

Global Sports Academy



Summer Collegiate Tour

Student Athlete Information Packet

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About Global Sports Academy

Global Sports Academy is an organization created to arrange athletic competition between equally matched teams at all levels. To "Promote International Goodwill" and a better understanding between nations through sports is our major goal. With Global Sports Academy you will experience the thrill of international sports competition, attend cultural events and see the historical sites of the world.

Global Sports Academy ("GSA") has been participating in domestic and international competition since 1991. It was initially established to provide athletes overseas playing opportunities in Ice Hockey and it has grown to support a total of 12 different sports that compete in 25 different countries.

In 1991, the organization was incorporated with its mission to create and arrange athletic competition between equally matched teams at all levels internationally. To "Promote International Goodwill" and a better understanding between nations through sports is the major goal. The primary goal of GSA is to promote international goodwill and an enhanced understanding between nations through sports. GSA enables athletes and coaches to experience the thrill of international sports competition, attend cultural events, perform community service and view the historic sites of the world. Over the years, GSA has offered trips to Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, France, England, and the Czech Republic, and aims to continue to add new destinations.

"Education, Good Will and Sportsmanship through Sports"

Founder of Global Sports Academy

Roy Blumenthal



Roy Blumenthal has been a coach for over thirty years and has coached a variety of sports, to include basketball, football, baseball, and golf, at both the high school and collegiate levels. He is currently finished his 14th season as the top Assistant Coach for the West Chester University's Men's Basketball program, his 25th overall, as he served as a volunteer for the team prior to this appointment. Coach Blumenthal has also been the Head Coach of GSA's Goodwill Select Teams. His strong and extensive coaching expertise and experience is notable and his dedication to generating high caliber international competition for athletes and coaches is unmatched. Furthermore, he possesses great energy, enthusiasm, and motivation, which he utilizes to mentor youth and colleagues admirably.

Such passion and commitment led to Coach Blumenthal's receiving West Chester University's Men's Hall of Fame Milt Blitz Award in 2007 for his outstanding contribution to the game of basketball as a University alumnus. He was also a member of the University's golf coaching staff that won the PSAC Championship in 2006. Coach Blumenthal earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Management in 1983

General Details

Thank you for your interest in traveling with Global Sports Academy. Global Sports Academy is an organization created to arrange athletic competition between equally matched teams at all levels. To "Promote International Goodwill" and a better understanding between nations through sports is our major goal. With Global Sports Academy you will experience the thrill of international sports competition, attend cultural events and see the historical sites of the world.

This packet includes important information that needs to be reviewed, completed and returned prior to leaving for your trip. The packet includes the following:

- General Time line
- General Conditions for Global Sports Academy Programs
- An Important Note about Fundraising
- Sample Questionnaire (Online Submission)
- Sample Medical Form (Online and Mailed)
- FAQ- questions about traveling abroad

As well as the documents included in this packet, Global Sports Academy would like to invite you to follow us on twitter (globalsports_US) and on Facebook (Global Sports Academy) to help support Global Sports.

General Time Line

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| March 1st | General letter to all Qualified Coaches interested in becoming a coach for a Select Team during the upcoming summer tours. |
| April 1st | Selection of Qualified Coaches and Team Selection begins |
| April 15th | Preliminary Rosters Submitted |
| May 1st | Roster Finalized – 10% Down Payment Due |
| May 15th | Dead line for all players to Register (online) and submit Medical Forms |
| May 15th | First Deposit Due – 50% of total trip cost |
| June 15th | Final Deposit Due – 40% of total trip cost |
| Aug 1st | Trip Departs |

