

Figure 10.7 Social Cohesion Evaluation

Assess, as a coaching staff, how well your team scores on the following situations.

Situation	True	Some truth	False
Players enjoy playing for our team.			
Very few players willingly leave our team.			
We have a high level of communication.			
It's hard work, but fun to be on our team.			
Our team is never bored.			
Players on our team grow as people.			
Ethnic and cultural differences are respected on our team.			
Players respect, appreciate, and encourage each other.			
We have stars but no isolates.			
We have a good record of developing player leadership.			
Honesty and trust are key words for us.			
We deal quickly with players who disrupt team harmony.			
Setbacks and defeats do not undermine morale.			
We surround our players with good, positive adults.			
Parents are part of the solution, not the problem.			
Togetherness is a key theme in our meetings.			
Relationships between coaches are positive and respectful.			

The higher the number of true scores is, the more the team can be considered socially cohesive. A significant number of false answers gives the coach a signal that action is needed.