

STARS 'N STRIPES INTERNATIONAL SOCCER TOURS – 2024

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Dear Stars 'N Stripes player,

Below is information regarding the upcoming Stars 'n Stripes Soccer Tours. To register for the tours, please go to www.StarsnStripesSoccer.com and follow the registration guidelines.

Lots of information regarding the following are available;

- Sponsorship/Fundraising – great ideas and sample sponsor letters available below
- Itineraries – updated dates, locations, events, etc. -
- Medical history Forms -
- Staff Information – base of our successes for 36 years has been our quality staff
- Questions and Answers to common questions and concerns -
- Stars 'n Stripes Philosophy and past achievements -
- Past trips, on the website allow a view on past experiences and learn the Stars 'n Stripes way

Please be aware that Stars 'N Stripes is a “Soccer First” organization. Since 1987, Stars 'N Stripes has provided opportunities for players to achieve their dream of playing soccer internationally. Stars 'N Stripes is designed to benefit the serious soccer player and is not a vacation tour.

Please review all info and then register online. You will receive a confirmation as well as payment options for the tour.

Note: Separate mailers that includes player and parent contracts, updated final itineraries, packing checklist, player information form, and permission to travel with a minor, uniform ordering of additional items, etc., will be sent throughout the coming months as well as parent/supporter options.

ATTENTION ALL PLAYERS: All information regarding Stars 'N Stripes soccer tours will be addressed to the players directly. It is the player's responsibility to be informed and updated regarding the upcoming tour. Stars 'N Stripes is taking the player on tour, not the parent, so we stress that the player be responsible and accountable with all mailers, information, etc. Stars 'N Stripes is not only a soccer tour but an experience in which the player will mature and grow both as a player and as a person.

Passport process – Please start the process for applying for your passport. Contact the Post Office for more details. You will need 2 passport photos and a certified copy of a birth certificate. It may take several weeks to process your passport but you may also get it expedited for additional costs. A copy of the Passport page with players info along with the page with the players photo will be requested before departure.

Remember your first step is to review the information carefully and **register online as soon as possible to avoid any increases in tour costs and reserve your space on tour.**

I am looking forward to a great experience. As always, if there are any questions from players or parents, please contact Stars 'N Stripes at the above information.

Yours in Soccer,

Ed Puskarich

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Stars ‘n Stripes Philosophy and Achievements

Stars ‘N Stripes, founded in 1987, was established to provide young soccer players who have dedication, desire, and love for the game, the chance to become better soccer players and better people by exposing them to different players, styles, and cultures from around the world. Players who wear the Stars ‘N Stripes uniform return to the States with a deeper understanding of soccer, a deeper appreciation of the unique differences of the world’s cultures, and a deeper pride in their own heritage as Americans.

Stars ‘N Stripes retains only the finest coaches, individuals who have not only excelled in soccer as players themselves, but who all have the unique talent of communicating with young people on a personal basis. Players and coaches develop a close relationship from living, eating, touring, training, and shopping and sightseeing together. Coaches at all times emphasize the importance of behaving with class, both on and off the field. A class which springs from both respect and pride: respect for oneself, one’s opponents, and for the host culture; and pride in one’s teammates and in America, which players and coaches represent with their every action.

Stars ‘N Stripes has visited Italy, including 1990 World Cup games; France, including 1998 World Cup games; Germany, including 2006 World Cup games; Finland, Norway, Holland, Sweden, Denmark, England, Austria, Hungary, Belgium, Iceland, Czech Republic, San Marino, Costa Rica and Australia. Stars ‘N Stripes has always left these nations with the hosts’ praise for the conduct, professionalism, and discipline of everyone associated with Stars ‘N Stripes. Stars ‘N Stripes teams are sought after by dozens of tournaments and have received invitations to compete all over the world.