Conditions of Travel – Please Read Carefully

General Conditions for Global Sports Academy Programs

Global Sports Academy (which expression shall for the purpose of these conditions include and parents subsidiary affiliate or associated company and hereinafter shall be called “the Company”) acts only as agents providing accommodations, transportation or other services, and all coupons, exchange orders, receipts, contacts and tickets issued are issued subject to any and all tariffs, terms and conditions under which any accommodation, transportation or any other services whatsoever are provided. The Company shall not be liable or responsible for death of or injury to any person or loss of or damage to any property or otherwise (including baggage) whether due to its servants agents or employees negligence or otherwise arising out of or in connection with any accommodation transportation or other services or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, dangers incident to the sea, hijack, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of governments or other authorities, de jure or de facto, wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations delays or cancellations of or changes in itinerary or schedules or over bookings or defaults, or from any causes beyond the Company’s control or through the acts of default of the hotels, airlines, bus or car companies, railroads, steamship lines or owners or contractors providing accommodation, transportation or other services or for any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and that neither the Company nor its servants agents or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour members as a result of any of the foregoing causes. All prices quoted are subject to change without notice having regards to unforeseen circumstances, foreign exchange fluctuations and variations in airline operating costs including but not limited to say an escalation of fuel prices. Unused services cannot be refunded or exchanged. The Company reserves the right to cancel the tour and/or modify the itineraries in any way it thinks desirable and further reserves the right to decline to accept any person or any tour and may substitute hotels where necessary. The issuance and acceptance or receipts, tickets, vouchers, coupons or travel orders shall be deemed consent to the above.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ ALL THESE BOOKING CONDITIONS CAREFULLY AND ENSURE ALL TOUR PARTICIPANTS ARE MADE AWARE

ALL LAND COSTS SHOWN ARE SUBJECT TO ALTERATION (UP OR DOWN) DUE TO EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS (SELLING RATE) AND INCREASES IN LAND AND AIR COSTS WHICH MAY ARISE BETWEEN NOW AND THE DATE OF DEPARTURE

Refunds: The refund policy is as follows:

- 75 days from Departure: 75% refund, loss of deposits
- 60 days from Departure: 50% refund
- 45 days from Departure: NO REFUND

Amendment Fee: Any person wishing to amend from the group tour arrangements will be charged a standard \$100.00 amendment fee per person plus any additional charges involved with the amendment (increase in airfare, additional transfers, accommodation etc).

Insurance Protection: We strongly recommend you take out a Travel Insurance policy which is available from Global Sports Academy. Policy booklets are available from Global Sports Academy

Changes in Itinerary: There may be circumstances beyond the control of Global Sports Academy and our suppliers that necessitate revisions (including tour dates) of the itinerary. Every effort will be made to have changes maintain the intent of the original itinerary. Global Sports Academy shall not be or become liable or responsible in any way whatsoever for loss, injury, or damage due to sickness, weather, strikes, war, quarantine, and injury during program events; however caused or arising. Global Sports Academy reserves the right to alter any part of the tour it deems necessary or advisable. The additional cost resulting from such change shall be paid by the program participant.

Television and Video Rights: Global Sports Academy has full television and video rights in and to any and all of the programs or events affiliated with the Global Sports Academy program.

Member's Acceptance: Global Sports Academy reserves the right, in its own discretion, to decline or accept approval of any individual as a member of Global Sports Academy.

Conditions of Travel – Please Read Carefully

What's included in the Cost of My Trip?

- Round trip airfare from the team's gateway city airport (hotel taxes & Service fees)
- International hotel accommodations
- Uniforms
- Meals and Tours as outlined in the itinerary
- An experienced and knowledgeable tour manager and coaching staff

What's NOT included in the Cost of My Trip

- Connecting airline ticket to gateway city
- Fuel Surcharges (when applicable)
- Visa fees (if applicable)
- Individual medical insurance (Primary)
- Customary tipping (Bus drivers, etc.)
- Laundry
- Travel insurance (Recommended)
- Personal items such as gifts, telephone calls, snacks, drinks, etc

Documentation: Australian citizens require a passport with minimum 6 months validity from date of departure from final destination. Other passport holders may require additional documentation. Please check your applicable requirements with our Travel Consultant. A copy of each person's passport is required.

Airline & Airport Taxes, Surcharges & Levies: Are not included in the tour cost as they are continually changing. Any of these charges imposed by the airline will be notified to you at the time of final payment 2 months prior to departure. Frequent flyer/mileage accrual : Some group airfares are not eligible to accrue frequent flyer points (due to discounted group airfares). Please advise your travel consultant if you are a member of the airlines associated frequent flyer program to see if your fare is eligible for frequent flyer point accrual.

Travel Advisories : We strongly suggest that you consult the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFAT) website and register (either group or individual) so that you are kept up to date with any travel warnings or advisories that may be in place for your destinations (www.dfat.gov.au). You should also advise DFAT of your travel details such as date of departure and itinerary.

