

# IL ODP 2025/26

WELCOME TO THE  
OLYMPIC  
DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM



# MY ODP STORY - HARRY SHIPP

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# INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

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**The Olympic Development Program in Illinois has been administered by Illinois Youth Soccer since 1975**

Illinois Youth Soccer is one of the 54 US Soccer and US Youth Soccer State Associations that the US Soccer Federation authorizes to conduct the Olympic Development Program to identify and provide opportunities for high-potential players, facilitate their development, expose them to the next level of their chosen pathway, and motivate their pursuit of excellence.

# OUR MISSION

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**The IYSA Olympic Development Program strives to:**

... develop players of the highest caliber on a continuing and consistent basis by providing exceptional practice sessions conducted by professional coaches. The ODP program aims to identify players who will represent their state, region, and, eventually, the United States in soccer competitions.

# PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

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- ❑ **Support Individual Development** - Focus on all phases and areas of development \*

SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT

EMOTIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT

LANGUAGE  
DEVELOPMENT

COGNITIVE  
DEVELOPMENT

PHYSICAL  
DEVELOPMENT

- ❑ **Evaluate and Identify Players** - From the beginning of the winter training, coaches take notes and assess

# PROGRAM PROCESS

## ODP PATHWAY

PHASE 1



STATE TEAM

\*TRY OUT FOR YOUR STATE TEAM



PHASE 2



ID EVENTS

\*REGIONAL TEAMS SELECTED



PHASE 3



INTERREGIONALS

\*NATIONAL TEAMS SELECTED



PHASE 4



NATIONAL SELECT TEAMS

\*INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

**IDENTIFYING**

**MONITORING**

**SELECTION**

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE XX PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE XX PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE



# PROGRAM PROGRESS

2008  
**MIDWEST ODP TEAM SELECTIONS**

**BOYS**

MAX GONZALEZ  
ALEXANDER PRETNIK  
EVAN RYDER

**GIRLS**

CATHERINE CARTER  
AVA FEIGL  
ELLIANA RIDDLE

YOUR SKILLS. YOUR GAME. YOUR NAME.

2010  
**MIDWEST ODP TEAM SELECTIONS**

**BOYS**

KACPER GUCWA  
CALEB KIM  
IAN SALAY  
GAVIN SNIDER

**GIRLS**

ARIANA GLAVATSKY  
BROOKE LOUDERMILK  
HATTIE MENDELKE  
ALEXA PATEL  
KENZIE SZCZEROWSKI

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2012 OLDER  
**MIDWEST ODP TEAM SELECTIONS**

**BOYS**

FILIP FILIPOWICZ  
RONAN JOHNSON  
CHARLES KUNG  
REID LANG

**GIRLS**

DANIELLE BABCOCK  
TAYLOR HWAN

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2013 OLDER  
**MIDWEST ODP TEAM SELECTIONS**

**BOYS**

LOGAN AUSTIN  
COLIN MCDONALD  
DOMINIK REJDAK  
BENJAMIN SOLIZ

**GIRLS**

RYERSON LUNDY  
MELANIE MENDOZA  
MONSERRAT ORTIZ  
ROWAN STREDE

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2009  
**MIDWEST ODP TEAM SELECTIONS**

**BOYS**

ADRIAN HERNANDEZ  
BRAYDEN MOONEY  
KALE SYZDEK

**GIRLS**

ALAINA CHANDOLA  
CHARLIE EASTLAND

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2011  
**MIDWEST ODP TEAM SELECTIONS**

**BOYS**

ORLANDO HERNANDEZ  
JAYDEN SERRANO  
FINLEY WEGER

**GIRLS**

PEYTON LEFLER  
ARIANA WILLIAMS

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2012 YOUNGER  
**MIDWEST ODP TEAM SELECTIONS**

**BOYS**

HARLAND SCHMITT

**GIRLS**

FAITH GREEN  
ZOEY JACOBS  
CAMILLA KETONEN  
CALLEY MITTMAN  
MOLLY WILKINSON  
MACKENZIE YBARRA

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2013 YOUNGER  
**MIDWEST ODP TEAM SELECTIONS**

**BOYS**

MIGUEL ALCANTAR  
JAXON ANDERSON  
EDUARDO INIGUEZ  
OSO REYES  
DANE SWANSON  
THEODORE THORPE

**GIRLS**

CABRINA ADAMS  
ELISABELLA PAREDES

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47 Illinois Players  
Selected in 2024

