



# NCE SOCCER

## PRO ACADEMY TOUR 2024

Saturday August 3rd to Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup>  
2011 and 2013 boys

NCE Soccer will be inviting selected players to attend the 2024 Pro Academy Tour in England to compete against some of the best professional academies in the UK and others from around the world. We will be taking boys and girls teams to represent NCE and train with top academy coaches as well as play against elite programs.



‘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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**From:** John Curtis

**Re:** NCE Select Squad Invitation Pro Academy Tour 2024

## DEAR PARENT:

I am delighted to extend the invitation to your son to participate in the 2024 Pro Academy Tour in England. He has been selected based on his performances across the various NCE programs and after recommendations and feedback from our coaching staff.

The Pro Academy Tour is developed around a first class tournament that features some of the best academy programs in the UK. In 2023 our boys and girls' teams played against professional clubs like Leicester City, Nottingham Forest, Sunderland, Arsenal, Aston Villa, Brighton and Hove Albion, West Ham United and many other clubs from around the UK. Our aim is for the players to experience what European Academy football is like and hopefully inspire them to take the lessons they've learnt back to the US.

In 2024 our teams and supporters will spend 3 nights in London in a top class hotel, before heading north to Oakham School for a 4-night stay. Whilst in London we will have the chance to practice together as well as train at professional academies. Off the field we will be able to visit the famous city, tour the sights and even take in a stadium tour.

When we get to Oakham, we will play another friendly game to prepare, before starting the tournament proper on our 5th day in England. Most of our teams will play 10 games across a 3-day period with the NCE staff involved in coaching and managing the squads. When we arrive in Oakham the players will move into college type accommodation of the school, with the parents and supporters checking into their next hotel for 4 nights.

After feedback from players and supporters we have decided that all NCE Summer Touring groups will attend a 4 night residential camp in late June 2024. This will provide the players with the time necessary for field and classroom sessions, to develop the tactics we will deploy while on tour. Players will return home before getting ready to travel to England.

Further information on the tour can be found on the following pages including the itinerary, payment schedule, refund policy, group flight details and even travel insurance options. We hope that you, your player, 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*

CEO and Founder  
National Center of Excellence



## EVENT INFORMATION:

### DATES:

Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup>

### WHO IS INVITED?:

Players born in 2011 and 2013 birth years.

### SQUAD SIZES:

2013 YOB is Boys U11 – (9-a-side) - Roster of up to 16 Players

2011 YOB is Boys U13 – (11-a-side) – Roster of up to 18 Players

### PLAYER'S COMMITMENT:

Roster spots will be filled on a first come first served basis from the select pool of invited players. Players need to complete the online registration by clicking on the link in your family portal and making a deposit payment to secure their place on the tour.

### HOW DO PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS SIGN UP FOR THE TOUR?:

You will need to add any additional travelers to your family portal as 'FANS' which will then allow you to register for the respective 'PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS TOUR' providing there is still space available. Please note that any siblings who might already be players within the NCE programs will need to be added as a FAN in your family portal to see the supporter tour option. We also welcome those supporters who choose to travel independently to the group and attend the matches our teams play but please note we can not provide tickets to live games, transportation or access to other events unless you are on the official NCE Supporters tour.

### PARENT CHAPERONES:

We have a limited number of places for Chaperones who would like to provide support to the NCE Staff and stay with us at Oakham school. All chaperones need to complete a background check and go through Safe Sport Training. If you are interested in this option please contact the NCE office. The cost for chaperones is \$2,250 for the week and includes all meals at Oakham school.

### LAND COST PER PERSON:

**\$2,950** per player includes everything listed in the tour itinerary.

Additional travelers and supporters' price is **\$2,650** per person

The cost for chaperones is **\$2,250** per person.

Discount of **\$250** for the 4th member from the same family and any additional.

Payment plans are outlined on the following pages.

Prices are based on players sharing rooms with other players. Supporter fees are based on double occupancy with single supplements available at an additional cost of **\$500**.

### FLIGHT BOOKING AND PRICES:

Flights are NOT INCLUDED in the above prices. See document titled 'Flight Information' on the Tour page. Travelers are responsible for booking their own flights but must use Consolidator Webfares if you want to access our group flight. Supporters who fly independently you will be responsible for meeting up with the group in England. Any players not travelling with supporters or parents will be required to travel on the group flight with NCE Staff and have a notarized travel consent form.



## TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

The Oakham Tournaments are based on the following format:

- Pre-Tournament Festival between 4 teams as preparation for Oakham event.
- Eight team tournament with every team playing against each other,
- Seven 36-minute games in the group
- Three games on day one and four games on day two,
- At the end of day two the teams split into two groups of four,
- Each group of four plays semi-finals and finals on day three,
- Each team plays two games of 40 minutes on day three.

