



DFC ACADEMY SURVEY FOR PARENTS

MARCH 2026

Background

To ensure the club are fulfilling the objectives of our academy, and to ensure we are meeting parent's expectations, we recently made available a survey to receive feedback.

The survey had anonymous responses which was intended to provide us with as much honest and direct feedback as possible.

Questions were in the following categories:

1. Enjoyment
2. Respect
3. Coaching
4. Facilities
5. Communication

We also invited feedback from parents:

- What does the club do well that parents would like to see more of
- Suggestions/Improvements

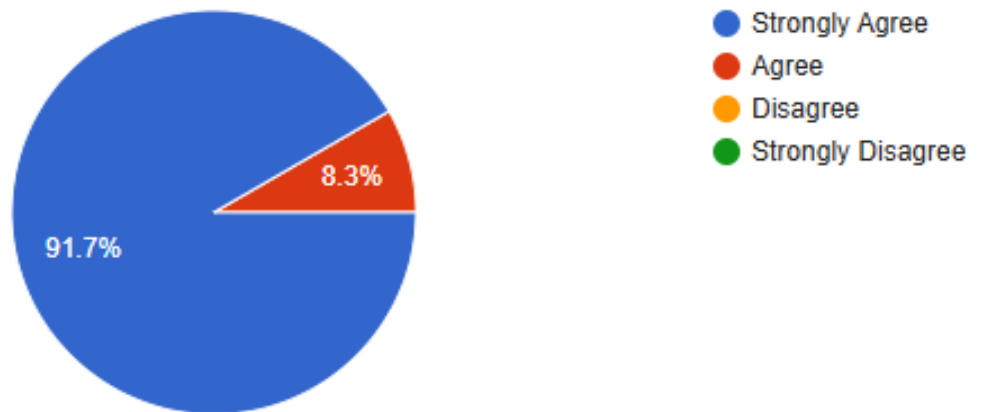
The results are now available, along with some responses from the club on some of the points that were made.

Response rate: 38% (24 out of 63 parents)

ENJOYMENT

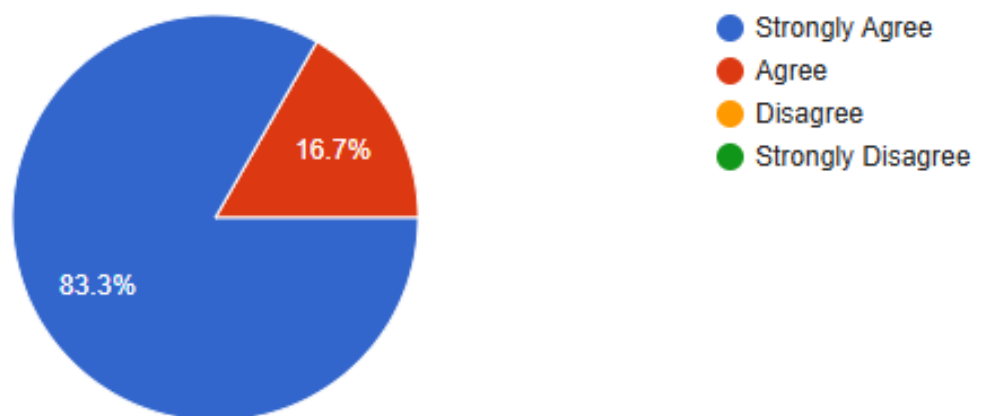
My child enjoyed participating in our academy

24 responses



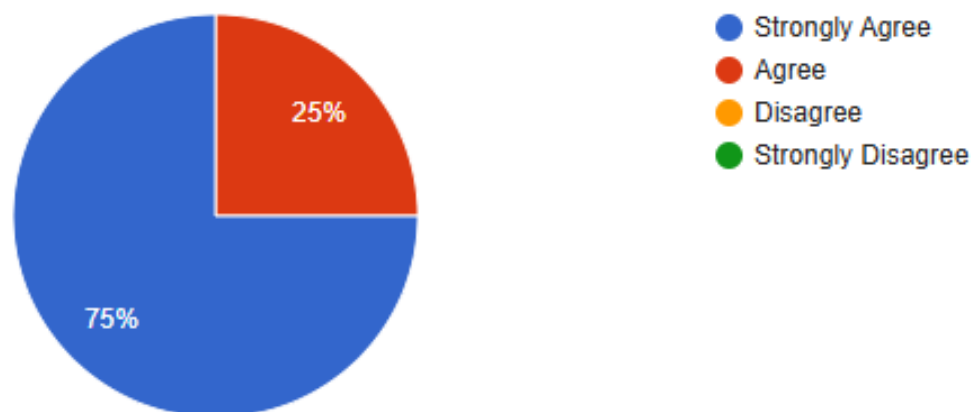
DFC provides a safe and fun environment in which to play and participate

