



PARENT GUIDE SERIES

Soccer Clinic Parent Evaluation Checklist

A Practical Guide for Evaluating Skill-Focused Soccer Clinics

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Before You Begin

This guide is designed to help parents evaluate soccer clinic programs, not recommend one specific clinic.

Every clinic is different. The goal is to help you ask better questions, understand what matters, and confidently compare your options before registering.

Parent promise: use this as a calm checklist before the registration clock starts ticking.

What Is a Soccer Clinic?

Soccer clinics are typically shorter, focused training sessions designed around a specific skill, position, age group, or development goal.

- ☐ Want extra touches on the ball
- ☐ Need help with a specific skill
- ☐ Want position-specific instruction
- ☐ Prefer a shorter training format
- ☐ Are preparing for a season, tryout, or team event
- ☐ Want focused coaching without a full camp commitment

If your child's primary goal is college recruiting, an ID Camp, Showcase Camp, or Prospect Camp may be a better fit. If your child needs broader development over multiple days, a Training Camp may be a better fit.

Parent Evaluation Scorecard

Clinic Name: _____

Organization: _____

Website: _____

Location: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Cost: _____

Skill Focus: _____

Questions to Ask Before Registering

Use these questions while researching clinics or speaking with clinic staff.

Coaching

- ☐ Who will be coaching my child?
Notes: _____
- ☐ What experience do the coaches have with this age group?
Notes: _____
- ☐ What is the coach-to-player ratio?
Notes: _____

- ☐ Will players receive individual feedback?

Notes:

Skill Focus

- ☐ What specific skill or topic is the clinic focused on?

Notes:

- ☐ Is the clinic focused on technical skills, tactical understanding, fitness, confidence, or position-specific development?

Notes:

- ☐ How much repetition or ball work should players expect?

Notes:

Player Fit

- ☐ What age groups attend?

Notes:

- ☐ What skill levels attend?

Notes:

- ☐ Is this clinic appropriate for beginners?

Notes:

- ☐ Is this clinic appropriate for advanced players?

Notes:

Clinic Experience

- ☐ What does the clinic schedule look like?

Notes:

- ☐ How long is the clinic?

Notes:

- ☐ How large are the training groups?

Notes:

- ☐ Will players be grouped by age, skill, or position?

Notes:

Registration

- ☐ What is included in the registration fee?

Notes:

- ☐ What equipment is required?

Notes:

- ☐ Are water, athletic trainers, or medical support available?

Notes:

- ☐ What is the refund policy?

Notes:

☐ What happens if weather affects the clinic?

Notes:

What Good Soccer Clinics Usually Include

Check the items you find.

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| ☐ Clear skill focus | ☐ Clear player expectations |
| ☐ Qualified coaching staff | ☐ Safe training environment |
| ☐ Age-appropriate instruction | ☐ Required equipment list |
| ☐ Organized schedule | ☐ Parent contact information |
| ☐ Small group training | ☐ Transparent pricing |
| ☐ High number of touches | ☐ Refund or weather policy |

Possible Red Flags

Slow down and ask more questions if you notice:

- ☐ Very little information online
- ☐ Clinic focus is vague
- ☐ Coaching staff not identified
- ☐ No age or skill guidance
- ☐ No schedule listed
- ☐ No refund policy
- ☐ Poor communication
- ☐ Unrealistic promises
- ☐ No safety procedures explained
- ☐ No required equipment information
- ☐ Vague clinic description

My Overall Impression

Would I feel comfortable registering?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ No

Biggest Strength

Biggest Concern

Overall Rating

Circle one:

- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Very Good
- ☐ Excellent

Parent Reminder

The best soccer clinic is not always the biggest, most expensive, or most intense.

Choose the clinic that best matches your child's age, current skill level, position, development goal, confidence level, learning style, and enjoyment of the game.

Focused instruction matters. Confidence matters. The right clinic should help your child leave with clearer skills, better understanding, and more excitement to keep playing.

Continue Your Research

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

- ☐ What Is a Soccer Clinic?
- ☐ 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.