## PREVIOUS BOYS' TEAMS :

AS Roma, Aisling Annacotty (Ireland), Barnsley, Birmingham City F.C., Bonivital SC (Canada), Boston Bolts (USA), Bristol City, Burton Albion, Chelsea, Colchester Utd, Derby County, Doncaster F.C., Dundee United (Scotland), St. Kevin's (Ireland), FC Toreros (Japan), Go Pro Academy (Dubai), Honk Kong FC, Hull City, ISFA, Kilmarnock (Scotland), Kyoto FA (Japan), Leicester City, Manchester United, Millwall, Northampton Town FC, Nottingham Forest, Port Vale, Preston North End, Stoke City, Sheffield Wednesday, Watford, West Bromwich Albion.

# INTERNATIONAL PREPARATION WEEK



## DATES:

Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## WHO IS INVITED:

All players who will be travelling on NCE International Teams to participate in Gothia Cup 2024 or at Oakham Tournament in England will be expected to attend. Upon registration for your International Tour players will be sent an invitation e-mail to sign up for the International Preparation Camp. This correspondence will include information on how to register for the event, further details about the program and payment plans.

## LOCATION:

To be determined but will be a residential facility within the Tri State Area.

## COST AND INCLUSIONS:

The total cost of this event will be **\$850** per person and includes the following:

- 4 Nights of Accommodation
- 5 Days of Training/Activities
- 4 x Breakfast
- 3 x Lunch
- 4 x Dinner

## EXCLUSIONS:

- Transportation to and from the facility
- Any additional food/drink outside of scheduled meals.
- Players are required to bring FULL black Nike COE uniform and International Kit.

## CAMP STAFFING AND STRUCTURE:

- The camp staff is made up of NCE Coaching Staff and guest coaches who have worked at the elite level.
- Teams will have coaching sessions with the NCE Staff member that will be their Tour Coach.
- The Coaching Sessions will be designed to provide the best possible preparation for your players respective tour event.
- Field training will be supplemented by classroom sessions and workshops to develop the NCE mentality towards tournament play.
- NCE Staff will be supplemented by camp counsellors to manage transfer from dorms to fields and lights out and player welfare.

## CAMP SCHEDULE:

- **WEDNESDAY:** Player's check-in around 2pm, player meeting to go over schedule and expectations, with games in the evening.
- **THURSDAY:** Sessions in the morning and afternoon, with evening games and classroom sessions.
- **FRIDAY:** Sessions in the morning and afternoon, with evening games and classroom sessions.
- **SATURDAY:** Sessions in the morning and afternoon, with evening games and classroom sessions.
- **SUNDAY:** Morning games then check out around noon

Breakfast, lunch and evening meal will take place before sessions with free time to relax for players after final games.

## PRO ACADEMY TOUR ITINERARY 2023:



### SATURDAY AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>

- PPM – Check in for group flight and head to departure lounge to then fly through the night to arrive in England on following day. Supporters traveling independently to meet at UK airport or join the group in London.

### SUNDAY AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>

- AM – Land in UK and go through customs and immigration to meet transportation
- PM – Light training session with your NCE staff coach then head to Windsor the Country retreat of the Royal Family. Free time for lunch on your own and sightseeing.
- PPM – Check into your London hotel which will be our home for the next 3 nights. Dinner with the group and team meeting to go over the week's schedule.

### MONDAY AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>

- AM – Breakfast then training session with NCE staff for the players and free time for parents and supporters to relax.
- PM – Travel into the city center for a guided tour and river cruise up the Thames. Free time to sightsee and souvenir shopping.
- PPM – Dinner at the hotel or a local restaurant with the group

### TUESDAY AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>

- AM – Training session at a local professional academy. Parents have free time to explore London!
- PM – Go behind the scenes at one of the top London clubs as we take a stadium tour.
- PPM – Dinner with the group then watch a live professional game at one of the local London clubs.



## PRO ACADEMY TOUR ITINERARY 2023:



### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>

- AM – Check out of London hotel and travel north to Oakham
- PM – Parents check into hotel and players move into Oakham School
- PPM - Pre-Tournament Festival with teams from local UK academies. These teams will not appear in the tournament and will allow NCE staff to make final preparations.
- PPM – Dinner and team meetings then free time before lights out.

### THURSDAY AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>

- AM – Tournament game #1
- PM – Lunch then Tournament game #2 and game #3.
- PPM – Dinner and team meetings then free time before lights out.