24 responses



As an under-age soccer Parent, the club are meeting my expectations

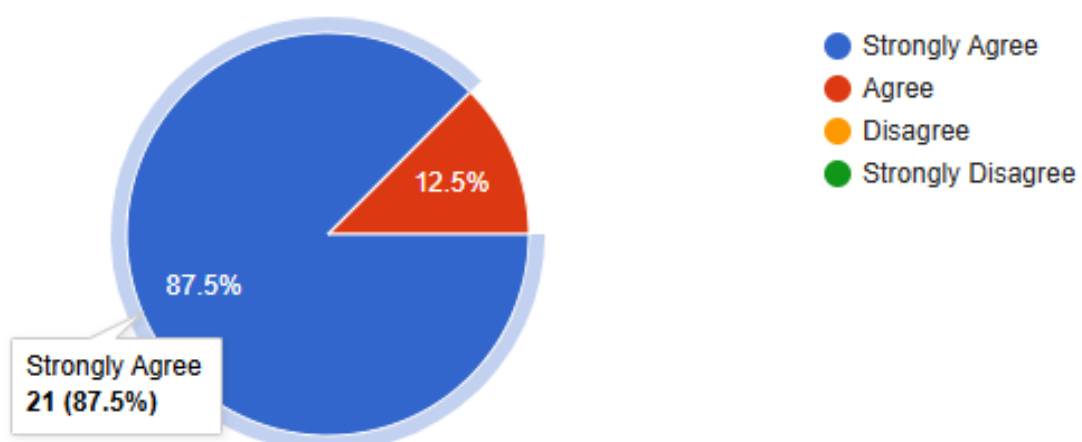
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RESPECT

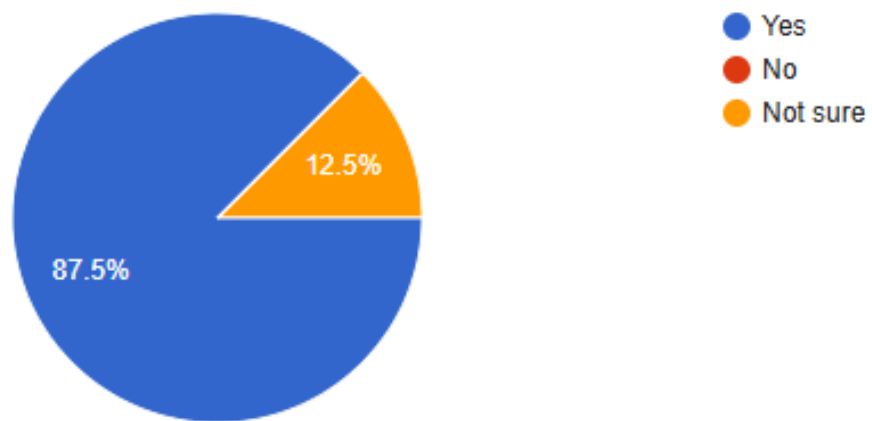
My child was treated with respect during 2025

24 responses



Coaches, Parents and Spectators all have responsibilities when participating in any academy activity. I am aware of everyone's responsibilities and I know what they are.

24 responses



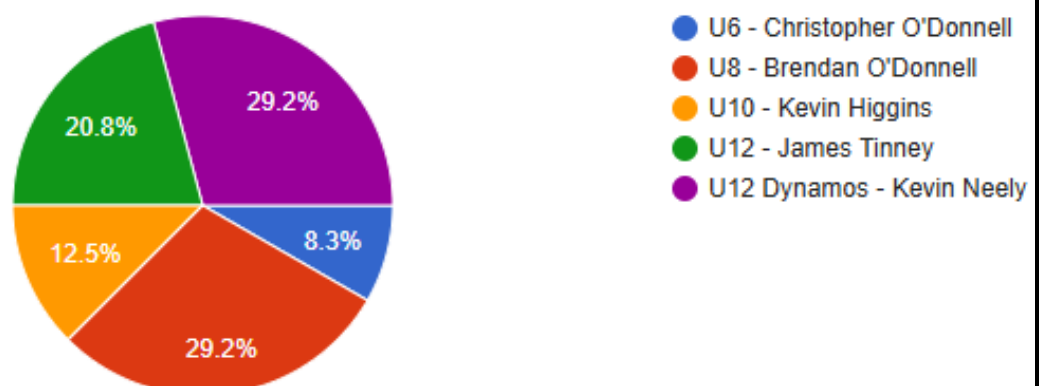
DFC: "Those that are not sure of everyone's responsibilities, please note that these are documented on our website library: [Library | Drumoghill Fc](#). They are also provided as part of the welcome letters that all parents received when they registered for 2026"

