



# International Coaching Education Workshop

## Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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### **When and where will the workshop take place?**

March 18-24, 2011 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

\*Confirmed candidates flying from the U.S. will take an overnight flight on Thursday, March 17 and arrive into Rio de Janeiro on Friday, March 18. Coaches will depart on Thursday, March 24 and take an overnight flight back to the U.S. and land on Friday, March 25.

### **How is registration handled?**

Interested coaches are required to apply online and submit a non-refundable, non-transferable \$300 deposit. Confirmed candidates will be notified via e-mail with additional course details. Candidates should secure travel only after receiving written confirmation from U.S. Soccer.

Registration link:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dEgtVVkyVWJRVXVrYIBNSzRyeXBhM1E6MA>

### **What if the workshop sells out or my application is not accepted?**

U.S. Soccer will return the entire \$300 deposit.

### **Am I required to submit anything else?**

Candidates who do not hold a U.S. Soccer "A", "B" or "C" may be asked to submit proof of their coaching background and/or license.

### **Do I need to hold a U.S. Soccer "A" license?**

Registration is open to all coaches.

### **If I hold an "A" license will I earn continuing education units (CEU)?**

Yes, "A" license coaches will earn eight (8) credits, the necessary amount needed to renew.

### **How much is the workshop?**

CoachesNet members: \$1,850 (airfare not included)

CoachesNet non-members: \$1,950 (airfare not included)

### **What is included?**

Workshop fee includes six nights (double occupancy), meals, round-trip airport transfers from Rio de Janeiro International Airport (GIG) **only**, ground transportation to group functions while in Brazil, applicable taxes, training sessions, lectures with professional coaches, tickets to professional matches, a professional bilingual guide, city tour, certificate of attendance, two U.S. Soccer polo shirts, two t-shirts and coaching materials.

### **What is not included?**

Workshop fee does **not** include airfare to/from Rio de Janeiro, airport taxes, passport or **visa fees**, extra meals or activities outside of group schedule or gratuities for guides. Confirmed coaches are responsible for any incidental costs during the week such as phone, dry cleaning, movies, internet, etc. and will be asked to leave a credit card imprint upon check-in to cover any incidental charges.

**Am I required to have a passport and/or a visa?**

Yes, you will need either one or both depending on the country of origin of your passport. A passport and visa **are required** for U.S. citizens traveling to Brazil for any purpose. We strongly recommend you visit [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1072.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1072.html) and the following mentioned websites.

For information on visa fees and requirements, visit [http://www.brazilsf.org/visa\\_fee\\_eng.htm](http://www.brazilsf.org/visa_fee_eng.htm). For FAQ's visit [http://www.brazilsf.org/visa\\_faq\\_eng.htm](http://www.brazilsf.org/visa_faq_eng.htm) and general instructions visit [http://www.brazilsf.org/visa\\_eng.htm](http://www.brazilsf.org/visa_eng.htm)

**What type of Visa should I apply for?**

You will need to apply for a tourist visa. We do suggest you review the websites provided for information on how long it takes to obtain a Visa, price, length of stay, etc.

**Which airport should I fly into?**

If you wish to have round-trip airport transfers then you are required to fly into the Rio de Janeiro/Galeão International Airport (GIG).

Round-trip airport transfers will **only** be available on arrival day (March 18) and departure day (March 24). Additional transportation details can be provided for those extending their stay.

**When do I need to arrive on Friday, March 18?**

Confirmed candidates flying from the U.S. will depart on Thursday, March 17 and take an overnight flight to Rio de Janeiro. A majority of flights land in the morning from the U.S. Ground transportation will be provided on March 18 as long as the candidate flies into the Rio de Janeiro International Airport (GIG).

An opening meeting will take place on the afternoon of March 18.

**When will the workshop end?**

Flights typically depart in the early evening. Coaches will take an overnight flight on Thursday, March 24 and land in the U.S. on Friday, March 25.

**Am I required to secure a hotel room for the week?**

No. The course fee includes six (6) nights based on double occupancy. If you plan to arrive prior to March 18 or depart after March 24 and would like to stay at the chosen hotel, please inform us via e-mail at [coachesnet@ussoccer.org](mailto:coachesnet@ussoccer.org)

U.S. Soccer will arrange for special pricing at the designated hotel for those looking to extend their stay.

