



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FROM THE
US YOUTH SOCCER
Olympic Development Program - BOYS COMMITTEE**

GENERAL SCOPE: The US Youth Soccer Boys ODP Committee requests proposals for an international soccer trip of about 8 days to one foreign country for its Olympic Development Program boys born in the 1995 year, with the preferred time for the trip to be late February – early March 2011.

OBJECTIVE: To provide an international soccer experience in 2011 for US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program Boys born in the 1995 year. By traveling to a foreign country, the players will have the opportunity to experience a different soccer style and cultural experience. It is imperative that the most competitive matches are arranged for this experience to be considered successful.

BASE PARAMETERS:

A. This is to be an event held in one foreign country and will be attended by four (4) regional teams made up of 1995 age boys: one team from each of its Regions I, II, III, and IV. The team from each region is to play 4 matches, for a total of 16 matches to be played between Sunday and Sunday of a week to be determined. The preferred time of the event would be late February – early March 2011, although other dates will be evaluated by the Committee.

B. Each regional team consists of approximately 18 players and 5 adult team officials. There could be a plus or minus factor with each team depending on the number of coaches and team officials that choose to attend. Final rosters for each region will be provided 30 days in advance of departure. Each team should have one translator for the duration of the trip. This individual should meet the team at the airport and travel with the team to all matches.

C. Proposals are to be received no later than July 31, 2010. Electronic submission is preferred; please send by email to rmartella@usyouthsoccer.org. If submitting hard copy, please submit 6 copies of your proposal by mail or courier service to Rob Martella, US Youth Soccer, 9220 World Cup Way, Frisco, TX 75034. Proposals will be reviewed and sent to the Olympic Development Program – Boys Committee who will evaluate each proposal and select the winning proposal by the first week of September 2010. The selected provider will be notified by the second week of September 2010 by email and telephone. A performance bond will be required for the timetable as noted in this request.

D. Please use the following guidelines when submitting your proposal. Each area must be addressed in your proposal for full consideration. Additional information related to area specific guideline must be contained in the appropriate area.

MATCHES: The level of competition needs to be indicated in a way the Committee can fairly evaluate the play (division / league/ record / credentials / notable players) to be included, if possible. Game schedule will be delivered ____ days (decided by the submitting organization) before the start of the competition (but this must be provided at least 7 days before the first match).

HOTELS: Each player will have his own bed; there is no sharing of beds by any of the players. The number of rooms required depends on the number of beds per room. Availability (and cost) of internet access at the hotel must be provided. If no internet access at the hotel is available, indicate the nearest access point. Hotel information will be provided 60 days prior to the event.

MEALS: Three meals per day are the minimum expectation. If matches are arranged at a time when meals will not be consistently taken, pre-game and post-game meals or snacks are required. Drinks at meals are to be outlined, e.g. if bottled water is to be provided, this should be noted. It is important to state the type of meal that will be provided for each meal, i.e. plated or buffet style.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES: Indicate the availability of professional soccer matches in the area and the possibility of attending one or more of these matches during the event. List the cost for attending any professional soccer matches. Outline the types of sightseeing and other activities that could be available to the teams. Provide approximate costs for each activity suggested.

LAUNDRY: Please indicate how daily team uniform and training gear laundry will be completed: returned the same day, or 24-hour turn around, etc. The proposal needs to specifically indicate the cost and availability of the laundry services to each regional team.

MEDICAL CARE: Distance to the nearest hospital from each match site is to be included. Additionally, a plan is to be outlined to ensure the safe transportation to the hospital if needed and how the player or team official requiring hospital care and team representative will be returned to the host hotel when appropriate. Ice is an important component for use after training sessions and matches, please include in your proposal an outline of the availability of ice for treatment of injuries to players after training sessions and matches.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION: Outline the type of bus to be used for each event on the schedule and highlight any time a bus will be shared with another region or team. Explain the availability of the bus for each region on a daily basis, e.g. matches, sightseeing, etc.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Proposals can be submitted in two formats:

- 1- Total package = include all airfares and all land costs. This proposal should include the costs of airfares from most of the major airports in the USA to the destination airport.

- 2- Land only costs (per player or coach) = this proposal will allow the regions to determine their own airfare costs and have a guaranteed land only cost for each player.

FEES: (1) Outline and provide specific costs for any entry, exit or visas that will be part of entry into the foreign country. (2) Provide a real cost that will be charged for referees at all matches. (3) List all field costs that will be charged, training, matches, etc. (If these are part of the land package costs-specifically indicate if this is the case)

COACH / PARENT PACKAGE: We would like to have a separate package (land only and/or air and land) to market to potential college coaches and parents who might be interested in attending the event. A hotel separate from the team hotels and an extra activity package (sightseeing, museums, etc.) should be part of your proposal.

EXTRAS / OTHER INFORMATION: Please indicate any other information specific to the proposal you are submitting that will be important for the Committee to evaluate during its deliberations.

*A performance bond of \$4,000 will be held from the initial deposit and returned after the trip based on overall tour operation performance.