



PARENT GUIDE SERIES

Prospect Camp Parent Evaluation Checklist

A Practical Worksheet for Evaluating Soccer Prospect Camps

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Before You Begin

This checklist is designed to help parents evaluate soccer prospect camp programs before registering.

It does not recommend one specific camp.

Prospect camps can be valuable, but parents should look carefully at what the event actually offers. The word "prospect" can mean different things depending on the organizer. Some prospect camps are connected to one college program. Others include multiple programs, independent organizers, or broader recruiting-style evaluation.

Before registering, use this checklist to understand who will be involved, how players will be evaluated, what the camp format looks like, and whether the opportunity fits your child's current recruiting stage.

What Is a Prospect Camp?

Prospect Camps are usually designed for players who want to be evaluated, introduced to college-level expectations, or considered as potential future college soccer players.

- ☐ College coach instruction
- ☐ Player evaluation opportunities
- ☐ Technical training
- ☐ Tactical sessions
- ☐ Small-sided games
- ☐ Full-field games
- ☐ Goalkeeper-specific sessions
- ☐ Position-specific evaluation
- ☐ Recruiting information
- ☐ Feedback opportunities
- ☐ Campus or program information

A prospect camp can help the right player understand what college-level soccer may require. It should not be treated as a guaranteed recruiting shortcut.

Is My Child Ready for a Prospect Camp?

Use this section honestly. Fit matters more than the label.

- ☐ My child is interested in playing college soccer
- ☐ My child is in or approaching recruiting-age years
- ☐ My child has a realistic understanding of their current level
- ☐ My child is ready to compete in an evaluation setting
- ☐ My child can handle feedback from coaches or evaluators
- ☐ My child understands that attendance does not guarantee recruitment
- ☐ My child has researched the program, organizer, or colleges involved
- ☐ My child is ready to communicate professionally with coaches
- ☐ My child has a player profile, video, or basic recruiting information prepared
- ☐ My child wants to learn from the experience, not just attend for exposure

If several boxes are unchecked, a Training Camp, Clinic, Elite Camp, or College Prep Camp may be a better next step before choosing a Prospect Camp.

Parent Evaluation Scorecard

Camp Name: _____

Organization / College: _____

Website: _____

Location: _____

Dates: _____

Cost: _____

Graduation Years: _____

Age / Grade Range: _____

Positions Accepted: _____

Coaches / Programs Listed: _____

Camp Format: _____

Primary Camp Focus: _____

Questions to Ask Before Registering

Use these questions while reviewing the camp website, registration page, or speaking with camp staff.

Program and Coach Involvement

☐ Who is running the prospect camp?

Notes:

☐ Which college coaches, staff members, evaluators, or programs are expected to attend?

Notes:

☐ Are the listed coaches confirmed, invited, or subject to change?

Notes:

☐ Is this camp tied to one college program, multiple programs, or an independent organizer?

Notes:

☐ Will coaches be actively coaching, observing, evaluating, or all three?

Notes:

☐ Will every player be seen by the listed coaching staff or evaluators?

Notes:

☐ Will players receive written or verbal feedback after the camp?

Notes:

Player Fit

☐ What graduation years are accepted?

Notes:

☐ What age groups or grade levels attend?

Notes:

☐ What skill level is expected?

Notes:

☐ Is the camp open to all players, invite-only, or limited by position?

Notes:

☐ Are certain positions already full or limited?

Notes:

☐ Are players grouped by age, graduation year, skill level, or position?

Notes:

Recruiting Value

☐ What is the main purpose of this prospect camp?

Notes:

☐ Is the camp best for players already connected with the program?

Notes:

☐ Is the camp useful for players who are not already on a coach's radar?

Notes:

☐ Should players contact coaches before attending?

Notes:

☐ Does the camp provide player information to coaches before or after the event?

Notes:

☐ Are recruiting expectations explained clearly?

Notes:

☐ Does the camp make any promises about exposure, offers, scholarships, or roster spots?

Notes:

Camp Experience

☐ What does the camp schedule look like?

Notes:

☐ How much time is spent on technical training, tactical work, small-sided games, and full-field play?

Notes:

☐ Is there goalkeeper-specific training or evaluation?

Notes:

☐ Is there position-specific training or evaluation?

Notes:

☐ What is the coach-to-player or evaluator-to-player ratio?

Notes:

☐ Will players receive jersey numbers, profiles, or identification materials?

Notes:

☐ Will players receive evaluations, feedback, video, or recruiting guidance?