Stars ‘N Stripes achievements since 1987

1990	FINALIST –	Toulouse cup, France - Boys U-19
1990	FINALIST –	Kanga cup, Australia - Girls U-19
1991	WINNER –	Dana Cup B-final, Denmark - Girls U-19
1993	FINALIST –	Dana Cup I, Denmark - Girls U-14
1994	WINNER –	Copenhagen Cup, Denmark - Girls U-16
1994	WINNER –	Hungary Kun Cup, Hungary - Girls U-14
1994	WINNER –	Hungary Kun Cup, Hungary - Boys U-19
1994	FINALIST –	Hungary Kun Cup, Hungary - Girls U-19
1994	FINALIST –	Hungary Kun Cup, Hungary - Boys open
1995	SEMI-FINALIST –	Upper Austria Cup, Austria - Boys U-19
1995	SEMI-FINALIST –	Gothia Cup, Sweden - Girls U-16
1995	FINALIST –	Gothia Cup, B-final, Sweden - Girls U-19
1995	QUARTER-FINALIST –	Gothia Cup, Sweden - Girls U-14
1999	FINALIST –	Dana Cup I, Denmark - Girls U-18
2000	FINALIST –	Gothia Cup, Sweden - Girls U-16
2000	FINALIST –	Watford and London festival, England - Boys U-16
2001	WINNER –	Denmark Soccer festival, Denmark - Girls U-14
2001	WINNER –	Denmark Soccer festival, Denmark - Girls U-18
2001	SEMI-FINALIST –	Denmark Soccer festival, Denmark - Boys U-16
2002	WINNER –	Dana Cup B-final, Denmark - Boys U-17
2004	FINALIST -	Denmark Soccer Festival - Boys U-16
2004	QUARTER-FINALIST	Gothia Cup, Sweden - Girls U-16
2005	QUARTER-FINALIST	Dana Cup 1, Denmark - Girls U-13
2005	QUARTER-FINALIST	Gothia Cup, Sweden – Girls U-14
2005	SEMI-FINALIST	Gothia Cup, Sweden – Girls U-13
2006	FINALIST	Dana Cup 1, Denmark - Girls U-13
2007	WINNER	Upper Austria Cup, Austria – Girls U-16
2007	FINALIST	Upper Austria Cup, Austria – Girls U-14
2007	SEMI-FINALIST	Upper Austria Cup, Austria – Boys U-16
2008	WINNER	Dana Cup 1, Denmark – Boys U-16
2009	WINNER	Cup Denmark, Denmark – Girls U-17
2009	SEMI-FINALIST	Cup Denmark, Denmark – Boys U-16
2010	FINALIST	Dana Cup 1, Denmark – Girls U14
2010	FINALIST	Dana Cup 1, Denmark – Boys U16
2011	FINALIST	San Marino Cup – San Marino – Boys U18
2011	FINALIST	San Marino Cup – San Marino – Boys U15
2013	QUARTER-FINALIST	Dana Cup 2, Denmark – Girls U15
2015	QUARTER-FINALIST	Dana Cup 2, Denmark – Boys U17
2015	SEMI-FINALST	Dana Cup 2, Denmark – Girls U17
2017	FINALIST	Cup Number 1, Denmark – Boys U18
2019	WINNER	Helsinki Cup – Boys U16
2022	WINNER	Cup Number 1, Denmark – Girls U17
2023	FINALIST	Cup Number 1, Denmark – Girls U18
2023	WINNER	Dana Cup, Denmark – Boys U16

Stars 'n Stripes - Itinerary – Europe 2024 – Premier- U12-U19 boys and girls

July 5 th	- depart for Europe
July 6 th	– arrive Amsterdam, Holland – sightseeing excursion
July 7 th	– training – transfer to Paris
July 8 th	– Paris World Games
July 9 th	- Paris World Games
July 10 th	– Paris World Games
July 11 th	– Paris World Games
July 12 th	– transfer to Aabybro, Denmark
July 13 th	– training/sightseeing
July 14 th	– transfer via Ferry to Gothenburg, Sweden
July 15 th	– Gothia Cup
July 16 th	– Gothia Cup
July 17 th	- Gothia Cup
July 18 th	– Gothia Cup
July 19 th	- Gothia Cup
July 20 th	– Gothia Cup
July 21 st	- transfer to Copenhagen, Denmark – fly home, arrive to Dallas same day

