

20 Academy/Club Climate Questions

Consider the following 20 questions. Answer the questions as you think the majority of your academy/club athletes might answer. How each question is answered should provide insight into the academy/club climate you are creating each day. If you believe most of your athletes would answer "yes" to the following questions . . . you are probably doing a good job developing a *climate of success*. To test your own views about your academy/club climate, have your athletes respond to the following 20 questions and compare your answers with their answers.

1. Do I get excited about going to practice and playing for my academy/club?
2. Do I get excited about playing for my head coach? Assistant coaches?
3. Do I feel like I have quality coaching to get better every day?
4. Does my coach consistently tell me "what" to do and "how" to improve?
5. Does my coach set a positive tone on and off the field?
6. Is my coach encouraging and supportive?
7. Is there a clearly communicated "standard" for me to strive for each day?
8. Is there a well communicated "expectation" for me in everything I do?
9. Are players generally held accountable to the standards and expectations stated?
10. Do I feel like most academy/club players and coaches are highly committed?
11. Is my coach generally excited and enthusiastic (passionate) about coaching?
12. Is my coach organized?
13. Are practices, matches, travel, etc. well structured?
14. Are practices, matches, travel, etc. clearly communicated . . . and done so in a timely manner?
15. Is my coach demanding but fair?
16. Does my coach work hard to get to know and understand me as an athlete?
17. Can I trust my coach?
18. Are practices challenging (hard) and competitive but also inspiring and fun?
19. Is our academy/club about winning and being the *best* we can be?
20. Is our academy/club climate positive, challenging, rewarding, and focused on player development and improvement?

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