Notes:

☐ What should players bring?

Notes:

Safety and Communication

☐ Who is the parent contact before and during camp?

Notes:

☐ Are athletic trainers or medical staff available?

Notes:

☐ What happens if a player is injured?

Notes:

☐ What happens if weather affects the camp?

Notes:

☐ What is the refund, credit, or cancellation policy?

Notes:

Registration and Cost

☐ What is included in the registration fee?

Notes:

☐ Are meals included?

Notes:

☐ Are shirts, evaluations, video, player profiles, campus tours, or recruiting materials included?

Notes:

☐ Are there extra fees for parking, film, housing, meals, or add-ons?

Notes:

[] Does the cost make sense for the value being offered?

Notes:

What Good Prospect Camps Usually Include

Check the items you find.

- ☐ Clear program or organizer information
- ☐ Clear coach, staff, or evaluator involvement
- ☐ Confirmed or clearly explained staff attendance
- ☐ Clear graduation year guidance
- ☐ Age and grade range listed
- ☐ Position availability information
- ☐ Skill-level expectations explained
- ☐ Organized camp schedule
- ☐ Clear evaluation format
- ☐ Training and game structure explained
- ☐ Realistic recruiting expectations
- ☐ Coach contact or communication guidance
- ☐ Safe training environment
- ☐ Required equipment list
- ☐ Parent contact information
- ☐ Transparent pricing
- ☐ Refund or weather policy

Possible Red Flags

Slow down and ask more questions if you notice:

- ☐ Very little information is available online
- ☐ Camp organizer is unclear
- ☐ Coach attendance is unclear
- ☐ Coaches are listed without explanation
- ☐ "Prospect" is used without explanation
- ☐ "Exposure" is promised without details
- ☐ Guaranteed recruiting claims
- ☐ Guaranteed scholarship claims
- ☐ Guaranteed roster spot claims
- ☐ No graduation year guidance
- ☐ No age or skill guidance
- ☐ No position information
- ☐ No schedule listed
- ☐ No refund or cancellation policy
- ☐ Poor communication before registration
- ☐ No weather policy

☐ No safety procedures explained

☐ Vague camp description

Parent Comparison Notes

Use this section if you are comparing more than one prospect camp.

Prospect Camp Option 1: _____

College / Organizer:

Best Strength:

Main Concern:

Cost / Value Notes:

Prospect Camp Option 2: _____

College / Organizer:

Best Strength:

Main Concern:

Cost / Value Notes:

Prospect Camp Option 3: _____

College / Organizer:

Best Strength:

Main Concern:

Cost / Value Notes:

Pre-Camp Recruiting Prep

Before attending, my child should consider:

- ☐ Researching the college, organizer, or programs involved
- ☐ Emailing coaches before the camp, when appropriate
- ☐ Preparing a short player introduction
- ☐ Updating player profile information
- ☐ Preparing highlight video, if available
- ☐ Knowing their graduation year, position, club, and school details
- ☐ Bringing the right equipment
- ☐ Arriving early and prepared
- ☐ Competing with effort and confidence
- ☐ Asking thoughtful questions when appropriate
- ☐ Following up after the camp, when appropriate

My Overall Impression

Would I feel comfortable registering my child?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ No

Why?

Notes:

Biggest Strength

Notes:

Biggest Concern

Notes:

Questions I Still Need Answered

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Overall Rating

Circle one:

1 star - Poor

2 stars - Fair

3 stars - Good

4 stars - Very Good

5 stars - Excellent

Parent Reminder

The best prospect camp is not always the biggest, most expensive, or most heavily promoted.

Choose the prospect camp that best matches your child's age, graduation year, current skill level, position, recruiting stage, college goals, confidence level, and development needs.

Opportunity matters. Fit matters more.

A prospect camp should help your child understand the college soccer environment, compete with purpose, and make a more informed decision about future soccer opportunities.

Attendance alone does not create recruiting interest. Preparation, communication, performance, and fit all matter.

A good prospect camp gives your child a real opportunity to learn, be evaluated, and decide whether the program, event, or level is the right match.

Continue Your Research

Explore additional parent guides at [SoccerIDCamp.com](https://socceridcamp.com):

- What Is a Prospect Camp?
- What Types of Soccer Camps Are There?
- How to Choose the Right Soccer Camp
- Soccer Camp Planning Checklist
- What Age Should My Child Start Attending Soccer Camps?

Helping parents understand soccer camps before they compare them.