



NCE SOCCER

PRO PLAYER PATHWAY TOUR

Thursday 13th to Thursday 20th February
2025

2008 and 2009 Boys

Selected 2008 and 2009 **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.



'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 Pro Player Pathway – England Tour 2025

DEAR PARENT:

I am delighted to announce that after the great success of our Pro Player Pathway Tour in 2023 and 2024 we will be traveling to England once again. Your son has been identified by our coaching staff as someone who would be a great representative of NCE based on their performance and attitude at our events. We would therefore like to extend an invite for them to join our upcoming tour in February 2025.

This event has been established to take the best of our 2008 and 2009 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 13th and return on Thursday February 20th, 2025.

Registration: Our 2024 tour was sold out so we would suggest if you are interested to go to your family portal and register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

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 player, and even 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:

Depart USA on Thursday February 13th and return to USA on Thursday February 20th

WHO IS INVITED?:

NCE Elite Players born in 2008 and 2009 birth years.

SQUAD SIZES:

We intend to take a combined squad of 20 players for the 2008 and 2009 age groups. This boys' team will represent the best of NCE and compete against top Academies in the UK. Once we reach 20 players any additional players will be added to a waiting list, so we encourage you to register early to avoid disappointment.

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

LAND COST PER PERSON:

\$2,650 per player includes everything listed in the tour itinerary.

Additional travelers and supporters' price is only **\$2,350** 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.

PRO PLAYER PATHWAY TOUR ITINERARY 2024:



Schedule may be subject to change based on fixtures and availability of other events.

THURSDAY 13TH

- 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.

FRIDAY 14TH

- 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 15TH

- 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 or hotel after the game.





PRO PLAYER PATHWAY TOUR ITINERARY 2024:

SUNDAY 16TH

- 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 17TH

- 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 18TH

- 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 stadium tour
- PPM - Watch your third live game of the tour from the English Football League or potential European Champions league Fixture.

WEDNESDAY 19TH

- 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 20TH

- 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

- Players will be assigned a room mate and will be in double occupancy.
- 2 meals per day - Breakfast and lunch OR Dinner daily.
- 6 nights accommodation at top class hotels.
- Individual rooms are available for an additional \$500 per person for any parents and supporters who want their own room.

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 may incur additional fees.)
- Manchester United Old Trafford Stadium and Manchester City Etihad Stadium Tours.

Soccer Program

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

Players Kit

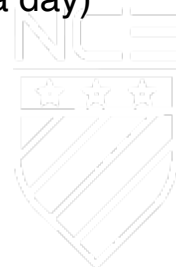
- Players will be responsible for purchase of a complete NIKE team uniform of 2 shirts, 1 pair of shorts and socks. Approximate total cost of the required Tour Uniform is \$300. We recommend purchasing additional kit in case of bad weather.

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
- Tour Playing Uniform
- 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
- Tips for driver



PAYMENT PLAN:

Cost is \$2,650 per player (Please note that for this trip players will stay together in rooms of 2 or 3.) Additional Traveler Package is \$2,450 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 your roster place. Roster places are only confirmed with receipt of deposit payment.

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	\$500.00
August 1 st , 2024	1 st payment due	\$600.00	\$500.00
October 1 st , 2024	2 nd payment due	\$600.00	\$500.00
November 1 st , 2024	3 rd payment due	\$600.00	\$500.00
December 1 st , 2024	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 traveling 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 traveling 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

Aer Lingus Flight #44 on Thursday February 13th out of JFK at 7.05pm
Arrives Friday February 14th at 6.50am into Manchester Airport, UK.

Group Flight Return

Aer Lingus Flight #45 on Thursday February 20th out of Manchester Airport UK at 2.15pm
Arrives Thursday February 20th at 5.20pm into JFK

Total for group flight option with taxes and fees is \$995.00 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
October 15th, 2024 - Book flight with Consolidator Webfares or risk losing group flight place.
November 15th, 2024 - Names as on the passport, TSA information and full payment are due.
December 1st, 2024— Any seats still held and not cancelled on or after this date will result in the full fare being due or a penalty of \$1,107.00 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. NCE Staff coaches will be flying on the above flight and all players traveling alone will be required to take this flight

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

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. Follow the prompts to find the best solutions for your needs. When going through the booking process if you are asked to provide a booking number, please enter 111.

<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 Boys Pro Player Pathway Tour for
2025.