



"It Starts with Coaches"

ODP Coach Development Program

Coaches play an incremental role in the lives of the athletes they train, both in terms of sport development and in providing the opportunity to learn life lessons through sport. As such, providing opportunities for professional development in the area of coaching has become a focus for the Olympic Development Department. In 2012, the Olympic Development Department and USAWP will be launching the *It Starts with Coaches* Initiative. This initiative is designed to connect ODP and the National Teams to the USAWP Club Coaches by creating opportunities to openly share the ODP and National Team standards and practices. One unique aspect about the initiative is that a set of explicit standards and practices will be established for age group specific development.

ODP will be conducting Coaches Clinics at each 2012 ODP Zone/Region Evaluation Camp. The clinic will be for eight hours and coaches will get an introduction to the ODP methods through classroom sessions and interactive observation of the technical stations at the ODP Evaluation Camp. The Coaches Clinics are directed by members of the National Teams Coaches. The Coaches Clinics are an excellent opportunity to learn and interact directly with the top coaches in our country and get an on the deck look at the ODP system.

Each coach will receive the official ODP Coaches Clinic Manual and an ODP T-shirt. The cost of the clinic is \$25 for the materials provided. Please go to the USAWP website at www.usawaterpolo.org and click on the ODP icon, coaches development, for more information and sign up registration.

Clinics are open to Everyone. You do NOT have to be a USAWP member to attend.

Midwest Zone Clinics

Date: January 22, 2012
Location: Fenwick HS: 505 W. Washington Blvd, Oak Park, IL 60302
Times: 7:30am – 3:30pm
Instructor: USA Men's Youth National Team Head Coach, Jason Lynch (This clinic will be run in conjunction with the ODP Boy Evaluation Camp)

Date: February 11, 2012
Location: East Lansing HS: 509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823
Times: 11:30am – 7:30pm
Instructor: USA Women's Youth National Team Assistant Coach and Olympic Silver Medalist, Alison Gregorka (This clinic will be run in conjunction with the ODP Girls Evaluation Camp)