

# COACH IN THE USA AND CANADA IN 2016

# Welcome to the best time of your life!

# The total soccer company...

#### **British Soccer Camps**

The largest soccer camp company in the USA & Canada. Over 3,500 locations in 2015 with over 120,000 campers and 1,100 coaches from the UK and Brazil.

## **Challenger Trainers**

Are you interested in either a 5 or 9 month contract to work with a club for their whole season; train teams on a daily basis and coach them in their games at the weekend. If so then the Academy Trainer position may be for you. Positions available from February through mid October/November.

#### Challenger World Tours

Enjoy the Soccer trip of a lifetime! Challenger World Tours provides Team, Individual and Tournament Tours to some of the greatest soccer destinations on earth and the coach gets to go for free! If you'd like to take your team to the USA or Brazil give us a call.







"I wanted to thank Challenger Sports and the coaches my daughter, Andrea Casanova, met in Loxahatchee Florida. She had the opportunity to work with Coaches Cammie, Symon and Glen. All of these young men were AMAZING. My daughter Andrea had attended your camp last year as well but by far the coaches she worked with this time brought out talent in her that was untapped. She has an equally amazing soccer coach for her travel team. We can't wait to show him her new skills and confidence. I have recently sent emails to find out if these coaches will be at any of the upcoming West Palm Beach camps so that I may register her. She is looking forward to continuing her training with your coaches. Thanks again to your coaches. On Andrea's words, THEY ROCK!"

### What would I expect to do?

Challenger British Soccer Camps conduct camps in every state/province of the USA/Canada throughout the summer period. Camp locations vary from those that are in close proximity to major cities to those that are in more rural locations. Each camp runs for 5 days Monday through Friday. Camp coaches will work an average of 30 hours per week to consist of three hours of coaching each morning and three hours in the afternoon or evening. Each camp is non-residential and will include boys and girls aged anywhere from 3 years to 18 years. The ability ranges from beginners to advanced, both individuals and teams. Coaches are assigned to a coaching group at the start of each week and this is determined by each coach's qualifications and experience. Coaches will be expected to conduct a coaching clinic for local parents and coaches during the week together with an end of camp ceremony where parents, campers and coaches take part in an end of camp celebration.

#### How long can I work for?

Coaches will be contracted to work for periods of 6 - 12 weeks. Contracts start as early as the first week in June and for consecutive weeks through the second week of July. All contracts will end in August at which time our coaches will have the opportunity to travel if they wish before returning to the UK/Europe. The coach will work with a specific club/YMCA/parks and recreation dept/high school for each week of the summer. At the end of each week the coach/group of coaches will then travel to their next location. There could be significant travel between camps however this provides staff with a great way to see the USA and Canada.



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# Frequently Asked Questions

#### Will I need a visa?

All candidates working in the USA will be issued a J1 visa. Coaches working in Canada will obtain Canadian paperwork. Challenger Sports will be responsible for acquiring the visa. The J1 visa will allow you to work for Challenger Sports for a period of up to 3 months with an additional month for travel if you wish. All staff must fully comply with the US Department of Homeland Security requirements and must have a valid passport and working visa prior to departure to the USA. This will require each candidate to submit a police background check and be interviewed by the US Embassy in your country of residence. You will be responsible for paying the £146 US Embassy visa processing fee (for J1 - correct at time of going to press). With the present climate the Department of Homeland Security is scrutinizing all applications thoroughly and all relevant paperwork must be completed within set deadlines to the standards required. We have a full time member of staff in the UK who will guide you through the visa application and will provide you with the necessary forms to complete the process in a timely manner. Those coaches working in Canada will apply for their Canadian paperwork through the Canadian Embassy and will pay their £90 processing fee (correct at time of going to press).

### What about pay, accommodation, transport etc?

Coaches will be paid a weekly salary which will be dependent upon the hours worked. This will range from \$170 - \$250. Challenger Sports will open a bank account and provide the coach with an ATM card. Every coach pays a programme fee to participate on the 2016 summer camp programme. The programme Fee is used towards the up -front cost of securing working visa papers, comprehensive health insurance and to book flights to your assigned region in the USA or Canada. The programme fee of £650 is paid as follows: 1st year coaches - £100 deposit at the recruitment day, a further £250 when you return your signed contract and the balance to be paid at the training weekend in April. Returning coaches - £100 with the programme agreement, £150 with the returned contract and the balance to be paid at the training weekend in March.

Accommodation will be with local families for each week of the summer. Challenger will pay for hotel rooms for the incoming weekend and on other specific days which will be outlined at the March training weekend. Transportation whilst in the USA/Canada is provided by Challenger Sports, in the form of rental cars. Each staff member will receive a coaching kit valued at over \$400, together with a curriculum which has been developed over the years to implement the varied camp programmes we offer at each location. Challenger Sports also provides a comprehensive medical insurance policy to cover each coach for the duration of their stay.

## What is the selection process?

The first thing you will need to do is to complete the <u>online application form</u> which is found on the Challenger Sports website. You will select a recruitment date and location from the list provided on the website. We will then contact you by email to give you information on the day's events and prepare you for your assessment. All first time applicants to the Challenger Sports programme must attend a Recruitment day. The first Recruitment day starts in October.

If you are successful at the Recruitment Day you will be added to the pool of successful applicants. To be offered an employment contract your availability will need to fit our requirements e.g. there are far more vacancies for applicants who can start work in June. There are far fewer vacancies available for July.

If you are offered a contract you will start your visa application process and you will be expected to attend our Orientation and Training weekend which in 2016 takes place at the University of Warwick, Coventry over Easter weekend. (March  $25^{th} - 27^{th}$ )