COACHING

Please select the team/coach that your child played in 2025

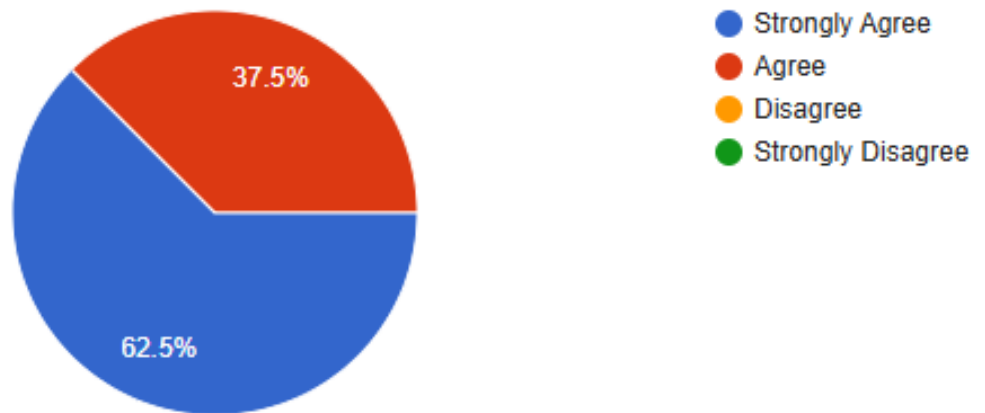


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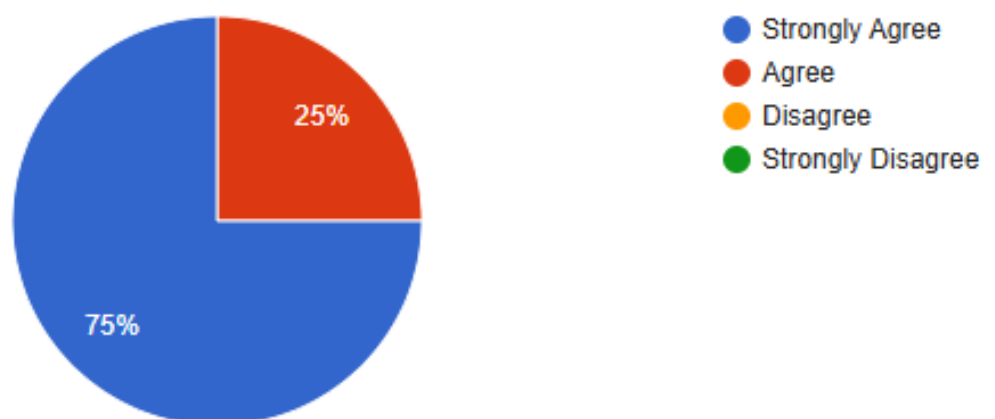
I am satisfied with the training and coaching that my child received

24 responses



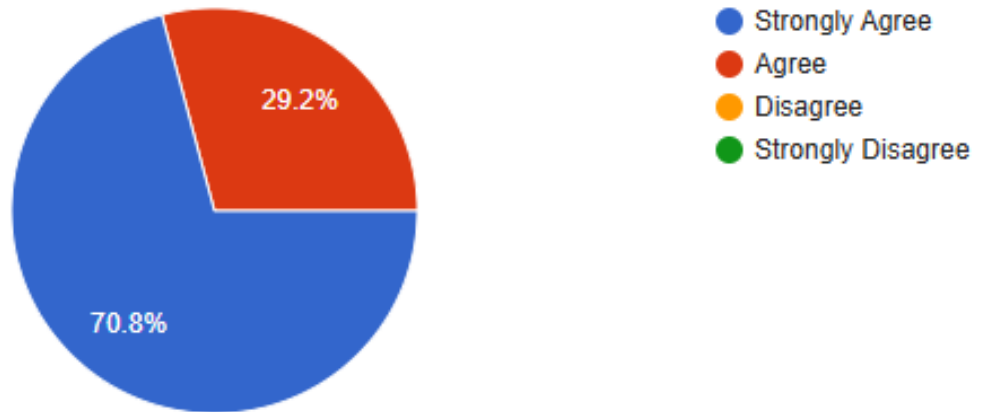
The club's philosophy is to prioritise the development of each child ahead of winning. I am satisfied that the coach applied this philosophy correctly.