Europe Tour - \$4695.00. Includes transfers, meals, custom made Stars 'n Stripes uniforms, sweat suit, team bag, merchandise package. Final itineraries will determine departure dates and price. Stars 'n Stripes is neither a vacation tour nor a sightseeing tour. Stars 'n Stripes is for serious soccer players only. Stars 'n Stripes always includes cultural exchanges and sightseeing – vital to learn about the areas we visit! All players will be carefully screened and must meet Stars 'n Stripes standards.

Stars 'n Stripes - Itinerary – Europe 2024 – Elite – U12-U19 boys and girls

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July 6 th	– arrive Amsterdam, Holland – sightseeing excursion
July 7 th	– training – transfer to Paris
July 8 th	– Paris World Games
July 9 th	- Paris World Games
July 10 th	– Paris World Games
July 11 th	– Paris World Games
July 12 th	– transfer to Aabybro, Denmark
July 13 th	– training/sightseeing
July 14 th	– transfer via Ferry to Gothenburg, Sweden
July 15 th	– Gothia Cup
July 16 th	– Gothia Cup
July 17 th	- Gothia Cup
July 18 th	– Gothia Cup
July 19 th	- Gothia Cup
July 20 th	– Gothia Cup
July 21 st	- transfer to Hjørring, Denmark
July 22 nd	– Dana Cup
July 23 rd	– Dana Cup
July 24 th	- Dana Cup
July 25 th	- Dana Cup
July 26 th	- Dana Cup
July 27 th	- Dana Cup
July 28 th	- Dana Cup
July 29 th	- transfer to Copenhagen, Denmark – return to USA

Europe Tour - \$5195.00. Includes transfers, meals, custom made Stars 'n Stripes uniforms, sweat suit, team bag, merchandise package. Final itineraries will determine departure dates and price. Stars 'n Stripes is neither a vacation tour nor a sightseeing tour. Stars 'n Stripes is for serious soccer players only. Stars 'n Stripes always includes cultural exchanges and sightseeing – vital to learn about the areas we visit! All players will be carefully screened and must meet Stars 'n Stripes standards.

Note; itineraries and fees may change until deposits and flights and rosters are finalized.

Since 1987, Stars 'n Stripes has traveled the world and visited every nation with pride, discipline, professionalism, and an appreciation for the host culture. Stars 'n Stripes is looking for individuals that can continue to represent both Stars 'n Stripes and the United States of America through the world's greatest sport, Soccer!

Parent Program – A separate supporter's itinerary will be available for all parents, etc. Please note that parents and supporters will not be allowed to travel or stay at same accommodations as players. Separate Parent/Supporter Guidelines will be in effect. For more information on these packages, please contact Stars 'n Stripes.

Payment Info –

Several payment plans are available for Stars 'n Stripes including online payments. Online payments can be made at www.starsnstripessoccer.com. Upon receiving the application, each family will be sent a payment plan and a financial commitment contract. All online payments will incur a processing fee. These fees can be avoided by sending checks. All checks are payable to Stars 'n Stripes.

Address for sending checks is;

Stars 'n Stripes
361 Cambridge Drive
Fairview, TX 75069

References –

Dennis and Roxanne Jones	214-460-1881, Son Preston
David and Anne Deery	214- 335-7392, son Matthew and Nicholas
Mike and Shirley Otto	214-929-0419, Son Jonathan
Carey and Monica Kane	412-612-4903, Daughter Ella

More information regarding the following is below;

Stars 'n Stripes Medial information – medical forms will be sent later and available on website

Stars 'n Stripes Authorization to Travel with a Minor Form – will be sent prior to tour departure.

