



QUICK FACTS: id²

Established in 2004, US Club Soccer's id² national identification and development program provides an ongoing opportunity for the country's top youth talent to be identified and developed for possible inclusion in U.S. Soccer's National Team programs. **There is no cost to the player to be recommended or scouted for the id² program.**

CURRENT id² PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

Scouting and player recommendations:

- 1998-99 boys Player recommendations accepted / scouting through id² Training Camp dates
- 1995-98 girls Player recommendations accepted / scouting through id² Training Camp dates

From the id² player pool, approximately 60 boys and 60 girls will be invited to attend each id² Training Camp in the 2011-12. Specific dates and locations of the id² Training Camps will be announced shortly.

Additionally, US Club Soccer will hold an id² National Training Camp for 1995-96 girls in early 2012, which will take place in conjunction with the Elite Clubs National League (ECNL).

id² TRAINING CAMPS:

id² Training Camps are invitation-only events that bring together the nation's top male and female youth players for four days of competition, evaluation and fun. U.S. Soccer National Team staff, some of the nation's top coaches as well as elite guest coaches and players attend id² Training Camps. In addition to the on-field sessions, id² Training Camps feature guest speakers, lectures/classroom sessions and other offerings, which make for a complete experience.

PROCESS:

- **Recommendation/Identification:** Any coach is able to recommend qualified players with national team potential for inclusion in the id² program by using the [Online Player Recommendation Form](#). These player recommendations supplement US Club Soccer's own scouting process that utilizes a network of key scouts at the organization's National Cup Regionals and Finals, during league play and at various other events and tournaments throughout the country.
- **Evaluation/Scouting:** Recommended and identified players are considered for potential inclusion into a corresponding id² Training Camp.
- **Invitation:** Selected elite players are invited to one of several id² Training Camps.
- **Participation:** Selected elite players participate in an id² Training Camp, which are attended by USSF National Team staff to scout players for inclusion into U.S. Soccer's National Team pool.
- **Selection:** USSF National Team staff selects players to attend USSF National Team programs.



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PROGRAM ELEMENTS:

- There is **no cost to the player to be recommended or scouted** for the id² program.
 - US Club Soccer believes that capable players are sometimes overlooked for inclusion into the U.S. National Team pool because the players are not able to afford costly identification programs. The no-cost policy with id² ensures that these players are able to be identified and developed, regardless of income level.
 - For players selected to attend an id² Training Camp, once players arrive at the hosting venue, all player expenses are covered. Lodging, meals and training gear are provided by US Club Soccer and Nike.
- **USSF National Team coaches and staff in attendance** to scout at id² Training Camps.
- **Familiar environment/no tryouts:** Players are recommended and identified for the program as they compete in their own training and game environment with their club teams.
- **Lessens schedule congestion:** The program does not take players away from their club programs and game schedules on a regular basis.
- **Apolitical selection process:** Recommendations are made and invitations are extended regardless of a player's affiliation; unaffiliated players are also able to be recommended and selected.
- **Success stories:** Numerous players that have been involved in the id² program have advanced into U.S. National Team programs.
- **id² National Selection International Tour:** A team of the best 18 boys from the fall id² Regional Training Camps take an international trip, where they will experience the day-to-day culture of some of the world's most well-known professional clubs while also improving themselves via high-level training and game competition.
 - Consistent with US Club Soccer's philosophy that identification and development should be free to players, the organization funds the trip in conjunction with the strong support of Nike; there is no cost to players.

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