24 responses



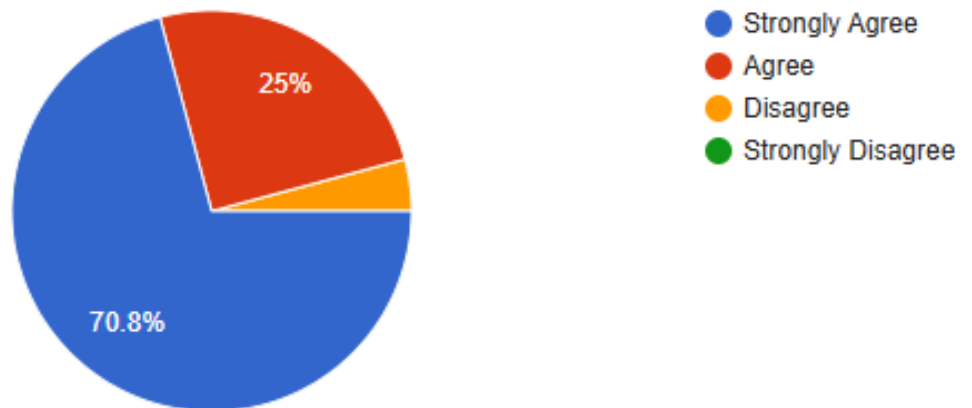
I am satisfied with the feedback that coaches gave my child

24 responses



I am satisfied with the number of coaching sessions that were provided during 2025

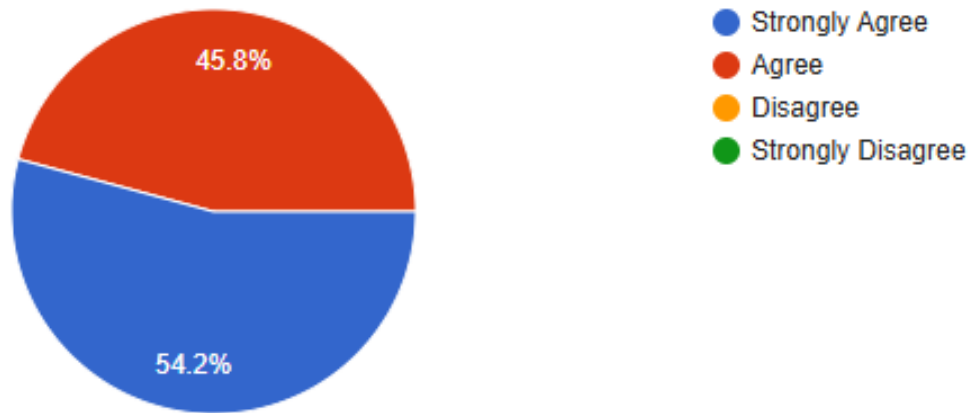
24 responses



DFC: “The club will continue to apply the requirements of the FAI best practices to the number of sessions that are offered. Some age groups have already increased their numbers of sessions per week for 2026 which is to be expected at the older age groups where added focus and time is spent on developing the technical skills of the game”

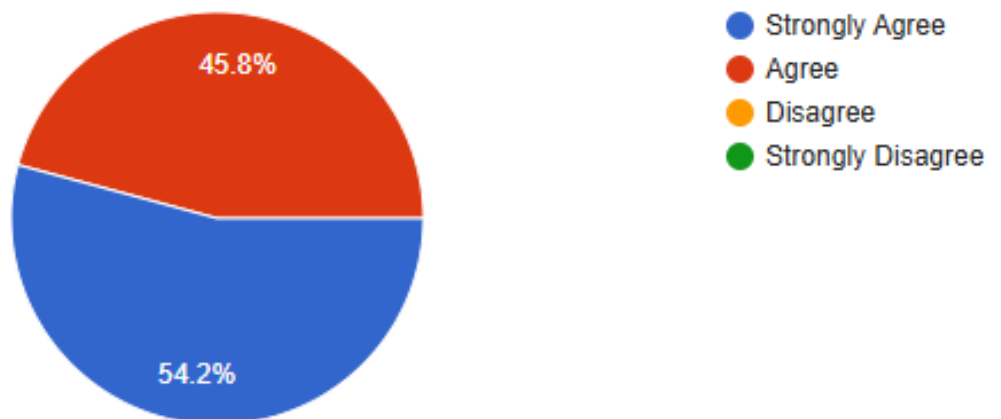
I am satisfied with the number of organised fixtures (against other clubs) that were provided in 2025