Stars 'n Stripes Fundraising information – available and extremely successful. Any families that are interested in our fundraising program, please contact Ed Puskarich at EPuskarich@gmail.com

Stars 'n Stripes Player and Parent Contracts – all players and parents will be required to sign a contract prior to tour departure that further outlines the expectations and guidelines for Stars 'n Stripes.

Stars 'n Stripes Staff – view on website as our staff is the reason for our successes – www.StarsnStripesSoccer.com

Stars 'n Stripes Social Media – Facebook and Instagram consist of numerous pics and videos of past tours and parents/supporters can follow the trip as if they were present themselves.

Stars 'n Stripes Daily Journal – part of the website that is updated daily with stories and experiences from each day. Another platform that allows families/supporters the opportunity to follow the daily tour.

STARS 'N STRIPES – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. **How does Stars 'n Stripes differ from other tour companies?** SNS is a serious soccer tour company that is a soccer tour first. We train and coach our players as if there were professional players. Our level of discipline and structure separates us from all other tour companies. Although sightseeing and cultural exchanges are part of our tour, soccer is first with SNS.
2. **Where do players come from for Stars 'n Stripes?** SNS is comprised of dozens of staff coaches who are located all around the US, as well as Europe. This list includes college coaches, high school coaches, professional coaches, and top club coaches. These coaches constantly keep an eye out for those gifted and committed players who will benefit from our program. We also gather players from word of mouth, past player's experiences, and some local tryouts. All players must be a select level player or higher to attend a SNS tour.
3. **Are parents allowed on SNS tour?** Part of our successes of SNS has been our ability to have our players grow and mature without a parent to guide them. Parents are welcome to attend with one of our supporters package, but parents will not stay at same accommodations, travel same flights, etc. as the tour.
4. **How much success have the fundraisers been for those families who decide to fundraise?** On the average, every player who attempts to fundraise has earned half of their tour fees. Each year we have players who earn their entire tour fee plus spending money.
5. **How much spending money should players bring?** We recommend around \$300-\$400 for each family. Most of this will go towards snacks, soccer gear, souvenirs, etc. We will have all players bring certain denominations in the currencies of the country visited.
6. **How can parents and friends follow the tour from the states?** A daily journal will be posted on the Stars 'n Stripes website with details of each day's events, highlights and lowlights, and general information. Furthermore, a tour video will be given to each player that details their entire tour. Please review some past tours on www.starsnstripessoccer.com.
7. **How much discipline is there on tour?** The past successes of our tours can be directly related to our tour discipline. We don't allow swearing, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, body piercing, and general unprofessional misconduct. Generally, our rules are extensions of parent's rules. Punishments range from game suspensions to expulsion from tour. SNS has benefited players since 1987 because we offer an opportunity for those players who strive to improve. Selecting these quality individuals and working with them closely is what makes our tours so unique.
8. **How many players go on tour?** Sns will take anywhere from 2-8 teams per tour, depending on the level and commitment of the players involved as well as the tour itinerary. Players may play as many as 20 games in a three week period as well as training, sightseeing, etc. We try and maintain team rosters to be around 13 players so playing time is not a problem.
9. **What is the medical situation like on tour?** An attempt will be made to take a certified trainer that travels with us the entire program. The trainer will be in charge of all medical situations and monitors them closely. If a situation requires a trip to the hospital, the trainer and one of the coaches will accompany the player as well as contact their parent. The tournaments that SnS competes in are usually staffed with trainers and medical doctors and immediately medical care and treatment is usually provided for on site at these events.
10. **Can players recommend friends and players to the program?** Yes, sometimes our biggest asset is our existing players who have already been chosen for some of their special qualities. Good people attract good people and we will screen all players who apply on tour. Please keep in mind that Sns is for serious soccer players only.
11. **Stars 'n Stripes is more than a soccer tour.** Player maturation, responsibility, discipline, interaction without cell phones, respect of other cultures, team unity, just a few areas that each player will experience.

Remember, deposit first to secure your space on tour. Start planning for an experience of a lifetime.

Isn't it Time you Get Serious about your Soccer!!!