**Will I have a roommate?**

Rooms are assigned based on double occupancy with another attendee. Candidates who have not chosen a roommate will be randomly paired. Roommate requests should be e-mailed to [coachesnet@ussoccer.org](mailto:coachesnet@ussoccer.org) no later than March 1.

U.S. Soccer will randomly send updates on confirmed candidates so you may choose a roommate.

**Are single rooms available?**

Yes, as long as the hotel has availability. On the registration form you may indicate you wish to have a single room. There will be an additional charge of \$350.

**Is internet available at the hotel?**

More details will be available once the hotel details are finalized.

**Is transportation provided?**

Yes. A charter bus will be provided for all group ground transportation needs.

**Is airfare included?**

Airfare is not included. If you are unable to use airline award miles, we suggest you look online at the various travel websites. If you require assistance in booking your flights, you may wish to contact Sharon Lehane with Anthony Travel at:

[sharonlehane@anthonytravel.com](mailto:sharonlehane@anthonytravel.com)

650-814-2471

**How many coaches will be attendance?**

The group size will vary. In the past, the group sizes have ranged from 20 to 45.

**What are the expectations of the attendees?**

We recommend coaches be open to sharing their ideas and learning new ideas, approaches and philosophies. We will be guests of professional clubs and coaches and expect our group to be respectful of our hosts. We also ask that you remain flexible as there may be changes during the workshop.

**What should my expectations be?**

Coaches should expect an organized, professional workshop that exposes them to professional coaches, teams, players and the host Federation that you may not typically have a chance to interact with.

We recommend you visit <http://www.ussoccer.com/News/Coachesnet/2009/04/U-S-Soccers-Coachesnet-Concludes-Six-Day-Trip-To-Buenos-Aires.aspx> for comments from previous attendees.

**Can I bring my spouse, family members or friends with me?**

U.S. Soccer does not recommend spouses, family members or friends travel with if they are not attending the workshop as a participant. We recommend you arrive early or stay after the workshop for personal travel.

**What does the agenda look like?**

Visit <http://www.ussoccer.com/Coaches/CoachesNet/Intl-Workshops.aspx>

**What is a typical day like?**

The agenda will be full from morning to night. On most days breakfast will be at 8 a.m. and dinner at 8 p.m. In between time will be spent visiting and learning from the various professional clubs and coaches.

**Will there be free time?**

The agenda will be full for the seven days spent in and around Rio. U.S. Soccer however does recognize the value in learning about different cultures and will try to provide time for coaches to explore, shop and learn about Rio.

After reviewing the agenda and you feel you require additional time on your own then we recommend you arrive early or stay later.

**Who will be attending the trip from U.S. Soccer?**

U.S. Soccer will provide professional staff. The final list will be provided prior to departure.

**What games will we see?**

The final agenda will be available prior to departure. The current agenda includes two (2) professional games.

**What will the field sessions and lectures be on?**

These will vary. In past trips we have focused on the local professional clubs, coaches and their players from youth to adult.

For all U.S. Soccer sponsored workshops we look to work with the host Federation. In 2011, The Brazilian Federation (CBF) will take part.

We recommend you visit <http://www.ussoccer.com/Coaches/CoachesNet.aspx> to learn about previous trips.

**Will we have a chance to play?**

Yes, the agenda will call for some time to play during the week.

**Am I required to play?**

No, coaches are not required to play. Playing will only take place amongst the group or with local coaches.

**Will gear be provided?**

Gear will not be provided so we recommend you bring along your boots and training gear.

**Can I video tape lectures and/or field sessions?**

U.S. Soccer plans on taping the various lectures and field sessions and provide an edited DVD to all attendees. Coaches are encouraged to bring cameras and video cameras.

**Do I need to submit a deposit with my application?**

A \$300 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit is required with your application.

**When is final payment due?**

Final payment is required 60 days (Jan. 17) from departure date.

**What if I need to cancel my registration?**

A cancellation fee of \$200 plus deposit (\$300) will be assessed to candidates who cancel less than three (3) weeks from the start of the workshop, regardless of circumstance. All cancellations must be made in writing. Candidates enrolled who fail to attend will forfeit their entire tuition.

**Does U.S. Soccer offer travel insurance?**

Insurance is not included. We suggest you contact your local insurance broker on travel and medical insurance while you are traveling out-of-the country.

**Will I receive a certificate?**

All candidates will receive a certificate of attendance following the completion of the workshop.

Additional questions should be directed to Scott Flood at [coachesnet@ussoccer.org](mailto:coachesnet@ussoccer.org) or 312-528-1218.