



February 9, 2026

To: Principal or Dean of Students

From: Gandalf French – MSYSA Technical Director

Re: VA ODP Friendlies
February 20-22, 2026 – Williamsburg, VA (Warhill Sports Complex)

On behalf of the Olympic Development Program (ODP) of the Maryland State Youth Soccer Association, we would like to request the release of your student(s) to participate in the ODP State Event in Williamsburg. The dates are February 20-22, 2026.

We would be grateful if your student(s) can be excused from all classes on Friday, February 20, 2026 in order to participate in this significant event. Our players will be competing against some of the best ODP teams from the Northeast.

This event is sanctioned by the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), which is the national governing body for soccer. The USSF falls under the auspices of the United States Olympic Committee and the Federation International de Football Association (FIFA). The mission of the USSF includes the preparation of teams for domestic and international competitions such as the Olympics, World Cup, US Cup, CONCACAF Championships and international exchanges.

It is a privilege for these young student-athletes to compete at this high level and we want to do everything possible to ensure that they have the opportunity.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the MSYSA State office at (410) 768-5401.

Sincerely,

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