24 responses



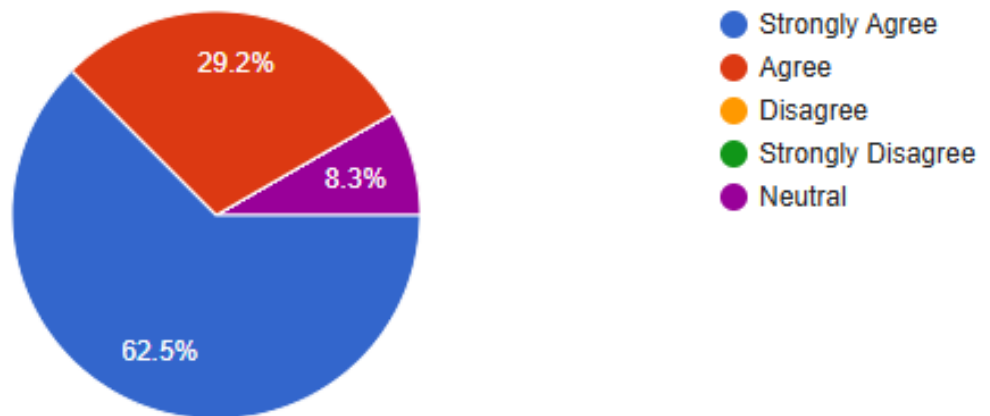
I am satisfied with how coaches explained how "game-time" will be handled during each game?

24 responses



I feel my child has become a more improved player during 2025

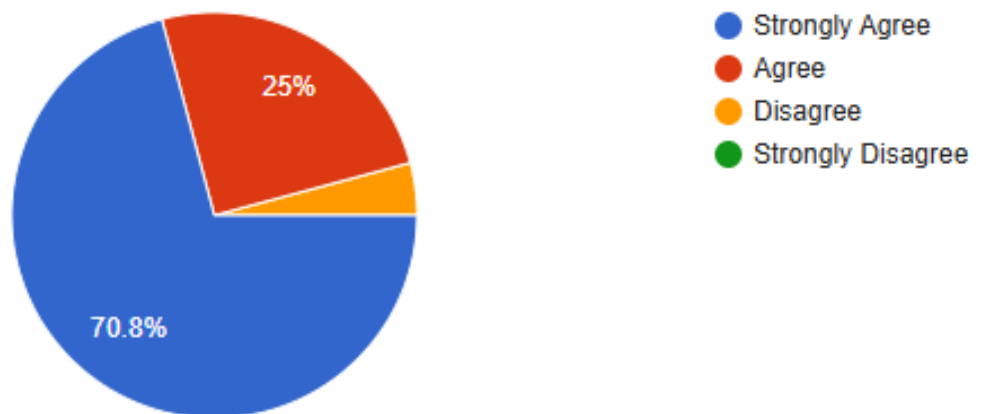
24 responses



FACILITIES

I am happy with the quality of facilities that were provided

24 responses

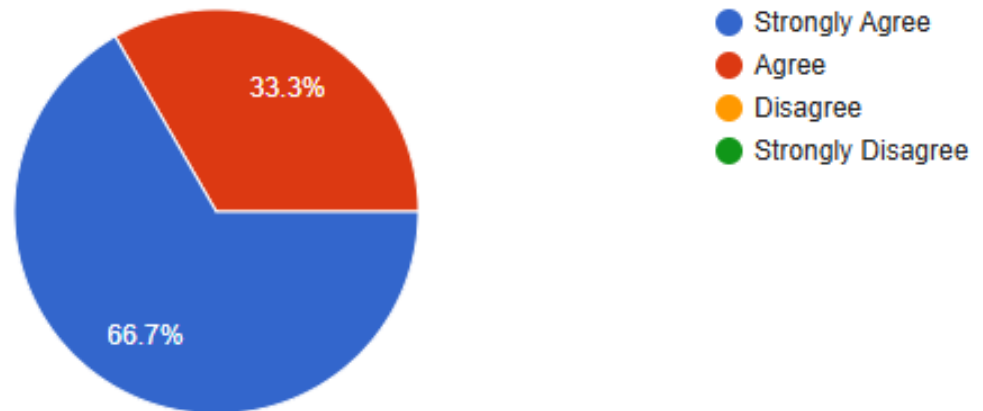


DFC: “The club invest a lot of time and mone into maintaining and providing the best facilities that we can. The person that disagreed with this chose not to elaborate why they feel this way despite having an opportunity to do so within the section of the survey that requested suggestions for improvement. We would love to hear more about this so anyone that’s not happy with our facilities are welcome to get in touch!”

