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Soccer ID Camp Parent Evaluation Checklist

A Practical Worksheet for Evaluating College Recruiting Soccer Camps

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Before You Begin

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

It does not recommend one specific camp.

Soccer ID camps can be valuable, but parents should look carefully at what the camp actually offers. The words "ID camp" and "college exposure" can mean different things depending on the organizer.

Before registering, use this checklist to understand who will be coaching, who will be evaluating, what players should expect, and whether the camp fits your child's current recruiting stage.

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

What Is a Soccer ID Camp?

Soccer ID Camps are usually designed for players who want to be evaluated by college coaches, train in a college-style environment, or gain exposure to college soccer programs.

They may include:

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

An ID camp can be helpful when the player is ready for that environment. It should not be treated as a guaranteed recruiting shortcut.

Is My Child Ready for a Soccer ID 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 can compete with confidence in front of coaches
- ☐ My child is prepared to handle evaluation
- ☐ My child has researched the college or programs involved
- ☐ My child understands that attendance does not guarantee recruitment
- ☐ 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 an ID Camp.

Parent Evaluation Scorecard

Camp Name: _____

Organization / College: _____

Website: _____

Location: _____

Dates: _____

Cost: _____

Graduation Years: _____

Age / Grade Range: _____

Positions Accepted: _____

College Coaches Listed: _____

Camp Length / Schedule: _____

Primary Camp Focus: _____

Questions to Ask Before Registering

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

College Coach Involvement

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

Notes:

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

Notes:

☐ Is this camp run by one college program or multiple programs?

Notes:

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

Notes:

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

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 ID camp?

Notes:

☐ Is the camp best for players already interested in this college or program?

Notes:

☐ Is the camp useful for players who are not already on the 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 training, 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 ratio?

Notes:

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

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, 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 Soccer ID Camps Usually Include

Check the items you find.

- ☐ Clear college coach information
- ☐ 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
- ☐ Coach attendance is unclear
- ☐ Coaches are listed 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 ID camp.

Camp Option 1:

College / Organizer:

Best Strength:

Main Concern:

Cost / Value Notes:

Camp Option 2:

College / Organizer:

Best Strength:

Main Concern:

Cost / Value Notes:

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 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
- ☐ Following up after the camp, when appropriate

My Overall Impression

Would I feel comfortable registering my child?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ No

Why:

Biggest Strength

Biggest Concern

Questions I Still Need Answered

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Overall Rating

Circle one:

1 Poor 2 Fair 3 Good 4 Very Good 5 Excellent

Parent Reminder

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

Choose the ID camp that best matches your child's:

- ☐ Age
- ☐ Graduation year
- ☐ Current skill level
- ☐ Position
- ☐ Recruiting stage
- ☐ College goals
- ☐ Confidence level
- ☐ Development needs

Exposure matters.

Fit matters more.

An ID camp should help your child understand the college soccer environment, compete with purpose, and make a more informed recruiting decision.

Attendance alone does not create recruiting interest.

Preparation, communication, performance, and fit all matter.

A good ID camp gives your child a real opportunity to learn, compete, and evaluate whether the program or level is the right match.

Continue Your Research

Explore additional parent guides at SoccerIDCamp.com:

- What Is a Soccer ID 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.