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# NCE Pro Player Pathway

## 2005 and 2006 Boys

### 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022



Selected 2005 and 2006 **NCE** Boys are invited to travel to England and experience what it takes to become a professional player. This amazing event provides selected players with an unparalleled international soccer experience. Playing against and training with top Professional Academies in England, watching live professional games, touring some of the best-known soccer stadiums in the world and staying in top class hotels.

The logo consists of the letters 'CO' in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by three horizontal yellow bars of varying lengths, resembling a stylized 'E' or a flag.

***“NCE is committed to providing the best possible development opportunities for our players and we hope that the experience of competing at the international level will provide selected players with the inspiration necessary to greatly accelerate their own development.”***

***John Curtis, Founder***

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**Date:** September 2021  
**From:** John Curtis  
**Re:** Pro Player Pathway – England Tour 2022

Dear Parent:

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

This event has been established to take the best of our 2005 and 2006 boys to play against and train with top professional club's academy programs including some of our international partners. Our players will get to experience what it is really like to play and train as an elite player within the UK club system and measure themselves against some of the top players across the Northwest of England.

During our tour we will play and train against top academy programs, attend live professional games, visit some of the best-known stadiums in England and stay in top class hotels. This promises to be a great event for our players and the opportunity to truly live the pro player pathway.

### Trip Particulars

**Dates:** Our plan is to depart on Thursday February 17<sup>th</sup> and return on Thursday February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Registration:** Please use the link provided in the email invitation to secure your spot.

In the following pages you will find additional information on the itinerary for the tour, payment schedule, refund policy, 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 contact me.

Kind Regards

*John Curtis*

John Curtis  
Technical Director  
National Center of Excellence

# BASIC TRIP INFORMATION

## Daily schedule:

See pages to follow.

## Who is invited:

Selected players with the 2005 and 2005 birth year. In addition to the players any family members and supporters who would like to participate in the tour experience are welcome to attend.

## Squad Sizes:

**2005 – 18 Players**

**2006 – 18 Players**

## Player's commitment:

Spots will be filled on a first come first served basis from the pool of invited players.

## How do you commit:

Complete the online registration, by clicking on the link in the invitation email and making the \$500 deposit payment. Please also send an email to Nick Dunbar, Chief Operating Officer at [nick@ncesoccer.com](mailto:nick@ncesoccer.com) letting him know if you have any additional travelers who will be traveling with your son. If you have any further questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Nick directly.

## Land cost per person:

\$2,499 per player includes everything listed in the tour itinerary. Additional travelers and supporters' price is only \$2,249 per person.

## Payment Plan:

Outlined on the next page.

## Location of the events:

Northwest England

## 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.

# ITINERARY 2022

## Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

- PPM - Depart New York/New Jersey airport and fly to Manchester

## Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

- AM - Arrive In Manchester and light training session to shake off jet lag
- PM - Head to Old Trafford Stadium for a tour of Manchester United's home ground. Check out the museum and club shop then check into Hotel.
- PPM – Dinner at hotel and team meeting to go over the week ahead with NCE coaching staff.

## Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

- AM – Play your first game of the tour against top local academy program (this may be moved to Sunday based on final schedule)
- PM - Watch a live game from the English Premier or English Football League
- PPM – Dinner at hotel or local city center restaurant after game

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

- AM – light training session with NCE staff coaches (or fixture against local team)
- PM - Watch a live game from the English Premier or English Football League
- PPM – Dinner at hotel or local city center restaurant after game

## Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

- AM – Travel to top Academy for a training session with Club Staff and Q and A Session.
- PM - Play your second game of the tour against Academy Program
- PPM - Return to hotel for dinner or city center restaurant.

## Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

- AM – Travel to top Academy for a training session with Club Staff and Q and A Session.
- PM - Travel to Etihad Stadium home to Manchester City for a tour and visit the club shop.
- PPM - Watch your third live game of the tour from the English Football League or potential European Champions league Fixture.

## Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

- AM – Travel to top Academy for a training session with Club Staff and Q and A Session.
- PM - Play your final game of the tour against Academy Program
- PPM - Return to hotel for dinner or city center restaurant or option to add a fourth and final live game!

## Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

AM - Depart to USA

(This schedule may be subject to change based on fixtures and availability of other events)

# WHATS INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

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

- 2 meals per day - Breakfast and lunch OR Dinner daily.
- 6 nights accommodation at top class hotels with double occupancy. Individual rooms are available for an additional \$500 per person.

## Transportation and Assistance

- All internal transportation by luxury motor coach.
- Full time experienced NCE Staff and Tour Director with the group at all times.

## Events

- Tickets to live professional games with the option to add more based on final fixture list. (Please note that special requests or additional games will incur additional fees.)
- Manchester United Old Trafford Stadium and Manchester City Etihad Stadium Tours.

## Soccer Program

- 3 training sessions with coaches from professional clubs.
- Visits to professional club program's academy facilities.
- 3 games against top academy opposition from local Northwest Professional Clubs.

## Players Kit

- Players will receive a complete team uniform of 2 shirts, 1 pair of shorts and socks.
- Players will also receive an NCE Polo Shirt and Jacket for travel to games and training sessions.

## 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 for souvenirs and lunch (note the tour includes 2 meals a day)
- Travel Insurance
- Other entry tickets at visits
- Everything not included above
- Cancellation Insurance

# PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND REFUND POLICY

## The payment schedule is as follows:

Cost is \$2,499 per player (Please note that for this trip players will stay together in rooms of 2 or 3.) Additional Traveler Package is \$2,249 per person. Prices are based on double occupancy with individual rooms available for an additional fee of \$500.

\*Please note a \$500 deposit is required per traveler to secure a spot. Spots are not confirmed without receipt of the deposit.

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	PAYMENT	AMOUNT DUE
Now	Deposit Due	\$500pp*
Oct 1	2nd payment due	\$500pp
Nov 1	3rd payment due	\$500pp
Dec 1	4th payment due	\$500pp
Jan 1	5th Payment due	\$Balancepp

## 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

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

# FLIGHT INFORMATION

## TEAM FLIGHT

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. Players travelling alone will be required to travel with the NCE staff coaches.

## GROUP FLIGHT DETAILS WITH VIRGIN AIRLINES

### Departure

Virgin Airlines VS128 departs Thursday 17th February from JFK to Manchester UK at 6.20PM  
Arrives Friday 18th February at 6.05AM

### Return

Virgin Airlines VS127 departs Thursday 24th February from Manchester UK at 1.20PM  
Arrives Thursday 24th February at JFK at 4.20PM

Total with taxes and fees - \$1145.00 per person includes one checked bag. Please note that airlines reserve the right to change times of departure and return.

## Important Dates

October 15th, 2021 - \$100 deposit per person is due - non-refundable once submitted.

December 10th, 2021 - Names as on the passport, TSA information and the balance of \$1045.00 is due.

## Information from Flight Provider

Once tickets are issued on Dec 10, 2021 the tickets become non-refundable. If the tournament gets canceled or if the group cannot travel as booked for any reason the tickets are still non-refundable. The airline will offer a credit to be used for future travel only. Change fee up to \$350.00 may apply plus any fare difference when using the credit. The credit would need to be used and traveled upon within one year of the purchase date (not travel date). In this case the credit would be valid for travel through Dec. 9, 2022. Again this applies only if you do not travel as booked.

## FLIGHT CONTACT

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 e-mail: [klaus@consolidatorwebfares.com](mailto:klaus@consolidatorwebfares.com) or phone 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 credit card using the registration link within the body of the original e mail from John Curtis.

## CONFIRMING PARTICIPATION FOR ADDITIONAL TRAVELERS

If additional travelers and supporters want to join the tour you will need to go into your family portal and add the details of the respective individual. Please then e-mail Nick Dunbar at [nick@ncesoccer.com](mailto:nick@ncesoccer.com) with the name of the individuals and we will register you for the tour. You will then be required to confirm your registration for this event by paying the deposit.

## 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.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING TRAVEL INSURANCE

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 or 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**

[www.travelguard.com](http://www.travelguard.com)

**Allianz Global Assistance**

[www.allianztravelinsurance.com](http://www.allianztravelinsurance.com)

**CSA Travel Protection**

[www.csatravelprotection.com](http://www.csatravelprotection.com)

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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