COMMUNICATION

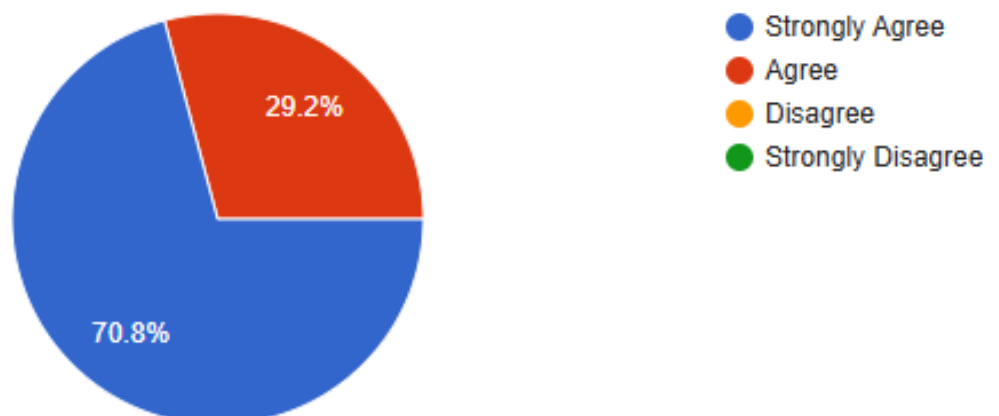
I am satisfied that I received all the information I needed from the coach (e.g. WhatsApp, Email, etc.)

24 responses



I am satisfied that I received all the information I needed from the club (Email, Social Media, Website)

24 responses



THE FUTURE

What do you feel that the club does well, that you would like to see more of in the future?

17 responses

very inclusive, great encouragement, every child is given an opportunity even if they aren't the strongest player

Moving the kids up in age groups when able makes them stronger and i feel they improve as they are getting more experience

I have no complains regarding this club communication an fairness is well seen throughout for all players

It's great that everyone gets a chance to play.

I like the way that there is no pressure on the kids to win, just enjoy the game.

Tournament days are always fantastic at the club!

Excellent facilities and so encouraging especially for the younger children

Keep giving all players game time.

Have you any suggestions/improvements on what the club could do better?

10 responses

encourage players to support and encourage each other more, some negative personal comments on playing skills/ability made during training matches last year.

None

Have maybe more training sessions or each session be a bit longer maybe 90mins instead of 1 hour

Run a camp during holidays but am aware coaches have jobs and are not paid!

I know it's hard to get parents to do anything but perhaps if there was a raffle to raise funds for the academy and just give the parents tickets I'm sure they would sell their allocation.

Maybe ask parents to contribute to getting names on jerseys like some of the other clubs.
Also just continue giving each child game time as they definitely get disheartened if they are an unused sub.

Everything was very good

DFC: “Our coaches have all signed up to the relevant behaviour codes which require respect to be shown by all concerned. Coaches that witness any negative comments are encouraged to interject. However, there may be circumstances where negative comments are made, but not heard or witnessed by coaches, so would ask that coaches are made aware of any situations that could cause offence”.

“Length of sessions, and quantity of each, has been reviewed and some age groups will see increases in 2026. Every session we provide is in line with the FAI pathways plan so we follow recommended guidelines”

“A number of coaches have expressed an interest in Summer camps and would love to provide these! But each have constraints with how much time they can take away from work and holiday camps require this. The club currently has only 3 coaches that are vetted and each of them already sacrifice 1 week of their holidays for the Foyle Cup. Add to that their own children, who have other interests away from football. That said, once the club have more coaches vetted and available then we may well be able to offer this”

“It's great to hear the some parents are offering to sell raffle tickets or thinking about ways to raise funds. We have did some small raffles in the past for the Foyle Cup and may well do so in the future. We do our best to make sure that under-age registration fees are sufficient to meet the costs of under-age football so that we don't impose on parents any more than we need to. If this changes we'll be in touch but remain grateful for the support of the parents”

“Squad numbers are something that we have thought about so we can consider this with new kits that become required”