

WHAT IS THE OVR NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (NTDP) WITH THE ALL-STAR TEAMS?

Why was the name changed from High Performance to National Team Development Program?

At the national level, there was a need to improve alignment across all of their performance-oriented programs to have a more explicit connection between the high potential youth development programs and the national teams. It is important to understand that this whole program is about improving the quality and quantity of high potential players that can someday contribute to the sustained competitive excellence of the USA national teams. The National Team Development Program (NTDP) will do things differently and start fresh, with a new name and rebrand, affording the chance to define ourselves more clearly.

What is NTDP at the National Level?

At the national level, the mission of the NTDP is to identify, recruit, and accelerate the development of high potential junior volleyball players for the ultimate purpose of strengthening the national team programs to achieve sustained competitive excellence.

For boys, athletes will begin being selected in the U16 age group, while for girls this selection will begin taking place in the U15 age group. Athletes will be selected to NTDP training and competition events via a newly developed, nationwide scouting network. The NTDP Scouting Network will comprise some of the most highly respected collegiate coaches and recruiters from around the country. NTDP Scouts will be responsible for seeking out and evaluating athletes at qualifiers, bid events, and high school/club tournaments across the United States. This will be a comprehensive and coordinated effort focused on finding the very best young volleyball players in the country. For information at the national level: <https://usavolleyball.org/play/national-team-development-program/>

What is OVR NTDP?

At the regional level, the OVR works together with the national level NTDP. The OVR is working on sponsoring camps and clinics, and forms teams for the All-Star Championships in the summer. The OVR selects volleyball All-Stars via tryouts to represent the region and compete in the international tournament. One of the goals of the OVR NTDP is to have more OVR athletes be recognized by the national Scouting Network.

Why compete at the All-Star Championships?

It is an opportunity for the best players in the OVR to play *together* against some of the best players in the country. The OVR believes in giving great opportunities to the athletes in the region and to compete at this elite level. OVR All-Star athletes will have an increased opportunity to be seen by the Scouting Network. This is the only tournament in the country which faces best vs. best via Region vs. Region. At the national level, the NTDP will not be having tryouts for teams in the All-Star Championships, as USAV High Performance had done in the past. All athletes can only compete for their region. The national program will not be forming teams for the All-Star Championships.

Why play on the OVR All-Star team?

Junior athletes are given the fantastic opportunity to be coached by some of the top coaches in the region. Playing for and learning from college and high-level coaches is incredibly valuable for a young player. The All-Star Championships also act as an additional opportunity for players with collegiate aspirations to showcase their abilities.

When are the OVR All-Star teams selected?

The OVR All-Star teams are selected from tryouts within the OVR. Tryouts for boys are in February and for girls in February-April. The teams are formed after the tryouts are completed.

When do the OVR All-Star teams practice and compete?

The OVR All-Star travel teams practice at a 2-3 day camp in mid-July. The only competition event for the teams is the All-Star Championships in July, which moves around the country each year.