Travel and Immunizations: It is essential that all tour participants discuss their personal travel plans with a health professional to ensure you have the correct vaccinations for your trip and any booster doses of childhood vaccinations you may need.

Upon re-entry, Customs & Immigration will request a copy of your vaccination certificate if you have visited areas that have current health risks or hazardous diseases. For further information, visit the following website to check the current health alert and warnings for the destination/s you are visiting.

Important Note about Fundraising

- A) Each team member is responsible for checking the guidelines for raising funds as they pertain to eligibility within their respective athletic associations.
- B) All personal funds above and beyond the said trip cost will be refunded in September with, and only with, the appropriate request submitted.
- C) All non-personal funds above and beyond the said trip cost become the property of Global Sports Academy.

INSIDER APPROACH TO FUNDRAISING

Global Sports believes that every athlete recommended to us has earned the chance to participate, and we do not wish to take this opportunity away from those unable to immediately pay for it out of pocket. To help athletes overcome the cost barrier, we offer them the opportunity to fundraise their way. Fundraising can often seem like an overwhelming task. That is why we do everything we can to help our athletes tackle their fundraising efforts as effectively and diversely as possible. Fundraising for this trip is possible! Take a few minutes to look over this information. We think you'll agree. The fundraising letter is the most widely used tool by our athletes every year. Many players have been able to fund their entire trip using this approach alone. This letter is a simple process connecting your trips goals with those who support you on and off the field.

Step 1: THE LIST Make a list of possible donors

- Family & Individual Donations
- Clubs & Professional Organizations At Your School
- Clubs & Professional Organizations Locally And At Home
- Corporate Sponsors

Step 2: DELIVERY Now that you've got your list, it's time to distribute the letter and donation forms.

Hand-Delivered Fundraising Letter -This is our most highly recommended approach. It is, by far, the most productive, with a success rate of almost 100%! *The Key:* Be sure to set up a time and date with the person when you can come back and pick up the form. People are more apt to donate if they know you care enough to return, plus they don't have the chance to forget.

Email Campaign -This is another way to get news of your travel out and request donations. You may access the online letter from your account

Mail-Delivered Fundraising Letter -This method is not as effective as hand-delivering, so if there is another way to deliver the form, use it. However, sometimes mail is the only way to reach people that do not live nearby or that you do not see often. If you choose to mail the forms, be sure to include a personal cover letter talks a little about you and what you are doing. Some over letters even include a picture. For convenience (and a nice touch), you can also include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

We know that this list does not cover all scenarios, but it is a good place to start. We can assure you a passing grade if you follow our suggestions.



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Informational Questionnaire

Please Print Responses

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____
(As it is shown on your passport)

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Birthday _____ Passport # _____

Home Phone Number _____ Cell _____

Home Email Address _____ School Email _____

School/University Name _____

Graduation Year _____ Sport _____

Head Coach Name _____ Email _____

Head Coach Phone Number _____

Assistant Coach Name _____ Email _____

School Sports Information Director Name _____

SID Email Address _____ SID Phone Number _____

Shirt size _____ Shorts size _____

Do you need any special meals _____

Traveling Abroad Frequently Ask Questions

Do I need a passport for international travel?

Yes. A passport establishes your identity and United States citizenship to anyone who needs to know. It also guarantees your admittance to the U.S. following an international trip. It is a requirement for any person traveling out of the country.

Will my electrical appliances (ex. electric shavers, hair dryers, irons, chargers, etc) work abroad?

Not always. The outlets abroad may support a plug that looks different than the one used in the U.S. and may use a different voltage. Most U.S. outlets are 110V while most European outlets are 240V. Many non-U.S. electrical outlets have differently shaped plugs. To get the correct setup for your device, you should check the power standards of the country of travel. Some devices only work on 110V (U.S. standard) and therefore need a transformer. You will want to check the documentation for your device to determine what you need.

If you plan on bringing electric shavers, hair dryers, irons, laptop/phone chargers or other electrical appliances, you should bring a small converter kit. These can be found at most hardware and electronic stores (i.e. Radio Shack). Do not forget to bring one, as the converter kits can be very expensive while abroad.

Will I be able to make calls with my cell phone while overseas?

