



NSCAA COACHING ACADEMY

Stanford University
June 1-7, 2009
Palo Alto, Calif.
Premier Diploma

- 1. WHAT, WHEN and WHERE.** The NSCAA Premier Diploma course will be held June 1-7, 2009 at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif. Candidates are pre-enrolled as confirmed on the enclosed cover letter.
- 2. FEES.** Course fees for the residential academies are \$1,020 for NSCAA members and \$1,120 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 \$820 for members and \$920 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 1, 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) or make your payment online at www.NSCAA.com.
- 3. TRAVEL.** Transportation to and from Stanford University is the responsibility of each candidate. The area is serviced by either the San Jose or San Francisco International Airports. For assistance in arranging airline transportation, you are encouraged to visit the Expedia link on the NSCAA website. **Candidates should plan arrival for Monday, June 1st in time to check-in and received materials by 5:00 p.m. and plan departure after 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 7th.** All candidates are **required to attend an orientation meeting at 6:00 p.m.**
- 4. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION.** Candidates are responsible for their own transportation from the airport to the hotel and for return transportation to the airport upon departure. The airports are both serviced by most rental car agencies for anyone interested in leasing a vehicle for the week. If you are looking for public transportation the Super Shuttle is available. It costs about \$30 and departs the airport regularly throughout the day. Reservations are not required. All candidates will be staying in a local hotel but field and lecture sessions will be at Stanford University. We will have a bus to shuttle candidates to and from the hotel each morning and evening.
- 5. LODGING.** Academy lodging will be at the Sheraton Palo Alto Hotel. Room reservations will be made for all candidates by the NSCAA and rooms will be assigned based on double occupancy with another attendee. Requests made for roommates will be honored, if possible. **Roommate requests must be made on or before May 1, 2009.** Single occupancy is very limited. Candidates requesting single occupancy will be charged an additional \$200 by the NSCAA and must request the single room no later than the final payment date (May 1, 2009). Candidates are responsible for any other incidental expenses related to lodging such as phone, movies, valet, etc. **Check-in and registration is from 2:00-5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1st at the hotel. Check out will be Sunday, June 7th.**

The NSCAA Academy fee covers the cost of six nights lodging (June 1-7). Candidates arriving prior to June 1st and departing after June 7th are responsible for the cost of additional nights lodging at the hotel. You will need to contact the hotel directly (650-328-2800) to schedule extra room nights. For information purposes, mail may be sent to: "Name", NSCAA Coaching Academy, c/o Sheraton Palo Alto Hotel, 625 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Emergency call should be made directly to the hotel at 650-328-2800.

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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. Meal service begins with breakfast on Tuesday, June 2nd and ends with breakfast on Sunday, June 7th. Food-service hours and locations for the academy will be announced at the first academy meeting on Monday evening (June 1st). Cost of any additional meals, en route to and from Palo Alto, is the responsibility of each candidate.
7. **ACADEMY STAFFING:** The on-site director for the academy will be Bret Simon, Head Men's Soccer Coach at Stanford and a members of the NSCAA Natioanl Academy Staff. Bret will also provide certified athletic trainers assigned to each course who are responsible for the care/prevention of injuries and first aid. Bret Simon will be assisted by a contingent of instructors representing the National Academy Staff.
8. **FIRST MEETING.** The first meeting for all candidates will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1st at Stanford University and **attendance is mandatory**. This meeting will be held in the **Kissick Auditorium**. 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 the course and a course curriculum will be provided for you at check-in. The enclosed scheduled is intended to provide a basic idea of course hours. No curriculums are provided prior to arriving at the course site. Testing for the Premier Diploma course is outlined in the course manual, and will be discussed at the first session. Final grading for all courses is based on testing with written and on-field evaluations. Course results and diplomas will be forwarded 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 courses will be awarded a certificate of attendance.
10. **WEATHER & MATERIALS.** June weather in Palo Alto is typically great. The highs are usually around 80 and the low around 60. We recommend always being prepared for rain and sun exposure. Among other personal items, you should bring a polo/golf shirt, soccer ball, shin guards, a notebook with paper, pens and pencils, practice gear, training suit, rain suit, soccer shoes and flats.
11. **COLLEGE CREDIT.** An opportunity to receive three semester hours of college credit through the University of Colorado is available by completing the Premier Diploma course. The cost of the course is \$195.00. A packet including all procedures, application and forms is at the back of your course curriculum. If you have questions regarding this opportunity, please contact Jay Engeln, NSCAA Past President, at engeln@comcast.net.
12. **SUMMARY.** The NSCAA Coaching Academy is a highly intensive week of instruction dedicated to fulfilling the important NSCAA mission of education. Participants should be in good shape and ready for an enjoyable week of enhancing their soccer knowledge. The NSCAA Academy does not discriminate based on any physical limitations to perform. Candidates that have any disabilities or health concerns, which might limit their participation in 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 to your coaching career.

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