### FRIDAY AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>

- AM – Tournament game #4 and game #5
- PM – Lunch then Tournament game #6 and game #7
- PPM – Dinner and team meetings then free time before lights out

### SATURDAY AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>

- AM – Semi Final game then final or consolation game.
- PM – Lunch then free time with parents and supporters.
- PPM – Dinner and end of tournament event..

### SUNDAY AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>

- Transfer to airport for departure to United States.



## PLAYER TOUR INCLUSIONS:

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 at Oakham

- 3 nights in London Hotels with breakfast and one other meal daily.
- 4 nights at Oakham school with dinner, lunch and breakfast daily.
- Accommodations in London will be double occupancy and in Oakham school could be up to 3 people.

### Transportation

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

### Excursions

- Ticket to a live professional games. Fixtures will be determined closer to the departure date. Specific game requests might include an additional fee.
- Stadium Tour at a top London club.

### Soccer Program

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

### NCE Touring Uniform

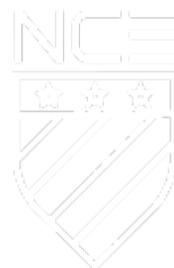
- Full NCE International Tour kit of Shirt, Shorts and socks.
- Complete NCE Tracksuit.
- NCE Polo Shirt.

### General Expenses

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

## NOT INCLUDED IN COST:

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



## SUPPORTERS TOUR DETAILS:

**COST: \$2,650pp** Based on two people sharing. Single rooms are available for an additional \$500 per person. There may also be a limited number of family rooms with an additional charge based on availability.

### What's Included

- 3-night stay in London hotel with breakfast and one other meal.
- 4-Night stay in hotel location in Oakham town center or location within driving distance to fields.
- Oakham town center is a five-minute walk from Oakham School and a 15-minute walk from Oakham School Playing Fields. Bed and breakfast.
- Price is based on double occupancy in either a twin or double room.
- Private bus for all airport transfers & travel within the UK.
- Tickets to a live professional games. Fixtures will be determined closer to the departure date. Specific game requests might include an additional fee.
- Stadium Tour of a top London Club
- Sightseeing in London City Center and River Cruise on the Thames

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



## NOT INCLUDED IN COST:

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

## PAYMENT PLAN:

The cost for players is **\$2,950** and includes everything listed in the tour itinerary. Players will be expected to room together in rooms with other players.

The tour price for supporters is only **\$2,650** per person based on double occupancy with single supplements available at an additional cost of **\$500**.

We also offer a discount of \$250 for the 4th member from the same family and any additional.

DATE	PAYMENT	PLAYER \$'S	SUPPORTER \$'S
On registration	Deposit*	\$600.00	\$500.00
December 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023	1 <sup>st</sup> payment due	\$600.00	\$500.00
February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	2 <sup>nd</sup> payment due	\$600.00	\$500.00
March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> payment due	\$600.00	\$500.00
May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	Balance	\$550.00	\$650.00

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

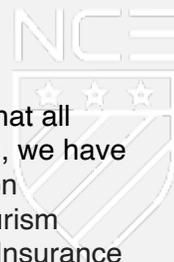
## REFUND POLICY AND CANCELLATION:

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

We encourage all tour participants to consider travel insurance to cover issues such as injury which means a player is unable to join the tour. You may also want to consider purchasing the CFAR (cancel for any reason) option through our Insurance partner TripMate with more details provided in the following pages.

WITHDRAWAL DATE	REFUND AMOUNT OWED
150+ days out	100% refund*
90 to 149 days prior to departure	75% refund*
60 to 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.  
\*Refunds will also be subject to any costs incurred if NCE uniform has been received.



## TRAVEL INSURANCE AND TRIP MATE:

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. For that reason, we have chosen to partner with TripMate who are an industry leader in providing high-quality travel protection products and services for the traveling public. They work with renowned organizations such as Tourism Cares, the United States Tour Operators Association and are a founding member of the US Travel Insurance Association. In addition to offering industry leading travel protection plans, they provide administrative services for claims, product design and underwriting, while helping customers with our state-of-the-art claims handling.

They offer policies that include trip cancellation, trip interruption, trip delays and even cancel for any reason. The coverage can include coverage for medical expenses, 24-hour travel assistance services as well as plans for issues with baggage and personal effects. Please note that other insurance providers are available, and we recommend you review all opportunities but remember to confirm 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 and other expenses.

## SIGN UP FOR TRIPMATE PLAN:

To register for the NCE approved plans and coverage please click on the following link ;

<https://gamer.tripmate.com/?welcome=SELE0324SC>

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

You can also find out more information on the various plans and what coverage can include by clicking on the following link:

<https://gamer.tripmate.com/our-plans/>





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Congratulations on being selected for  
the Pro Academy 2024 NCE Select  
Squad.