



## 2008 Region IV Boys ODP Camp Linfield College, McMinnville, OR



<b>Cycle 1</b>	<b>June 25-June 30</b>	<b>U13</b>
<b>Cycle 2</b>	<b>July 1-July 6</b>	<b>U14, U13 holdovers</b>
<b>Cycle 3</b>	<b>July 7-July 12</b>	<b>U15, U14 holdovers</b>
<b>Cycle 4</b>	<b>July 13-July 18</b>	<b>U16, U15 holdovers</b>
<b>Cycle 5</b>	<b>July 19-July 24</b>	<b>U17, U16 holdovers</b>

The Boys ODP camp provides a unique opportunity for referees to hone their skills in a relaxed but focused setting and to receive mentoring throughout each five-day cycle. The camp is located at Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon, approximately thirty-five miles southwest of Portland.

Residents are housed in a college dormitory with all meals at an adjacent cafeteria. The all-you-can-eat meals offer a rich array of healthy foods. Snacks are also available during the evening. McMinnville is a small, quiet town in the summer but it offers plenty of nearby entertainment, several quality restaurants, and a safe, relaxing environment. There is limited time to enjoy the off-campus amenities but all of them are within easy walking distance.

The daily schedule, subject to the dictum of "modify and adjust," runs something like this:

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Participants</b>
7 am	Breakfast	All camp attendees as group
8:30 am – 10 am	Referee classroom training	
10:15 am – 11:45 am	Referee field training	
12 pm – 12:45 pm	Lunch	All referees as group
1 pm – 2:30 pm	Afternoon matches #1	All referees
2:30 pm – 4 pm	Afternoon matches #2	All referees
4 pm – 5 pm	Rest / free time	All camp attendees
5 pm – 6:15 pm	Dinner	All camp attendees
7 pm – 8:30 pm	Invitational Match	All camp attendees
8:30 pm – 9 pm	Debrief invitational match	Referee team / camp attendees
9 pm – 10:30 pm	Free Time	
10:30 pm	Lights Out	

Generally, each referee will work two or three games per day, depending on the demands of the camp. All referees will need to arrive fit, because the heat, mental exertion, pace of the game, and level of play are far greater than many referees face at

home. The focus of the week is soccer, improving the referee performance without outside distractions. Expect the camp to be run like an academy, where the referees eat together, go to the fields together, and socialize together. Instruction and Assessments will be given to each participant at camp. Professionalism defines everything that we do at camp; so all referees are expected to arrive with a full kit, 3-stripe and logo socks, and a soccer-related polo shirt. Conservative dress is expected at all times. Bring extra money should you want to shop or dine out on occasion.

Many referees can coordinate their arrival with State ODP teams that fly into Portland and then bus to McMinnville. Alternatively, referees can also drive to Linfield College, readily visible on the left shortly after passing the town center. All referees should plan to arrive between 1:00 and 3:00pm in order to get settled and to attend the opening session that begins around 4:00pm. The College will provide pillows and blankets, but referees must bring their own towels and sheets. Referees are also advised to bring hangers for their closet and a small fan, if available (there is no air conditioning). At the end of the ODP camp in late August, the referees will receive a stipend for each cycle in attendance. The fee is \$30.00 a day, meals and lodging.

The referee mentor/administrators for Boys ODP camp is Christel Yant. Christel is the Region IV Referee Administrator and is a State referee, State instructor, State assessor and assignor. Referees attending the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle will also have an outstanding developmental opportunity – FIFA Futsal Referee Shane Butler will be in residence. Shane brings extensive professional level and youth experience, as well as a great teaching style.

The goal is to have 15 resident referees in camp each cycle, balanced among the states of Region IV. Applications are available on the Region IV website. It is advisable that referees apply early, as resident spots will fill up.