54 Illinois Players  
Selected in 2025



# PROGRAM PROGRESS

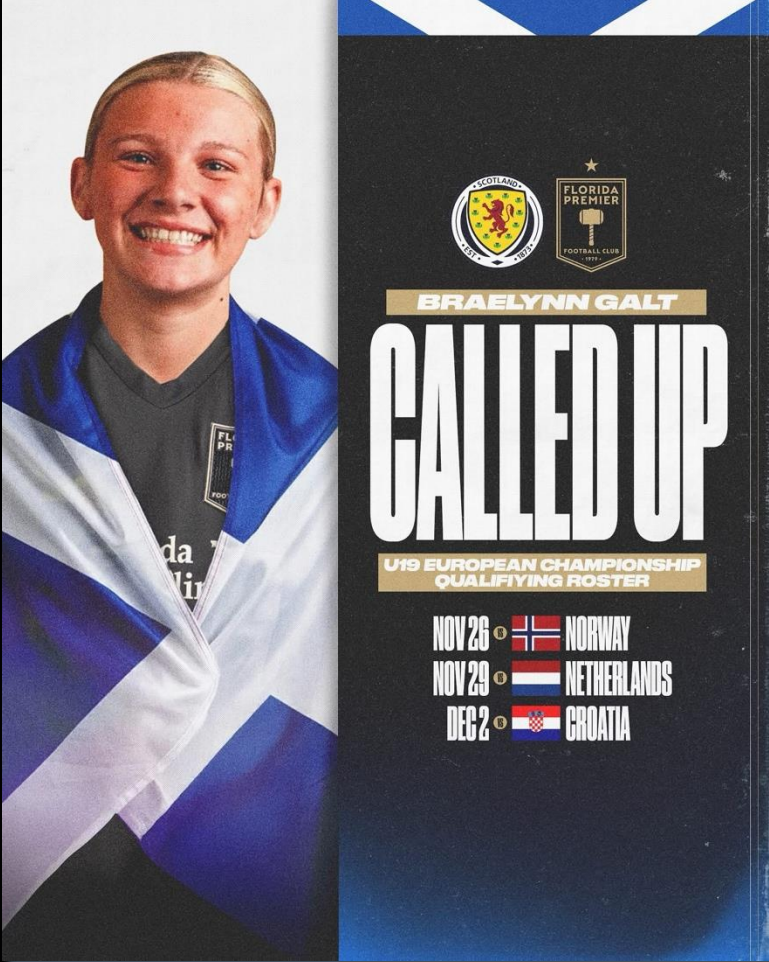
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## *OFFICIAL US SOCCER TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM*



# COACHING STAFF

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- 18 Regional Staff Coaches
- 8 Regional Head Coaches
- 2 Regional Goalkeeper Coaches
- 2 National Select Team Coaches
- 4 Talent Reporters and USSF Scouts
  
