**September 2021 – Tour Invitation**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I am delighted to let you know that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has been selected to represent the National Center of Excellence Program on our NCE Pro Player Pathway - England 2022 Tour.

After two full years of missed opportunities for the players, we're delighted to be able to return to international competition and offer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this opportunity to boost his development.

Each year pro club academies from across Europe get together to test their players and teams against international opposition. Top academies recognize the value gained from competitive international experiences and often travel throughout the year to expose their players to these environments.

Academy programs here in the US are now introducing more and more international experiences and the National Center of Excellence Program is committed to providing the best possible development opportunities for the players within its centers. We hope that competing at an international event of this magnitude will provide our players with the inspiration necessary to greatly accelerate their own personal and athletic development.

From personal experience, trips of this nature provide players with an amazing opportunity to grow, both as soccer players and young people.

Please see attached an official invitation packet and the link below that provide more details on what this trip consists of and outlines the costs associated.

Pro Player Pathway Tour Page - <https://ncesoccer.com/england-pro-player-pathway-info-page/>

After reading the attached documents, if you would like to secure a spot on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, please login to your NCE Family Portal and click 'Program Sign Up' under his name.

NCE Family Portal - <https://ncesoccer.com/login/>

You should see the Invitation posted at the top of the list of programming available to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

If you have funds on file with us, and would like to apply these to this trip, please reach out to me, at john@ncesoccer.com and I'll be happy to apply them.

Once payment of the deposit is received, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ place on the roster is secure.

Please note that spots will be filled on a first come first served basis, with more players than roster positions receiving this invitation.

If any family members would like to accompany \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, please add them as as family member on your NCE portal. Please notify me via email once they're added and I'll be happy to add them to the Tour.

As always if you have any questions whatsoever, please feel free to reach out.

Kind Regards

John Curtis

Technical Director

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**October 2021 – Flight Information**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I hope all is well and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is enjoying the current season and looking forward to our Pro Player Pathway - England 2022. We are delighted to confirm that we have now secured flights for Pro Player Pathway - England 2022 with the details listed below. We sourced various flights and chose a direct flight option to prevent any challenges with COVID regulations at transfer airports and avoidance of any delays for connections. If \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and any additional family members would like to travel with the coaches and the group, it is imperative that you secure their places on this flight. Please note that any players who are traveling alone will be required to accompany the coaches on this flight. To confirm your flight, you can contact our travel partner at the details listed below. Players and supporters can also source the same flight online and book directly themselves through the airline if you are able to secure a lower price.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE INFORMED CONSOLIDATOR WEBFARES TO TAKE DEPOSITS FOR THIS FLIGHT.**

**FLIGHT DETAILS**

**Departure**

Virgin Airlines VS128

Departs Thursday 17th February from JFK to Manchester UK at 8.30PM

Arrives Friday 18th February at 8.15AM

**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.

**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

To secure your spots, please reach out to Klaus at Consolidator Webfares via phone or email using the details below as soon as possible.

**Klaus Biber, Phone 888 316 7514 - Ext 7, Email -** **klaus@consolidatorwebfares.com**

Hopefully the above information is helpful.

If you have any questions about the tour, flights or other NCE programming, please do not hesitate to reach out to me to discuss or contact Nick Dunbar our COO via his e mail address nick@ncesoccer.com .

Kind Regards

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**October 2021 – Pro Player Pathway Kit Order**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

We wanted to provide you with important information for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ upcoming attendance at Pro Player Pathway - England 2022 . We are very excited to provide the opportunity for our select boys to travel to England and compete against top academy teams. As part of this tour, we have included a full uniform, polo shirt and tracksuit for the players. A copy of a suggested packing list can be found on our tour web page and details our expectations of what to wear when we travel to Europe and the various venues. Please consider that February in the UK will require warm clothing and there will of course be the possibility of rain so please pack accordingly. We are going to be working with Soccer.com to provide uniforms for all our players and the information below explains how to order your kit. We have randomly assigned squad numbers, except for goalkeepers, and these have no bearing on positions or squad place. Please use the number listed below when you order your uniform. In addition to the International Uniform all players will be required to bring their NCE Black training kit of Nike shirt, shorts and socks as we will be using those in the training sessions at Academies. If you do not have these then please add to your order as we will not have any spare uniforms to hand out on tour. The cost of the total International Tour uniform is approximately $210 but we have provided a gift card for up to $250 so please use the additional funds to purchase extra NCE training gear. You have until December 31st, 2021, to use your gift card after which time it will expire.

**HOW TO ORDER YOUT NCE PRO PLAYER PATHWAY UNIFORM**

Click on the following link that will take you to our NCE Store in soccer.com. <https://www.soccer.com/club/#/2002228060/required> . Once you get to the store go to the International Tour Boys link. You will then be asked to enter your name and the number assigned below.

