



NCE SOCCER

2024/25 COLLEGE PATHWAY PROGRAM

U16-U18 Boys & Girls

The **NCE COLLEGE PATHWAY** Program provides aspiring college athletes with a comprehensive college recruitment platform. The program is composed of 7 distinct components that unite to create a complete college recruitment package.



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From: Scott Middlemass
Re NCE College Pathway Invitation

Dear Parent

I am delighted to invite your son/daughter to participate in the National Center of Excellence **College Pathway Program**. This 8 month long college specific program is being offered to select players that we feel have the potential to play at the collegiate level. Your son/daughter has been selected based on his/her performances at previous NCE events.

The **College Pathway Program** will officially begin Sunday, December 1st. The program will consist of a number of different events/activities that help successfully guide selected players through the college recruitment process and expose them to college coaches from across the country. Please refer to additional pages within this document for more information on what the program will consist of.

Registration: As always please login to your NCE Family portal to complete the registration for this program.

We hope that your son/daughter recognizes that this invitation is a recognition of their hard work within our programs and a reflection of their talent level. If you have any questions regarding this opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Scott Middlemass

College Pathway Director
National Center of Excellence



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NCE COLLEGE PATHWAY PROGRAM OVERVIEW



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The program will consist of the following events over an 8 month period:

- **4 x Webinars**
- **4 x Winter Showcases**
- **1 x Summer Showcase**
- **1 x College Combine**
- **1 x College Pathway Residential Camp**
- **1 x Profile Page**
- **1 x Highlight Reel**
- **Personal College Consultancy**





RESPONSIBILITIES & EXPECTATIONS

KEY INFO

The college recruitment process is a critical step each student-athlete must navigate independently. Throughout the program, our recruitment experts will provide comprehensive guidance to ensure athletes understand each phase of the process. It is important to note that college coaches prefer direct interaction with athletes and are often discouraged by third-party involvement.

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Take ownership of your college recruitment process
- Provide truthful and accurate information
- Attend all NCE Soccer College Pathway Events
- Conscientiously and thoroughly prepare for each event and accurately present their qualifications and interests
- Complete any and all assignments to the best of your ability
- Adhere to all event schedules and arrive early to each event
- Give maximum effort at all times





COLLEGE PATHWAY CAMP

CAMP INFO

The **College Pathway Camp** will consist of three days and two nights at DeSales University in PA. College coaches will attend and will both deliver and observe throughout the duration of the event. Players will complete college style training sessions and compete in internal matches. Footage will be captured for highlight reel purposes.

LOCATION

DeSales University
2755 Station Ave,
Center Valley,
PA 18034

DATES

BOYS:

Start Date: Tuesday July 15th 2025

End Date: Thursday July 17th 2025

GIRLS

Start Date: Tuesday July 22nd 2025

End Date: Thursday July 24th 2025





WEBINARS

WEBINAR INFO

The program will consist of the 4 x webinars to be delivered in the months outlined below. The first presentation will be given by NCE staff members and will act as an introduction to the program.

The three additional webinars will be conducted by individuals who either coach or work within college athletics. Each presentation will be designed to further educate players and their families on the college recruitment process.

An assignment will follow each of the below with an aim to encourage each player to begin to own their individual recruitment process.

SCHEDULE

WEBINAR 1

December – Finding the Best School for You (Delivered by NCE Staff)

- Location, Size, Academics, level & style of soccer
- Schools, divisions, scholarships & rules
- Financial considerations
- Updating your school list

WEBINAR 2

JANUARY – Topic & Presenter to be announced following November webinar.

WEBINAR 3

APRIL – Topic & Presenter to be announced following January webinar.

WEBINAR 4

JUNE – Topic & Presenter to be announced following April webinar.



KEY INFO

As part of the **College Pathway Program**, all players and families will have access to NCE College Consultant Brian Wright. Brian, a former college player and now a vastly experienced college coach, will provide players with invaluable knowledge and personal feedback tailored to each player's college recruitment needs.

- Expert Guidance Through a Complex Process
- In-Depth Understanding of Recruitment Rules & Deadlines
- Tailored College Identification
- Access to Insider Knowledge on Programs
- NCAA Compliance and Clearinghouse Advice
- Support with Recruitment Marketing Materials
- Managing Recruitment Timelines
- Strategic Communication
- Personalized Roadmap for Success



COLLEGE COMBINE

COMBINE INFO

As part of the College Pathway program, players will attend a curated college soccer combine, providing a chance to showcase their skills to college coaches. The combine mirrors college-level demands, with drills, exercises, and match play run by coaches, assessing technical, tactical, and physical abilities. Players will also receive direct feedback, increasing their visibility and offering insights into college soccer expectations and recruitment.

KEY INFO

- Coaches from top college programs – Ivy League, Division I, II & III
- College Coach led training sessions for 90 mins
- Lunch break and Additional recruitment seminar
- Rotating session format to ensure players work with all coaches
- Players grouped by grade/graduation year
- 11v11 games 90 mins
- Event filmed for individual highlight reel content

Date: Feb/March 2025. Venue: TBD. Time: TBD





PLAYER PROFILE PAGE

KEY INFO

- Information Page to share with College Coaches
- Full personal & Academic Profile
- Share Test Scores
- Host Highlight Videos & Photos
- Documents section to upload transcripts
- Achievements Section

HIGHLIGHT REEL

KEY INFO

A high quality Highlight reel is a vital part of all players college recruitment process.

Working with NCE partner videographer, each College Pathway player will receive a professionally edited personal highlight reel. This highlight reel will be added to their personal profile page and be made available to selected college coaches.

The highlight reel will be produced with footage from Showcases, the Combine and Residential Camp. Additional footage can be added from Club Games

Link to see highlight samples - <https://youtu.be/zjQlvPQ6GS0>



SHOWCASES

KEY INFO

College Pathway players will attend the following showcase events. Please note that entry into these tournaments is covered in the fee for the program but any expenses related to travel will be the responsibility of each family.



4 x Winter Showcase Events

- December 7th - Danbury Sportsdome, CT
- December 21st - Superdome Sports, NJ
- January 18th - Danbury Sportsdome, CT
- February 22nd - Superdome Sports, NJ

1 x Summer Showcase

- DeSales University, PA
- Boys Friday July 18th to Sunday July 20th
- Girls Friday July 25th to Sunday July 27th



NCE COLLEGE PATHWAY PROGRAM FEES & BREAKDOWN

COST OF PROGRAM

The total cost of the program will be **\$2,375.00**. This includes:

- 4 x Webinars
- 4 x Winter Showcases
- 1 x Summer Showcase
- 1 x College Combine
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The total cost of the above programming when priced individually is more than **\$3,000**.

This cost of the program does NOT include:

- Travel to and from venues

DATE	PAYMENT	PLAYER \$'S
On registration	Deposit*	\$500.00
January 1st 2025	1 st payment due	\$500.00
February 1st 2025	2 nd payment due	\$500.00
June 1st 2025	3 rd payment due	\$500.00
July 1st 2025	Final Payment	\$375.00

As with all NCE domestic programming, there are no refunds. Credits will of course be considered for players who have to withdraw from the program due to long term injury.

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Congratulations on being selected for
the College Pathway Program 2024/25