- D1 D2 D3 NAIA
- Former Professional Players and Coaches

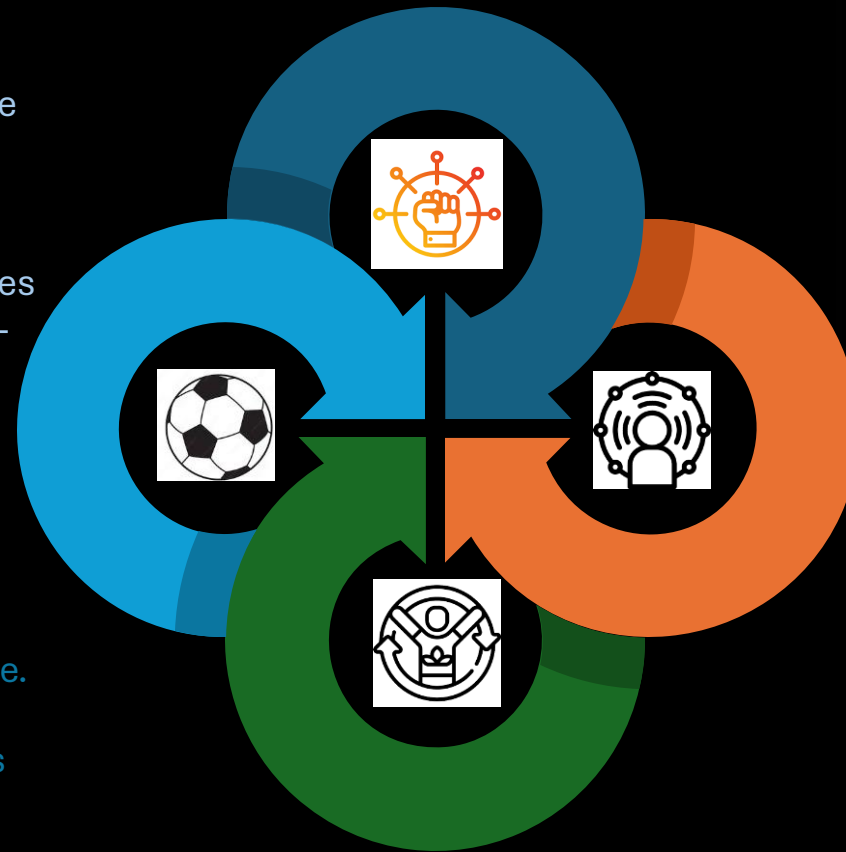
# IL ODP WAY - COACHING PHILOSOPHY

## AUTONOMY SUPPORT

- Embrace the player's perspective.
- Provide opportunities for players to take the initiative and make their own decisions.
- Empower the players to take ownership of their learning process
- Provide the player choices and opportunities for collaboration with other players (player-driven)
- Provide a rationale for decisions (player & coach)

## EXPERIENTIAL

- Learning starts from the player's experience.
- Utilize analysis and organize mutual reflection on experience to support players in sharing learning with each other.
- Provide process and solution-focused feedback.



## REALITY-BASED

- The game is a starting point to develop the player's perception, decision-making, and execution.
- Provide learning experiences to the player through recognizable training sessions.
- Take the player's developmental stage and the context as the basis for learning.

## HOLISTIC

- Promote health, emotional and social, and the well-being of the player
- Develop attitudes and social skills
- Inquire about and acknowledge players' feelings
- Connect all areas of development (person and player)

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**Facilitate a learning environment** where players will experience **challenging** game situations (current behavior) and develop the ability to find and apply solutions (desired behavior)

# IL ODP WAY - COACHING PHILOSOPHY

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The game is **ever changing** and **unpredictable** by nature and therefore no situation is the exact same

Players constantly need to **anticipate** and **adapt** their soccer actions to **ever changing** and **unpredictable situations**

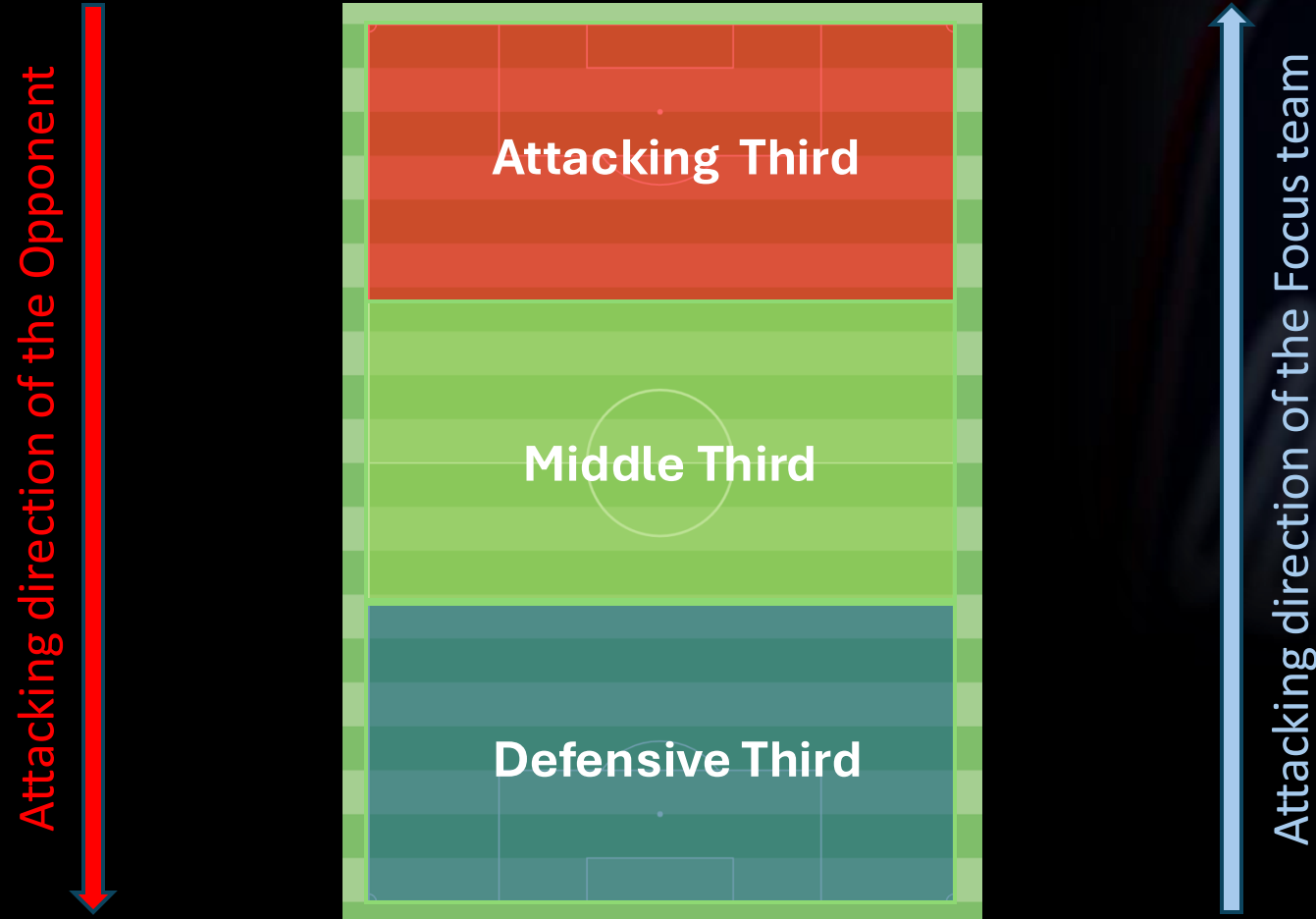
We create an environment in the training session where players **experience ever changing** and **unpredictable situations** to learn how to **anticipate** and **adapt** their soccer actions which will provide a **transfer** back to the game

