

Dear NorCal DOC's & Coaches,

2012 is just around the corner, and NorCal would like to clarify important points about the "Player Development Program" (PDP).

- Two Components of PDP
 - Program: Ongoing player pools
 - Player Identification: Event-specific
- Online Player Recommendations – Procedure & Timeline

Two Components

- **Program:** Players are invited to participate in Regional & State Pools. Players attend monthly trainings & games. For 2012:
 - Boys & Girls Regional Pool: 1999-2000-2001
 - Boys & Girls State Pool: 1998-few top 1999 (possibly 1997 at later time)
- **Player Identification Events:** Events are conducted in a try-out format (generally 1-2 days). Try-outs are specific to events such as the Id2, US Soccer Training Centers, College Day, etc.

More details: http://www.norcalpremier.com/docs/PDP_2012_Events.pdf

Online Player Recommendation Procedure

- The recommendation process will be submitted online.
- Only DOC and Coaches can make player recommendations
- PDP technical staff reviews recommendations for approval.
- Players will be notified of player status via email once the recommendation is accepted to a regional or state player pool
- Before a recommendation is denied, the PDP director will contact directly the coach

- Coaches and players can view regional or state pool rosters on the NorCal website as confirmation of player acceptance to a pool

Online Recommendation Timeline

Program – Regional Pools (ONLY): There are three planned time periods when recommendations will be accepted.

- Jan. 1st to Feb 8th
 - Apr. 2nd to Apr. 7th
 - July 27th to Aug. 3rd
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- NorCal will notify DOC's and Coaches of the recommendation period prior to & during each registration window.
 - No recommendation will be considered once the time window has passed.
 - These windows are ONLY for recommendations to Regional Pools

Program – State Pools: Ongoing recommendation throughout the year. Usually it's handled with a direct communication between the player's coach and PDP coaching staff before submitting the recommendation

Player Identification Events: Recommendations for events are generally accepted in the month prior to an event with the deadline set one week before the event date.

In closing, it is strongly recommended that all DOC's and Coaches visit the PDP section of the NorCal website for important information, updates to the program, and player rosters.

On behalf of the NorCal Board of Directors and the PDP Coaching Staff, I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

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