Your coverage will depend on the service provider or carrier that you use and roaming charges can be high. If you have a personal cell phone, check with your provider on coverage issues. You will want to know whether your existing phone will work in your country of travel, and whether you will be able to get both voice (phone) and data (email/web) services.

AT&T: widely available; [coverage page](#)

T-Mobile: widely available; [coverage plan](#)

Verizon: available in [some countries](#)

Nextel/Sprint: no international coverage

Can I get a cell phone for my trip?

If you would like to use a phone while overseas, and your carrier does not have a plan or coverage that is suitable for you, there are some other options. You can rent a cell phone upon arrival at your destination or buy a disposable phone in the country of travel or purchase a compatible SIM card for your existing phone, in the country of travel.

Make sure to review the capabilities, limits and charges of your new cell phone plan. If you use a phone other than your own, you will not have access to your address book, so you may wish to print out a copy before you leave.

Will I be able to access the Internet with my laptop while overseas?

Most laptops have both WIFI (802.11) and wired Ethernet ports that can be used in many hotels and convention centers around the world. Check your computer manual for basic instructions on configuring Windows XP, Windows ME and Apple Macintosh computers.

There are other alternatives if wireless and Ethernet service is not available, including cellular cards, WIFI hot spots and dial-up connections at your hotel.

Traveling Abroad Frequently Ask Questions

How do I exchange my money?

You can exchange currency before your depart at some banks and currency exchange outlets. However, we recommend you wait until reaching your destination to exchange your money. There are several ways to do this:

The quickest and most convenient method is through ATM machines. ATM cards are widely accepted across Europe and generally give you the best exchange rate. Please contact your bank with specific questions regarding fees and eligibility.

Traveler's checks are also accepted at some places, but they may require more time to exchange. Many exchange outlets and banks will also accept U.S. cash dollars in exchange for the local currency. Please be aware that some places charge commission or adjust the exchange rate.

International exchange rates change on a daily basis. Be sure to write down the exact exchange rate of your destination before departure to ensure you get a similar rate.

What will the weather be like where I'm going?

As with any place, the weather in your destination will vary depending on the time of year and time of day. Be sure to check an [official weather report](#) to get an idea of the current conditions. It's also beneficial to research the climate of your destination(s) during the time of year you expect to travel.

How long is the flight? What is the time difference?

Flights vary depending on distance, amount of stops and direction of travel. You can check with your airline reservations to find the exact time of departure and landing. Often times the airline can tell you the duration of your flight or trip. Remember, the departure and arrival times listed apply to the local time of the corresponding city.

What *can't* I pack in my carry-on bag?

The new rules ban almost all liquids, creams and gels from being carried aboard flights. That means you should not pack sunscreen, lotion, shampoo, toothpaste, hair gel or beverages in a carry-on. Those items must be put in your checked bags. If you are in doubt about an item, pack it in a checked bag or leave it home.

Are there any exceptions to the new rules in the USA?

A few. You can still bring baby formula, breast milk or juice if you're traveling with a child; prescription drugs if your name is on the bottle; and insulin or other "essential" non-prescription medications. Screeners should not make you sample the liquids.

Can I still bring medicine along if it's not in liquid form? What about bars of soap?

Yes, it is OK to put those in a carry-on bag.

Am I allowed to purchase toothpaste, drinks or other liquids after I get through security and then take them aboard the flight?

No. You are not allowed to carry aboard any liquid, no matter when or where you purchased it.

Besides the ban on liquids and gels, what else will be different about security?

The TSA said screeners will be checking passengers more thoroughly at checkpoints, including inspecting more bags by hand. They also will be searching some passengers a second time immediately before boarding — a practice instituted shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks but discontinued several years ago.

Traveling Abroad Frequently Ask Questions

Things to Bring

The clothes you need to pack will differ depending on your destination, the length of your trip, and the nature of the activities. Besides the basics, here are some things we recommend you bring for any international adventure:

Pack according to the number of days you will be gone

- Underwear
- Socks – numerous pairs
- Shorts
- Long pants (Jeans)
- 2 pair of sneakers (if desired)
- Jacket (Wind Breaker for evening)
- Sweatshirt
- Towel (large)
- Toiletries
- (You may want to pack small cloths line to put wet clothes on)
- Garbage bag for dirty cloths
- Snacks – example packages of crackers, cookies, etc.