

#### **National Center of Excellence**

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From: John Curtis

**Re:** National Center of Excellence Select Squad Invitation England 2022

#### Dear Parent:

I am delighted to invite your son to participate in the NCE Pro Academy Tour of England during August of 2022. Your son has been selected based on input from our NCE staff and his performances across the various NCE programs.

Our Pro Academy Tour includes games against top international programs from some of the best-known professional clubs. Our week starts with training from elite academy coaching staff then warm up games before we participate in the international tournament. In addition, we will get to attend top class live games and experience the true passion of soccer.

### **Trip Particulars**

**Dates:** Depart Thursday August 4<sup>th</sup> and return on Friday August 12th, 2022

**Registration:** Please log into your NCE Family Portal to complete your son's registration.

In the following pages you will find additional information on the itinerary for the tour, payment schedule, refund policy, flight program and travel insurance information.

We hope that you, your son, and your family will join us on this opportunity of a lifetime. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Kind Regards

John Curtis

John Curtis
Founder
National Center of Excellence



# **BASIC TRIP INFORMATION**

Daily schedule: See pages to follow.

Who is invited: Select Squad players born in 2007.

### Squad Sizes:

2007 – 18 Players - 11v11 Tournament.

## Player's commitment:

Spots will be filled on a first come first served basis from the select pool that has been invited.

#### How do you commit:

Complete the online registration, by clicking on the link in the invitation email and making the \$250 deposit payment. If you have any further questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Nick Dunbar, Chief Operating Officer at <a href="mailto:nick@ncesoccer.com">nick@ncesoccer.com</a>

## Land cost for players:

\$2,499 per player includes all meals, accommodation, games, excursions and full NCE International Select uniform (shirt, shorts, socks, polo shirt and tracksuit).

### **Payment Plan:**

See pages to follow.

#### Location of the events:

Oakham School, Chapel Close, Market Pl, Oakham LE15 6DT, United Kingdom. https://www.oakham.rutland.sch.uk/

## Flight bookings and prices:

Flights are not included in the above prices. See page titled 'Flight Information'. Travelers are responsible for booking their own flights but must use Consolidator Webfares to do so.

## **Extra Training:**

Due to club commitments additional squad training will be limited but we hope to have the opportunity to play together as a group before we travel.

#### What about family members and supporters?

For those family members and supporters who would like to join the tour the cost is \$1,750 based on a double occupancy at local hotels. Single rooms are available for an additional \$500 per person and some family rooms can be booked based on availability. We have provided additional information in this booklet but please note space is limited because of hotel availability so we encourage you to register early with your deposit to avoid disappointment.

# **ITINERARY 2022**

### Thursday August 4th

Depart New York/New Jersey area airport.

## Friday August 5<sup>th</sup>

Land at Heathrow Airport. Transfer to Oakham School. Settle into accommodation. Training with NCE Coaches.

## Saturday August 6th

Morning – Pro Training day at Oakham with Coaches from English Premier League Academy.

Afternoon – Travel to watch your first live professional game from England's Football Leagues.

### Sunday August 7th

Morning – Pro Training day at Oakham with Coaches from English Premier League Academy.

Afternoon – Travel to watch your second live professional game from England's Football Leagues.

## Monday August 8th

Morning – Training at Oakham School with NCE Coaches to prepare for Games Festival

Afternoon – Afternoon Games festival against local teams to prepare for Academy Tournament.

## Tuesday August 9th

Group Games at the academy tournament.

Previous teams have included top UK academies and international programs such as Manchester United, Chelsea FC, Leicester City FC, Crystal Palace, Norwich City FC, Liverpool, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Watford, Hong Kong FC, FC Toreros (Japan), Go Pro Academy (Dubai).

## Wednesday August 10th

Group Games at the academy tournament.

## Thursday August 11th

Semi Finals and Finals at the academy tournament.

## Friday August 12th

Leave Oakham School for journey to Heathrow Airport.

Please visit <u>www.specialistsoccertours.co.uk</u> for further information.

# WHAT'S INCLUDED IN PLAYER TOUR

We will receive our final schedule approximately 2 weeks prior to travel dates. All details on the confirmed itinerary will be communicated to travel group along with further information such as packing lists, FAQ's and general information.

#### Meals and Accommodations

- > Dinner, lunch and breakfast daily.
- > 7 nights at Oakham School https://www.oakham.rutland.sch.uk/

#### Transportation and Assistance

> Private bus for all airport transfers & travel within the UK.

#### Assistance

Full time experienced Tour Manager.

#### **Excursions**

➤ Tickets to TWO live professional games. Fixtures will be determined closer to the departure date. Specific game requests might include an additional fee.

## Soccer Program

- Training sessions with coaches from professional clubs.
- Games against local opposition as pretournament preparation.

#### Tournament

- > Tournament registration fee.
- Tournament games.

#### **NCE Touring Uniform**

- Full NCE International Tour kit of Shirt, Shorts and socks.
- Complete NCE Tracksuit.
- NCE Polo Shirt.

## General Expenses

- All your Tour Manager expenses.
- All your Driver, Bus & Transportation expenses as per your itinerary.
- All taxes & VAT included.

#### Not Included

- International Flight.
- Spending money.
- Travel Insurance.
- Other entry tickets at visits.
- > Everything not included above.
- Cancelation Insurance.