# IL ODP WAY - CURRICULUM AND TERMINOLOGY OVERVIEW



- ❑ **US Soccer position names and associated numbers.**
  - Position-specific roles and player responsibilities based on the 1-4-3-3 formation in the 11 vs. 11 game.

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Attacking in the Att 3rd  
TS #6

Attacking in the Mid 3rd  
TS #3

Attacking in the Def 3rd  
TS #1



Defending in the Att 3rd  
TS #2

Defending in the Mid 3rd  
TS #4

Defending in the Def 3rd  
TS #5

# IL ODP WAY - GAME MODEL AND METHODOLOGY OVERVIEW

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# IL ODP WAY - PROGRAM PROCESS

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- ❑ Players begin by participating in winter training sessions and friendly events.
- ❑ Friendly events provide coaches with further evaluation opportunities of players; rosters from these events are **NOT final**.
- ❑ Multiple teams from the same age group can be created for friendly events, allowing more players to showcase their skills.
- ❑ **The Final State Team Rosters** (*State Team Player Recognition\**) will be provided after winter training, and we intend to create teams from each age group\*: 18 players on each roster for the 11 vs 11 game format and 16 players for the 9 vs 9 game format (each roster includes two goalkeepers\*)
- ❑ **"Top Performers"** (*based on our evaluation and assessment criteria\**) will receive an invitation to the Midwest Regional Camp (July 2026 in Rockford)
- ❑ **No written evaluations** at the end of the program. **Formative feedback\*** will be provided to players during training sessions and other interactions.

# IL ODP WAY - EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT CRITERIA



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## GAME UNDERSTANDING AND DECISION-MAKING

READ SITUATIONS, ANTICIPATE AND MAKE QUICK DECISIONS UNDER PRESSURE

## TECHNICAL EXECUTION

BALL MASTERY AND SKILLS UNDER PRESSURE

## PHYSICAL EXECUTION

MOVEMENT SKILLS AND FITNESS

## GROWTH MINDSET AND WINNING MENTALITY

CONTINUOUS DRIVE TO WIN AND IMPROVE

## RESPONSIBILITY AND INITIATIVE (SELF-REGULATION)

RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE'S OWN LEARNING, DEVELOPMENT AND PERFORMANCE

## LEARNING ABILITY

CAPACITY TO ADAPT TO A HIGHER LEVEL

# IL ODP WAY - PLAYER BOX MENTALITY



# IL ODP WAY - THERE IS NO FAILURE, THERE IS ONLY FEEDBACK!



- ❑ Giving **formative feedback** during a soccer training session is crucial for an ODP player's development.
- ❑ Formative feedback refers to feedback provided during a learning process (training) to help our ODP players improve.
- ❑ It's given while a player is still involved during the session, allowing them to make adjustments, refine their understanding, or correct mistakes.
- ❑ Feedback will be:
  - Timely - During the session
  - Actionable - Suggestions
  - Supportive - Growth

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## ❑ Expectations for Parents of an ODP Player

- Help your child set realistic goals for the ODP process
- Help your child understand the “Process of Identification.”
- Help your children learn the importance of receiving constructive feedback.
- Help your children understand that a “NO” does not mean never
- Help your children understand that a well-rounded player can have more opportunities than those who play only one position
- After ODP events, help create a healthy environment during the car ride home.

