

# How Do TRYOUTS WORK?

## Local Tryouts

The first phase of the tryouts are held locally, in four locations across South Dakota. We have established tryout date weekends, and on those weekends, we will have a tryout session in one city on a Saturday, and then another tryout session in a different city on Sunday of the same weekend. There are several reasons for this tryout philosophy:

- Minimize travel and accommodation costs;
- Introduce ODP to more players in state;
- Reduce stress in an already stressful situation.

At the conclusion of the tryouts in November and December state staff will select players to train in age group pools through the spring to allow for development and to access player talents in the pool setting. All of the players selected for the pool training will attend the indoor trainings and tournaments, two spring training sessions, and sub-regional outdoor events. The state teams that will represent South Dakota at the ODP camp will be chosen from the age group pools.

## The Tryout Process

Each player that attends the tryout process will pay a one time fee of \$60. We encourage players to attend more than one tryout and will ask all players to come back to the final tryout date so we can see all age group talent in one setting. The majority of the tryouts are spent playing small-sided games (4v4, 5v5, etc.).

These small-sided games are the coaching staff's primary evaluation tool. Player evaluation sheets are distributed to the staff listing only the player's name and age. Players are evaluated on their performance in the small-sided games that are played that day in a number of categories including, but not limited to, quality of first touch, individual skill, passing and receiving abilities, and physical attributes.

Upon completion of the small-sided games, the coaching staff meets to compare player notes. This process will continue throughout November and December and final decisions on players that make the age group pools will be done at the last tryout/training in December.

# SD ODP TRYOUTS SCHEDULE

The following schedule will be used at each of the local tryouts venues.\*\*

## 94/95/96/97/98/99 Tryouts Schedule

### October 23/24 - Rapid City, SD

Tryout Session 1: Check the website for times and locations  
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Tryout Session 2: Check the website for times and locations  
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### November 6/7 - Sioux Falls, SD

Tryout Session 1: Check the website for times and locations  
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Tryout Session 2: Check the website for times and locations  
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### November 20/21 - Aberdeen, SD

Tryout Session 1: Check the website for times and locations  
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Tryout Session 2: Check the website for times and locations  
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### December 4/5 - Pierre, SD

Tryout Session 1: Check the website for times and locations  
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Tryout Session 2: Check the website for times and locations  
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# SD ODP TRAINING SCHEDULE

The following schedule will be used at each of the local tryouts venues:\*\*

## 94/95/96/97/98/99 Training Schedule

### January 29/30 - Chamberlain, SD

Training Session 1: Check the website for times and locations  
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Training/ Session 2: Check the website for times and locations  
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### February 26/27 - Chamberlain, SD

Training Session 1: Check the website for times and locations  
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Training/ Session 2: Check the website for times and locations  
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### March 19/20 - Chamberlain, SD

Training Session 1: Check the website for times and locations  
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Training/ Session 2: Check the website for times and locations  
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### May 21/22 - Pierre, SD

Training Session 1: Check the website for times and locations  
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Training/ Session 2: Check the website for times and locations  
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# POTENTIAL STATE ODP EVENTS

- DASC Indoor tourney
- Wyoming ODP event (last week of January)
- Wisconsin event (February time frame)
- Nebraska Freeze event (early in January)

# STATE CAMP

Location TBD  
Dates: June 28-30

\*\* Check out [www.sdodp.com](http://www.sdodp.com) for more specific information