# SUPPORTERS'S TOUR DETAILS

**COST: \$1,750pp** (Based on two people sharing. Single rooms are available for an additional \$500 per person)

### What's Included

- 7 Night stay at the Wisteria Hotel (or similar) in Oakham town center. This is a five-minute walk from Oakham School and a 15-minute walk from Oakham School Playing Fields.
- Price is based on double occupancy in either a twin or double room and includes Bed & Breakfast. There will be an additional surcharge of \$500 for a single room.
- Return private airport transfer to Oakham from Heathrow airport on first and last day.
- Bus transfer and Tickets to TWO live professional games. Fixtures will be determined closer to the departure date. Specific game requests might include an additional fee.







Check out the following link for more about events and information on the spectacular surrounding area <a href="https://www.discover-rutland.co.uk/">https://www.discover-rutland.co.uk/</a>

Please note that our group has secured a limited number of rooms at the group hotel. We encourage supporters to secure their place early to avoid disappointment.

If you are interested in single rooms, family rooms or suites please contact Nick Dunbar directly at <a href="mailto:nick@ncesoccer.com">nick@ncesoccer.com</a> so we can check on availability.

## What's Not Included

- International Flights.
- Evening meals & lunch.
- Alcoholic Beverages.
- Travel Insurance.
- Other entry tickets at visits.
- Everything not included above.
- Cancelation Insurance.

# PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND REFUND POLICY

## The payment schedule is as follows:

Cost is \$2,499 per player with accommodation in rooms of 2 or 3 people. The cost for supporters is \$1,750 based on double occupancy with single rooms available for an additional \$500. A \$250 deposit is required per traveler to secure a spot. Spots are not confirmed without receipt of the deposit.

Travelers have option to make one payment or follow schedule below.

#### **PLAYER PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

DATE	PAYMENT	AMOUNT DUE
Now	Deposit Due	\$250 pp
Nov 1	2nd payment due	\$500 pp
Feb 1	3rd payment due	\$500 pp
Mar 1	4th payment due	\$500 pp
May 1	5th Payment due	\$500 pp
Jun 1	6th Payment due	\$Balance

### SUPPORTER PAYMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	PAYMENT	AMOUNT DUE
Now	Deposit Due	\$250 pp
Nov 1	2nd payment due	\$300 pp
Feb 1	3rd payment due	\$300 pp
Mar 1	4th payment due	\$300 pp
May 1	5th Payment due	\$300 pp
Jun 1	6th Payment due	\$Balance

## What happens if plans change, and we need to cancel?

We understand that situations may change, so we offer a generous refund policy for the land package. These refund dates only apply to the land portion of the tour. Flights are booked separately and the responsibility of the player or supporter.

WITHDRAWAL DATE	REFUND AMOUNT OWED
150+ days out	100% refund
90-140 days prior to departure	75% refund
60- 89 days prior to departure	50% refund
less than 60 days prior to departure	0% refund

<sup>\*</sup>All refunds will be issued less \$250 per person, which will act as the service fee.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Refunds will also be subject to any costs incurred if NCE uniform has been received.

# **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

#### **TEAM FLIGHT**

We are looking to secure the best possible price for our team flight from NY/NJ area into London. Once this flight is secured, we will notify all travelers with details on how to book.

We will depart the NY/NJ area on Thursday August 4<sup>th</sup> and return on Friday August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Travelers have the option to travel on the team flight or can make their own arrangements. All independent travelers are required to meet up with the group at their own expense and need to confirm travel details as soon as possible with the NCE team. The group flight will be booked through our Consolidator Webfares contact Klaus Bieber. Please contact Klaus using the information below to secure the group option.

## Consolidator Webfares, Inc.

Klaus Bieber klaus@consolidatorwebfares.com 888.316.7514 x7

#### CONFIRMING PARTICIPATION FOR PLAYERS

Space is limited to those who register first and to guarantee the roster position players should complete the online registration and pay the deposit as soon as possible with a using the registration link within the body of the original e mail from John Curtis.

#### CONFIRMING PARTICIPATION FOR ADDIONAL TRAVELERS

If additional travelers and supporters want to join the flight, please e-mail Nick Dunbar directly at <a href="mailto:nick@ncesoccer.com">nick@ncesoccer.com</a> with the name of the individuals so we can determine if there is available space.

#### **PASSPORTS**

You must have a current passport which is valid for at least 6 months after your return date. If your passport expires within 6 months of our return date you should immediately look into securing a renewal as there is a current backlog on passports. If you are traveling on a non-U.S. passport you must check with the destination country to clarify if you require a special travel visa.

# TRAVEL INSURANCE INFORMATION

We do not provide individual travel insurance coverage as part of the fee. It is strongly suggested that all travelers investigate the various options and consider purchasing travel insurance.

When investigating the many companies that offer travel insurance, we suggest that you ask questions regarding what is specifically included. The cost for coverage can vary based on reasons such as the cost of the trip and the level of coverage for expenses related to:

Trip cancellation
Travel delays or interruption Lost
Stolen or delayed luggage
Medical or dental coverage
Emergency services or expenses

.... and much more.

While we don't endorse any company listed below are links to some of the major company's previous travelers have used for insurance.

AIG Travelguard <u>www.travelguard.com</u>

Allianz Global Assistance <u>www.allianztravelinsurance.com</u>

CSA Travel Protection <u>www.csatravelprotection.com</u>

There are also many websites that compare rates and coverage, or your local travel agent might be able to offer further suggestions. It may also be worthwhile checking with your credit card company to see if they offer travel insurance when you make payment using your card.



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CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN ON BEING SELECTED FOR THE PRO ACADEMY TOUR OF 2022.