

## NSCAA COACHING ACADEMY



**Amherst College**  
*June 15-21, 2009*  
*Amherst, Massachusetts*  
*National and Advanced National Diplomas*

**1. WHAT, WHEN AND WHERE:** The NSCAA National and Advanced National Diploma courses will be offered June 15-21, 2009 at Amherst College in Amherst, MA. Candidates are pre-enrolled in the diploma course as confirmed on the cover letter of this mailing.

**2. FEES:** Course fees for the residential academies are \$950 for NSCAA members and \$1050 for non-members. The non-member fee includes a one-year NSCAA membership. You must be a member prior to registering for the course or you will be billed as a non-member. Fees include six (6) nights lodging (double occupancy), meals, course materials and instruction. Commuter fees are \$750 for members and \$850 for non-members. A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$75 was required at the time of application. **The balance is due no later than May 15, 2009.** All checks should be made payable to NSCAA Coaching Academy. For credit card payments (Visa/MC/AMEX/Discover), call the NSCAA National Office (800-458-0678).

**3. TRAVEL:** Transportation to and from Amherst College is the responsibility of each candidate. The area is served by Bradley International Airport (Hartford/Springfield) - located approximately thirty miles (40 minutes) from the campus. For assistance in arranging airline transportation, you are encouraged to use the Expedia link at [www.NSCAA.com](http://www.NSCAA.com). Course participants should plan arrival for **Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**, in time to check-in between 2 and 5 pm. There is a **required orientation meeting at 6:00 p.m.** Candidates should plan **departure no earlier than 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**4. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION:** Candidates are responsible for their own transportation to and from the airport to the Amherst College campus. We recommend Valley Transport shuttle service, which can be reserved by calling 800-872-8752. For up-to-date fares and to make reservations (required) please call during regular hours (7am-9pm). Taxicabs are also available, but fares average well over \$50 one-way. The airport is also serviced by most major rental car agencies for those interested in leasing a car for the week. Maps of the area and campus are enclosed. We suggest that candidates secure local transportation.

**5. LODGING:** Academy lodging will be in two dormitories located on the campus (see map). Rooms will be assigned by the NSCAA based on double occupancy. Roommate requests will be honored, if possible, but must be requested no later than **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Candidates requesting single occupancy will be charged an additional \$200 by the NSCAA and must request the single room no later than **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Candidates are responsible for all other incidental expenses (phone, fans, etc.).

Check-in and academy registration is from 2:00-5:00 p.m. on June 15<sup>th</sup> in the lobby (or outside if weather permits) of the Charles Pratt Dormitories – just up the hill from the soccer fields. Please park your vehicle in the appropriate parking lot while you register and obtain your room key. Parking permits will be issued at registration for those who have vehicles.

The academy fee covers the cost of six nights lodging (June 15-21). Candidates arriving prior to June 15<sup>th</sup> and/or departing after June 21<sup>st</sup> are responsible for the cost of additional nights lodging and should make their own arrangements. For information purposes, mail may be sent to: "NAME", NSCAA Coaching Academy, c/o Amherst College, Alumni Gym Box 2230, Amherst, MA. 01002. Emergency messages can be called to the Summer Programs Office at 413-542-8102 or campus security at 413-542-2291.

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The residence halls are not air-conditioned. You may bring electrical fans. The room package includes a blanket, pillow, 2 sheets, and 4 towels. You should bring soap, shampoo, extra towels, and other personal items.

**6. MEALS:** Candidates are provided 16 meals as a part of the registration fee, including six (6) breakfasts, five (5) lunches, and five (5) dinners. All meals will be served at the Valentine Cafeteria on the campus. *Meal service begins with breakfast on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> and ends with breakfast on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>* Food-service hours for the academy will be announced at the first academy meeting on Monday evening (June 15<sup>th</sup>). Cost of any additional meals, en route to and from Amherst College, is the responsibility of each candidate.

**7. ACADEMY STAFFING:** The on-site director and staff director for the academy will be Peter Gooding, NSCAA Director of Coaching Emeritus. Peter can best be reached at [pjgooding@amherst.edu](mailto:pjgooding@amherst.edu). Amherst will also provide an athletic trainer for all academy sessions for the care and prevention of any injuries as well as emergency first aid. Additional questions regarding this academy should be directed to Allison Pronske, NSCAA Education Administrator (800-458-0678).

**8. FIRST MEETING:** The initial meeting for all candidates will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> on the Amherst College campus and **attendance is mandatory**. The location of this meeting will be indicated at registration. General course orientation and procedures will be covered and all candidates will be provided with the schedule of the week's activities (if any changes have been made).

**9. SCHEDULE, CURRICULUM & GRADING:** A precise schedule for each course and a course curriculum will be provided for you at check-in. The enclosed schedule is intended to provide a basic idea of course hours. No curriculums are provided prior to arriving at the course site. Testing procedures for the National and Advanced National courses are outlined in the course manuals and will be discussed at the first session. Final grading in all courses is based on testing with oral, written and on-field coaching evaluations. Course results and diplomas will be forwarded to the candidates within six weeks after completion of the course. Candidates are advised that attendance at all sessions is mandatory to receive a passing grade. Coaches who miss any of the course sessions will be awarded a certificate of attendance.

**10. WEATHER & MATERIALS:** The June weather in western Massachusetts can range from mild to hot. You should always be prepared for rain and we highly recommend bringing sunscreen and caps. It is important that you bring shin guards (required), notebook, paper, pens/pencils, practice gear, training suit, rain suit, soccer shoes and flats.

**11. COLLEGE CREDIT:** The NSCAA offers an opportunity for candidates to receive three semester hours of college credit through the University of Colorado for completing the National, Advanced National, and Premier Diploma courses. The cost is \$200. An informational packet containing details and procedures will be included in your curriculum notebook. All course credit applications and additional questions regarding this program should be directed to Jay Engeln, NSCAA Past President, by email at [englen@comcast.net](mailto:englen@comcast.net).

**12. SUMMARY:** The NSCAA Coaching Academy is a highly intensive, physically demanding week of instruction dedicated to fulfilling the important NSCAA mission of education. Candidates should be in top physical condition and plan to participate in an enjoyable week of enhancing your soccer knowledge. The NSCAA Academy does not discriminate based on any physical limitations to perform. Candidates that have any disability or health concern, which might limit their participation in some of the academy activities, should notify a staff member early in the week. You will find the academy staff very dedicated and ready to help you. We hope your participation is beneficial in your continuing education as a soccer coach.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**

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