



# NCE SOCCER

## PRO ACADEMY TOUR 2023

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July to Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August  
2008 boys

NCE Soccer will be inviting selected players to attend the 2023 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 2023

**DEAR PARENT:**

I am delighted to extend the invitation to your player to participate in the 2023 Pro Academy Tour in England. Your player has been selected based on their performances across our various NCE programs and after recommendations and feedback from our coaching staff.

The Pro Academy Tour is developed around tournament that features some of the top academy programs in the UK. In 2022 our boys and girls' teams played against such established clubs as Manchester United, Leicester City, Nottingham Forest, Sunderland, Arsenal, Aston Villa, Wolverhampton Wanderers and many other clubs from around the UK. The aim for our teams that attend this tournament is to compete for the top prize and last year we had many teams who not only beat the teams listed above but went on to represent us in the final games. .

In 2022 the format of the tour saw the teams enjoy coaching sessions with coaches from top academies such as Manchester United and Leicester City from the English Premier League but then play a series of games in a festival format before the tournament proper. Most of our teams played over 10 games across a 3-day period with the NCE staff involved in coaching and managing the squads. Players stay in college type accommodation with all meals included and get the chance to immerse themselves in the Pro Academy experience.

We have a very limited number of places for each squad to ensure playing time for everyone on tour. In 2022 we had to set up waiting lists as rosters fill up fast on a first come first served basis.

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:

Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday August 2<sup>nd</sup>

### WHO IS INVITED?:

Players born in 2008 birth years.

### SQUAD SIZES:

2008 YOB is Boys 14 – (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 join our tour. For those parents and supporters who would like to provide support to the NCE Staff and stay with us at Oakham school with all meals included please contact Nick Dunbar at [nick@ncesoccer.com](mailto:nick@ncesoccer.com) for more details and consideration. The cost for chaperones would be \$1,200 for the week.

### LAND COST PER PERSON:

**\$2,549** per player includes everything listed in the tour itinerary.

Additional travelers and supporters' price is only **\$1,399** per person

The cost for chaperones is **\$1,200** 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 page titled 'Flight Information'. 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 sign a 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.



## PRO ACADEMY TOUR ITINERARY 2023:



### WEDNESDAY

- 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 travelling independently to meet at UK airport or join the group at Oakham school

### THURSDAY

- AM – Land in UK and go through customs and immigration to meet transportation to Oakham School.
- PM – Travel to Oakham School with stop off for lunch. Parents and supporters dropped at hotel in Oakham. .
- PPM – Check into Oakham school, light training session with NCE Staff, dinner then team meeting to go over schedule for the week.

### FRIDAY

- AM – Morning training session with Academy Coach from top English Academy
- PM – Pre-Tournament Festival with 3 other teams from local UK academies. These teams will not appear in the tournament but will provide NCE staff with opportunity to set up systems and formations.
- PPM – Dinner and team meetings then free time before lights out.



## PRO ACADEMY TOUR ITINERARY 2023:



### SATURDAY

- AM – Morning training session with Academy Coach from top English Academy
- PM – Travel to watch a live professional game between two top teams from the football league.
- PPM – Dinner and free time before lights out.

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

- 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.

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

- 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**

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

### **Transportation**

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

### **Excursions**

- Ticket to a live professional game. 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 registration fee.
- Tournament games.

### **NCE Touring Uniform**

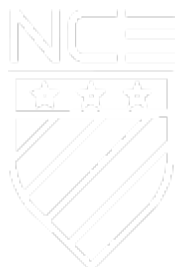
- Full NCE International Tour kit of Shirt, Shorts and socks.
- Complete NCE Tracksuit.
- NCE Polo Shirt.

### **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: \$1,399pp** 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

- 6 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. Family rooms may be available for an additional charge.
- Return airport transfer to Oakham from Heathrow airport on first and last day.
- Bus transfer and Tickets to a 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 <https://www.discover-rutland.co.uk/>

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 [nick@ncesoccer.com](mailto:nick@ncesoccer.com) so we can check on availability and pricing.



## 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 **\$2,549** 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 **\$1,399** 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*	\$500.00	\$300.00
December 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2022	1 <sup>st</sup> payment due	\$500.00	\$300.00
February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023	2 <sup>nd</sup> payment due	\$500.00	\$300.00
March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023	3 <sup>rd</sup> payment due	\$500.00	\$300.00
May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023	Balance	\$Balance	\$Balance

\*\$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.



## FLIGHT INFORMATION AND CONTACT



### GROUP FLIGHT INFORMATION:

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. Any players not travelling with supporters or parents will be required to travel on the group flight with NCE Staff and sign a travel consent form. Independent travelers may also secure their own seats on the same flight the group is travelling on by contacting the airline directly.

The group flight will be booked through our Consolidator Webfares contact Klaus Biber. Please contact Klaus using the information below to secure the group option.

#### **Group Flight Departure**

British Airways Flight #176 on Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup> out of JFK at 7.35pm  
Arrives Thursday July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.45am into London Heathrow

#### **Group Flight Return**

British Airways on Wednesday August 2<sup>nd</sup> out of London Heathrow at 6.05pm  
Arrives Wednesday August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9.00pm into JFK

Total for group flight option with taxes and fees is \$1,111.00 per person and includes a checked bag. Please note that airlines reserve the right to change times of departure and return

### IMPORTANT DATES

\$100 deposit per person is due on registration by calling Consolidator Webfares  
April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 - Book flight with Consolidator Webfares or risk losing group flight place.  
June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - Names as on the passport, TSA information and full payment are due.  
Jun 6, 2023 – Any seats still held and not cancelled on or after this date will result in the full fare being due or a penalty of \$1111.00 per seat not released and not ticketed

Please note this group flight will only be available should a minimum of 10 passengers register. If there are less than 10 requested seats Consolidator Webfares will request seats at current market value.

### CONSOLIDATOR WEBFARES INC:

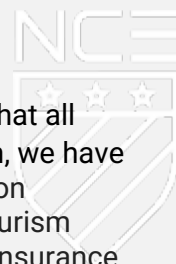
The group flight can only be booked through our Consolidator Webfares contact Klaus Biber. Please contact Klaus using the information below to secure the group option.

Please ensure you email names and dates of birth before calling with deposit payment AND inform Consolidated Webfares of your NCE tour group as they are working with multiple teams.

**E mail:** [klaus@consolidatorwebfares.com](mailto:klaus@consolidatorwebfares.com)  
**Phone:** 888.316.7514 x7

### 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 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 2023 NCE Select Squad.