDULES:** Mistlin Sports Park | 1201 River Rd. Ripon, 95366

Field Assignments will be posted at Headquarters for the first try-out session.

<u>ODP Tryout Schedule\*</u>- (Players can attend both or either session-No reservations required) **Girls:** 9:00-10:30 and 1:00-2:30 | 1st time check in, opens 1 hr. prior to each session time (8:00/12:00)

**Boys:** 11:00-12:30 and 3:00-4:30 | 1<sup>st</sup> time check in, opens 1 hr. prior to session time (10:00/2:00) \*Players are welcome attend either or both sessions, your choice. It is NOT Mandatory to attend all sessions, but required to attend at least (ONE) session to make the team.

One Session= A "90 minute" session on the schedule.

# All Player Check-In: (location: HQ on the map)

All players (including GK's) must check-in before their first try-out session. **You only check in ONE time**. What will happen at Check-In?

- Check-In spot (HQ) is posted on the <u>Field Map</u>
- Check-in opens 1 hr. prior to each session, be patient this can be slow process.
- Every player will be cleared as properly registered and paid.
- Every player will need to bring their completed Medical Release to check in.
- Every player will be assigned a tryout/ODP number.
- Every player will receive a set of numbered Tryout tops (Nike Blue/Grey)
- A player will only "Check in" ONE time, for all subsequent sessions a player will report directly to the field assignment for their age/gender.
- Field Assignments will be posted at Headquarters.

Player Registration Name: We have some players who have been registered (by accident) under the wrong name (either first, last or both names). Please make sure you let me know in advance so I can make the changes in our database. If your child attempts to check in and their name is NOT on the check in roster the check in person look under the name of WHO actually entered the registration information. In the meantime, I am trying to get a resolution from TeamSnap on how these issues can be corrected in the platform.

<u>Medical Release:</u> The Medical release was available for download at the time of registration. If you missed downloading the form, you can access it below. Please print a copy (<u>full size</u>) complete the form and bring to tryouts. All players MUST (New and Returning) present this form to participate, No exceptions. Link:

<u>Medical Treatment Release (English/Spanish)</u>

<u>Tryout uniform</u>: Your try-out uniform (Jersey's) will be issued to you at Check-In. Your tops will reflect the number you are assigned at check in, and will be the way the staff identify with you during the try-out process. <u>DO NOT LOSE, GIVE AWAY OR MISPLACE YOUR SHIRTS. YOU WILL NEED THESE FOR ALL TRYOUTS, FOR TRAINING SESSIONS AND FOR TRAVEL IF YOU ARE INVITED TO THE POOL. We cannot replace the shirts if lost or missing. (If lost you would have to purchase a new set with a New Number, and this can be problematic during the tryout process). Your first test is to keep track of your (2) Jerseys'!!! And <u>bring them (both) to all try-outs.</u> Black shorts are preferred but not required. White socks are preferred, but not required.</u>

## **ODP Goal Keepers**: (North of Field #6)

ODP Goal keepers will check in the same as all other players of their gender and age. They submit their medical release and then will report to the assigned field at the assigned time for Goalkeeping (please see below). This information will also be posted at Headquarters. Goalkeepers will be expected to attend the morning Goalkeeping sessions (as posted below) AND the field Sessions for their age/gender. (Ex: a 09G GK will report to the GK area at 9:00am and stay until 9:45am. At 9:45am she will then report to the field where her age group is conducting tryouts.)

Goalkeepers will attend the afternoon sessions with their age/gender groups (with field players), make sure you know the assigned field for your age/gender.

Keepers can only attend their assigned age group/gender time.

Time	Birth Years	Gender	Session Type	Where to Report
9:00 — 9:45 AM	2009 & 2010	Girls	GK Training	GK Training Area (designated goalkeeper zone)
	2011 & 2012			
9:45 – 10:30 AM	2013			
	2014			
11:00 – 11:45 AM	2009 & 2010	Boys	GK Training	GK Training Area (designated goalkeeper zone)
	2011 & 2012			
11:45 AM – 12:30 PM	2013			
	2014			
1:00 – 1:45 PM	2009 & 2010	Girls	Team Training	Assigned team field (keepers train with full squad)
	2011 & 2012			
1:45 – 2:30 PM	2013			
	2014			
3:00 – 3:45 PM	2009 & 2010	Boys	Team Training	Assigned team field (keepers train with full squad)
	2011 & 2012			
3:45 – 4:30 PM	2013			
	2014			

**Field Assignments:** We will not complete field assignments until very late in the week, just prior to the tryouts so we can establish the larger groups and where the best placement will be for all the groups.

What to bring to ODP Tryouts: All players will need to bring their own ball, large water bottle and wear shin guards and cleats. Bring both of your assigned jerseys to all tryouts (once you get them). <u>ALWAYS</u> BRING A BALL TO ALL ODP ACTIVITIES. (Mark it with your name).

The first part of the tryout process is being a "prepared" player. This is up to you, not your parents. Do you have your Water bottle? (you need to bring this to the field NOT have it delivered by a parent or sibling!) Do you have both Jerseys? Shin guards? Ball?

**Team Assignment in TeamSnap:** I have had a number of inquiries from parents asking about a team assignment in TeamSnap after the player is registered. Players will not be assigned until after the tryouts are concluded.

### **VERY IMPORTANT:**

**Field/Area Restrictions:** In order to make this process smoother, there are areas we ask that parents/spectators/siblings avoid during the try-out period, <u>please respect the restrictions</u>. I have also included the Field Map so you can review the areas parents must avoid. **Field Map** 

- Check in Desk Player's all know their own names and birthday. Please make sure they have their completed medical form. Player's only in the Check in area. This will be clearly defined and meant for all.
- LOWER FIELDS: (#1-8) Anywhere in the "bowl" area of fields 1-8. Parents should camp at the parking lot level only. Those choosing to sit in the areas between the Softball quad and fields are asked to respect the "Touch line" that will be placed there. We will be asking parents who choose to

sit in this area to move up higher if they inch their way into the bowl.

- UPPER FIELDS: (#9-12)- Parents should stay in the parking areas (Lot or Dirt), not on the grass, or sidewalks.
- <u>Behind any/all Goal areas</u> (please DO NOT put chairs on the sidewalks near the end of fields 9&10. Please do not camp behind any of the goal areas. Parents hanging around the goals areas will be asked to move.

The most stressful part of the day is the staff having to manage the "Restricted areas"! When you think no one is there to manage the spectators, that is when I get calls from the Head Coaches to please come deal with problems. Let's all please follow the policies so we can use all our manpower to make the day the very best it can be for the players'.

As always, we recommend checking the Cal North website to see if your questions can be answered there first. ODP: <a href="https://www.calnorth.org/odp-tryouts">https://www.calnorth.org/odp-tryouts</a>

If we failed to answer any of your questions please email: <a href="ODP@calnorth.org">ODP@calnorth.org</a>
Please reach out via email, rather than calling as this week is the busiest week for the entire year of the ODP program.

Thank You,
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