

United Soccer Academy Mount Pleasant Evaluation FAQ

All players who wish to participate on a United Soccer Academy Mount Pleasant team should attend as many scheduled evaluation sessions as possible for their correct birth year (see our age group charts for boys and girls).

For current USA/MP 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. USA/MP coaches will have made a comprehensive evaluation of current players prior to try-outs.

Non-USA/MP players considering placement on a team will be observed at the evaluation sessions alongside current USA/MP 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: Club or team played on for the previous season, 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.

USA/MP has comprehensive programming from U-8 through U-19 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 indicated by our age range chart found linked on our evaluation home page.

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 clubs 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, don't 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 at Carolina Park and Patriots Point 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 USA/MP 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, and soccer shoes 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 aren't 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 players 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 into the Charleston area, sign up for the evaluations through our website, and we will arrange to see you play when you get in town.

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

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