

CHOOSING A CLUB SOCCER WORKSHEET

Does changing clubs get you recruited? Can changing clubs be helpful in the recruiting process? Is it worth it? What is the ROI?

It is important to have a budget for what you think your family can afford to play. This should include registration fees, uniforms, travel, hotel and food.

Total Budget for Club Soccer: \$

Below you will list the name of the club you are considering and its estimated costs.

Rate each club from 1-5 in the categories provided. Add the totals and you'll determine the value for each camp.

Strongly Disagree = 1		Disagree = 2		Neutral = 3		Agree = 4		Strongly Agree = 5	
	Club Name								
Cost of Club (Registration & Uniforms)									
Cost of Travel (Games, Tournaments, Showcases, Practices)									
Does the club have a history of helping place student-athletes at colleges?									
Does the club attend highly rated showcases with many colleges in attendance?									
Will I be challenged with the level of play?									
Will I be on the "A" Team and receive ample playing time?									
Am I playing with friends and will it be an enjoyable social experience?									
Travel to practice is easy, convenient, safe and inexpensive?									
The coaching is great and makes me better.									
I will be allowed/able to participate in other activities/sports I enjoy?									
Total Value of Each Club									



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NOTES

If you are not a starter or get limited playing time, changing clubs to get recruited does not make any sense. Know that some leagues have substitution rules and you need to know if you make a team that you will play at events. I have seen kids make teams only to travel around the country to events and rarely play.

Is the club fun? Everything about it should be fun, or else why are you doing it?

Make sure your choice is transformational. Are the potential recruiting benefits, improvement, social and financial implications of your pick worth it? What is the potential return on your investment?

Remember that all soccer scholarships are partial. Some people think that playing for a certain club or league will get them a scholarship, and just being on a team in a certain league doesn't change your trajectory. If you aren't an NCAA Division I athlete, changing clubs won't change that.

Do you have the right people in your corner to help you? The right advocates in college recruiting can make a difference. A lot of clubs claim that they help but they don't do a very good job.

Do you have other opportunities to help get seen? ODP, Guest Playing, A lot of Colleges in my Area

Only you can determine the best club for you. Every situation is different, but when in doubt, I prefer to keep it simple. So many high school athletes give up so much to chase a college dream and forget about the high school years, when for some kids, high school is the pinnacle. I hope your situation can give you both a great 9-12th experience and one that that leads to a great college experience.