



PARENT MEETING

Step by Step Guide

Topics and best practices to make sure your First Team Meeting is a success

Personal Introduction

Frame your introduction around your experience with football. Thank parents for trusting you & show optimism.

Parent Introductions

Ask parents to introduce themselves and share a bit about their child. Ask parents to quickly explain any background they have in football. Keep it quick!

Setting Expectations

Be clear on your expectations for parents, such as:

- Drop off / pick up times
- Reading and responding to communication
- Commitment for child to attend team events
- Communication guidelines, such as for WhatsApp group
- Sideline behaviour (supportive, not distracting, respectful of officials, not hostile)

Discuss Logistics

Share information about when season starts, when training start, kits, communication channels such as apps, etc.

Playing Time Standards

Clearly communicate Irish FA standards which state that all children will play at least 50% in every game.

Community

Share your thoughts related to developing a sense of community with the team, and its importance to enjoyment, building team chemistry, and success.

Learning Environment

Review your coaching style. Explain what parents can expect of the training/learning environment and your coaching style during games.

Boundaries

Define boundaries and expectations for conversations with parents. See Boundary Toolkit

Team Culture

Communicate expectations of respecting one another and the game.

REMINDER:

Be organised, respectful of time, and available for questions.