## ❑ Logistics/General Questions

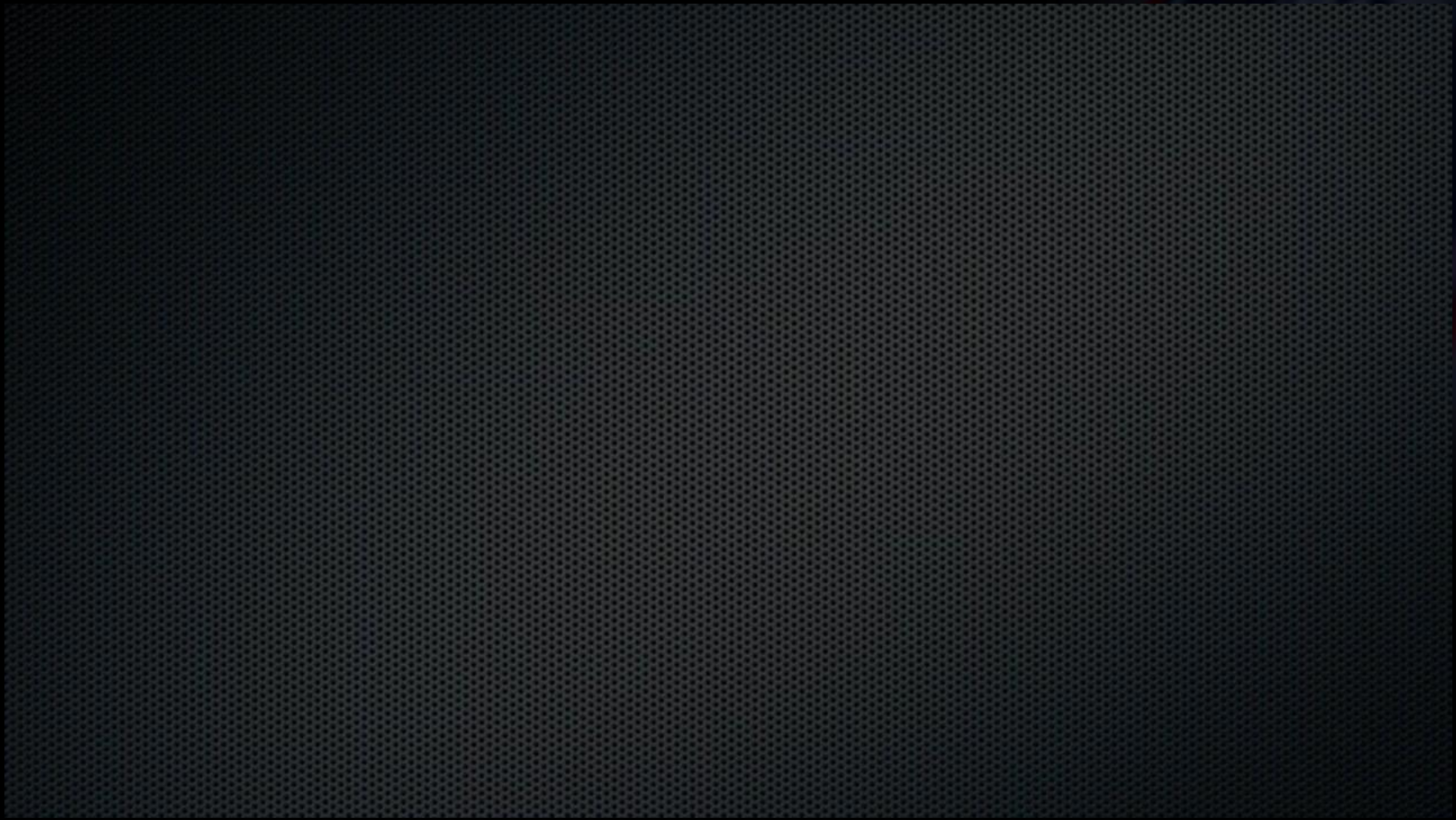
- Can you discover the answer before you ask the question?

## ❑ Development Questions

- Use resources given by Illinois Youth Soccer to answer the following:
  - a. What can I do to help my child improve? (Utilize off field areas such as mindset development and self – talk)
  - b. How is my player progressing? (Relate this to how the player reflects and what might be a specific area of growth)

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## ❑ Expectations for an ODP Player

- Players should reflect following a training session to determine what they should do for the next session. See the Stop Light Reflection Model below:



What should I stop doing?

What should I continue to do?

What should I start doing?

# CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

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# THANK YOU!