International Tour Squad Number is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Go to the NCE team store and order all items of the Uniform Kit which includes drill top, pants, full white kit and black polo shirt. Goalkeepers should order the Long-sleeved goalkeeper shirt in place of the White jersey. To order these items click on your size and add them to your cart then go to check out. After ordering all items go to your cart and please check for any back-order dates to ensure you will receive everything in time for the tour.

SHIPPING METHOD

Please select the shipping method you would prefer. Soccer.com are suggesting a current turnaround of 7 weeks as they experience challenges with their supply lines. This timeframe could go down but may also increase around the holiday season so please plan accordingly.

DISCOUNTS

Please check our team store coupons to take advantage of any promotional codes or coupons that Soccer.com is offering at time of purchase for further savings.

USING YOUR GIFT CARD TO PAY

After adding and applying any Discounts then click on “> Add a gift card”. You will need to enter your gift card number and then a PIN code to order. Please make sure you enter the codes manually rather than cut and paste and do not leave any spaces before pressing enter.

Your gift card number is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and your PIN code is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

As always, if you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself at nick@ncesoccer.com .

Kind Regards

Nick Dunbar

Chief Operating Officer

NCE Soccer

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**December 2021 – 2022 Pro Player COVID Update**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

We are greatly looking forward to our first Pro Player Pathway NCE tour in February 2022 and hope that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is as excited as we are to travel overseas.

We have been working with our partners in the UK and are starting to arrange games, training sessions and fixtures for the teams around the Northwest of England.  As we get closer to the tour departure, we want to remind everyone that it is important that if you have not already done so to order your uniform from soccer.com to ensure on time delivery.  The codes we have supplied have an expiration date of December 31st so please make sure you use them before that time.

On the more important matter of travel safety, we want to pass along our plans and procedures for dealing with COVID issues.  The COVID guidelines for travel are continuing to change based on the evidence of new variants and the prospect of cases rising so we will continue to monitor any updates and follow all sanctions that are imposed.

At present the vaccination requirements for travel can differ based on age and even immigration status with entry to certain events and locations such as training facilities also impacted.  However, with the predicted rise in cases and the impact this may have on testing we are requiring that everyone show proof of a negative test within 48 hours of our departure.  We are also requiring that every person in the traveling party be fully vaccinated to travel with the group.  This means that you must have had your second shot at least 14 days before departure to the UK to be considered fully vaccinated.  Our stance in this matter is purely practical as we want to ensure that no member of the group is forced to miss out on any of the experiences because of current or potential future mandates.

We will continue to follow all other travel guidelines and expect those in our traveling group to also adhere to any requirements.  We will be communicating our plan in later communications and will be collecting information from each member of the group on vaccination status as well as important information such as passport numbers before we depart.

As this is an ever-changing landscape, we can only consider best practice ahead of the date of travel and will continue to keep you informed of any updates. If you have any questions on the content of this e mail or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact myself at john@ncesoccer.com  or Nick Dunbar our Chief Operating Officer on nick@ncesoccer.com .

Sincerely,

John

John Curtis

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**January 2022 – Pre-Tour Call**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

Happy New Year to you and we hope you are as excited as we are to look forwards to 2022 and some great soccer experiences.  This e mail is to announce a ZOOM call for all participants and their parents of the Pro Player Pathway tour that is scheduled for February 17th to the 24th.  During that call we will be providing information about the itinerary, our expectations, player health and safety including COVID protocols and further details on future correspondence such as rooming requests and dietary requirements.

The tour is shaping up to be a great event with confirmed games against top academies in the Northwest including Blackpool Football Club and Fleetwood Town F.C. who are also going to be hosting us for their 1st team game against Sheffield Wednesday.  We are finalizing details for the other live games, fixtures, and training sessions and this will be added to the web page as we receive confirmations.

You can reach the tour web page at the following link <https://ncesoccer.com/england-pro-player-pathway-info-page/>

For the entire tour we will be staying at the Jury’s Inn hotel in the center of Manchester <https://www.jurysinns.com/hotels/manchester/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=local> and have access to our own luxury motor coach to travel to games, training sessions, live games and all other events.

The details for the ZOOM call are listed below and we will also be recording the meeting for anyone who cannot attend and will forward that to the entire group.  We look forward to seeing everyone on January 17th and please feel free to reach out to Nick Dunbar our COO who is leading the tour if you have any questions before then at nick@ncesoccer.com.

Topic: NCE Pro Player Pathway Tour Meeting

Time: Jan 17, 2022 20:30 Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88259772335?pwd=bHF4Qk1qcVhPL1phejJ0NjZseDZVZz09>

Meeting ID: 882 5977 2335

Passcode: 058774

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