



CHOOSING A CLUB SOCCER WORKSHEET

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 leads to a great college experience.