



South Carolina Surf Evaluation FAQ

All players who wish to participate on a South Carolina Surf Soccer team should attend as many scheduled evaluation sessions as possible for their correct birth year.

For current South Carolina Surf players, the May sessions are a small tool used in team placement. Players are evaluated at trainings and matches throughout the year by their team coach and other staff coaches. South Carolina Surf coaches will have made a comprehensive evaluation of current players prior to try-outs.

Non-SC Surf players considering placement on a team will be observed at the evaluation sessions alongside current SC Surf players by our coaching staff. Many have already even been scouted and observed in their previous team environment during competitions with our previously formed teams.

Some of the criteria used in the evaluation process for all players include previous soccer playing experience, technical ability, athleticism, speed of play, intelligence of movement off the ball, work ethic, affect, and the level of the other players evaluating in the group.

South Carolina Surf Soccer Club has comprehensive programming from 8U through 19U for both girls and boys. There are several levels of teams within each age group. Each level of team is referred to by its own distinct name. All teams require a commitment to the team for all league play, training sessions, and selected events. We are looking for players with a consistent work ethic, talent, intelligence, and who support of the coach and are willing to meet our club guidelines.

Which age group does my player need to attend? Each player should attend the evaluations sessions for their correct birth year.

How many evaluation sessions do the players need to attend? Every player should attend as many evaluation sessions as possible or as recommended by the club's program directors. The more sessions a new player can attend, the more accurate we are able to place every player into the appropriate team environment for training and games that will encourage their development. If you are unable to attend any sessions or are moving into the Charleston area after our May evaluation period is over, do not panic, just contact the program director for your gender and age group.

Are parents allowed on the fields of the evaluations? No parents are allowed on the fields during the evaluation periods. Parents must remain in the parking area during the evaluation times. This ensures a low pressure and player friendly environment for the players. You are more than welcome to check your player in with our staff and make sure they are on the correct field, but then you must return to those areas until the sessions are complete.

What time should we arrive for the evaluation? We recommend that players arrive no less than 20 minutes ahead of their tryout time to begin check in, warming up, and getting comfortable with their surroundings before we begin the actual training.

What should my child wear? At the first session each player will be given a South Carolina Surf training top. We ask that they wear the training top to each evaluation session. We ask that they wear dark colored (black) shorts and socks. Please avoid wearing flashy colored socks and shorts.

What should we bring to the evaluation? Each child should bring plenty of water (none is provided), their soccer ball, soccer cleats and shin guards.

Who are the coaches evaluating my child? Our qualified coaching staff that will be running the evaluations in each age group may include coaches from our previous year's teams, the new coaches of the teams, and coaches that are not affiliated with the

particular age group so that we can have as accurate evaluation for all players to ensure the best possible team placement for each player's development.

What if I am moving in from out of town and we won't be here in time for tryouts? No problem. We have players move in from out of town throughout the year. Email the program director for your gender and age group to provide them your playing background, when you will be arriving in the Charleston area, sign up for the evaluations through our website, and we will arrange to see you play when you get in town.

What is the next step after evaluations? We ask that every player that is trying out for a SC Surf team be ready to commit to the team upon receiving an offer. This will speed up the process for everyone else in the age group. When you receive a phone call from a member of our staff following evaluations, we ask that you be ready to commit to your spot. We will not be able to hold spots for players any longer than 12 hours. Once confirmed on a team, you will receive an email with a registration link and must register right away to hold your spot. Most players will be notified of the result of their evaluation within 5 days, with some notifications occurring after the first evaluation session. All notifications will occur no later than 10 days following the final evaluation session in your child's age group. While we work to place as many players as possible in our program, we are not able to guarantee each player who attends our evaluations will have an opportunity to join a Surf team for the year.

Don't see your question listed here, contact these key staff members for more information:

Registration Questions – Contact Business Manager Kim Masten, kim.masten@southcarolinasurfsoccer.com

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