

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## HOW MUCH DOES THE TRIAL COST?

AFS SHOWCASE PACKAGE

3 DAYS \$700

AFS PRO SHOWCASE PACKAGE

7 DAYS \$1300

AFS PLAYER ID PACKAGE

14 DAYS \$2450

AFS PRO PATHWAY PACKAGE

21 DAYS \$3499

## WHAT HAPPENS IF A CLUB IS INTERESTED IN ME?

AFS staff do not act as agents but we will forward all your details to interested parties. We can't guarantee you will get signed but we are committed to help you. You are free to choose whomever you like to represent you.

## WHY IS AFS IN BANGKOK?

Bangkok is a developed city with extensive travel networks in place. This makes it easy for people from across Asia to attend the showcase. Also top class facilities and a football passion within Thailand contribute to the experience.

## WHAT DOES AFS DO?

AFS provides a platform for players aged 16-29 to showcase their talents in a professional environment.

## WHAT ARE THE AGE REQUIREMENTS?

We ask that for all events with professional coaches in attendance that you be 18 and over, but in certain circumstances may accept players as young as 16 with written permission from parent or guardian.

## HOW DOES THE PROCESS WORK?

Decide which program you want

- Check the cost and make sure it's inside your budget (all costs quoted are in US Dollars)
- Complete Booking Form
- Complete Payment
- Once we have received the Booking Form and payment we will issue an invitation letter to help get a visa (if required)

## I WASN'T IDENTIFIED BY SCOUTS, AGENTS, OR COACHES. WHAT NEXT?

If you do not get identified by agents, scouts or coaches in attendance, AFS staff will do our utmost to help you. There are no guarantees but if we can help you get a trial at a professional club you will need to be realistic and understand you will start quite low down on the football pyramid.



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## WHY IS AFS A GOOD PLACE TO GET IDENTIFIED?

If you want to get signed or trial in another country, the process is a lot easier if you are already in the country. Sending videos and your CV will only get you so far. You need to play in front of people that make decisions to have a greater chance of success.

## CAN I GET SIGNED IF I PLAY WELL?

Its dependant on how well you do. The most common process for successful players is they get identified at the event, then invited to trial and if they perform on trial they get signed. Its a competitive and difficult environment. Be prepared for lots of ups and downs. Professional football is big business, coaches jobs depend on results and clubs are always looking for players who can improve their teams. If you're better than the players they have why wouldn't they want to sign you!!

## DOES MY AGE EFFECT CHANCE/ OPTIMUM AGES/ AGE LIMITS?

In the past the average age of players getting identified has been 23 - 25 years old. In Asia they are looking for a player ready to go into the first team and have an immediate impact.

## SALARIES IN PRO LEAGUES IN ASIA

Nearly half of male professionals worldwide earn less than USD 1,000 a month, while three quarters of the total earn less than USD 4,000 a month. If you are out of contract or this is your first contract, its important to get on to the ladder and look to progress. The possibility of signing a big contract is very small. Players need to be realistic that Asia is a developing football continent and is not as advanced as in Europe.

## WHAT COUNTRIES ATTEND?

In the past we have had representatives from China, Thailand, Japan, Korea, Spain, UK, Australia, Laos, Malaysia and India.

## CAN YOU GET ME A VISA?

Yes. As soon as your booking is confirmed and the payment has been received we will send you an Invitation Letter, addressed to the appropriate Embassy /Consulate supporting your visa application.

## WHY IS AFS UNIQUE/ WHY IS IT DIFFERENT TO CAMPS AND CLINICS?

Soccer Camps to help build their brand and make money - they are a fun experience for young players who enjoy playing football. What AFS offers is an opportunity at the business end of professional football is Asia. If clubs loses matches people lose their jobs. It is a high pressure, high profile results driven environment, where everyone's place is constantly under threat. You're working with people whose job depends on finding better players, recognizing potential and making the right decisions.



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## **CAN MY FAMILY COME AND WATCH?**

Yes, we offer packages for parents and supporters.

## **IN CASE OF INJURY TO PLAYER**

If a player is injured at or before prior to the showcase and is deemed unable to play for more than one day, the player may attend a future showcase for a discounted rate.

## **WHAT FOOTBALL BOOTS SHOULD WE BRING?**

On Friday we will train on a 3G pitch so you need boots/trainers that can be used on synthetic surfaces. The showcase matches will be on grass so please bring boots for grass.

## **WHY ARE WE TRAINING ON 3G ON FRIDAY?**

This is due to the amount of traffic on Fridays in Bangkok. The pitch is very close to the hotel. It will be a fun and enjoyable session aimed at players getting to know each other and a feel of the ball.

## **WHAT ARE COACHES LOOKING FOR?**

Ability and attitude are vital to succeed. Also you need to be identifiable as a player and have an impact in the games. AFS provides the platform but you must deliver when you get on to the pitch.

## **DO WE NEED TO BRING OUR OWN KIT?**

You will be provided with match kit. This will be washed at the hotel. We advise you bring training kit for training days and if you want to visit the gym

## **WHAT IF BOOK AND CAN NOT ATTEND?**

If you are refused a visa to attend a Trial we will offer a full refund at prevailing currency exchange rates and subject to an administration fee of US (US Dollars) 100 subject to your having taken all steps necessary to ensure the visa is granted in sufficient time to allow attendance at the showcase.

To process an application for a refund we require a copy of the original documentation issued by the Entry Clearance Officer stating that the visa application has been declined at least two weeks prior to the showcase start date. As an alternative, we may offer you a alternative dates agreeable to you and AFS for a future showcase.

## **IF I AM SUCCESSFUL FROM THE SHOWCASE WHAT IS A TRIAL LIKE?**

Trials are tough. If you go for a trial and the coach doesn't want to sign you after seeing you play/train they may not be as direct to just say no. They may tell you its because they have their full quota or they have enough players in your position. Read this as they do not want you.

## **BOOKING MY FLIGHT WHAT ADVICE CAN YOU GIVE ME?**

We would recommend you book as soon as you are confirmed a spot at the event you're looking to attend. Prices always fluctuate, but booking sooner than later is always the best way to go. To get a Visa you will often require a return flight. If you are wanting to continue with trials or hoping to get trials immediately after the showcase, please make sure your return flight is not straight after the showcase or you have a airline ticket that can be easily changed.



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## DO YOU OFFER PAYMENT PLANS?

Yes we do:

### IDENTIFIER:

50% Deposit, remainder to be paid 4 weeks before event.

### ADVANTAGE

50% Deposit, remainder to be paid 4 weeks before event.

### KICK-STARTER

50% Deposit, remainder to be paid 4 weeks before event.

## IS FLIGHT AND INSURANCE INCLUDED?

AFS has Public Liability insurance but do not provide any personal injury insurance cover to any players that attend the trial days. Players should contact relevant travel insurance companies for information on where they can acquire personal injury insurance as insurance is not covered. AFS will not accept any responsibility or liability for any loss or theft of possessions during your stay.

While AFS cannot arrange your travel details, we can of course answer any questions you may have about the process. The internet is an amazing source for flight bookings, but if you have any specific questions in this matter, please contact us.

## IF I CAN'T ATTEND BECAUSE OF INJURY, ILLNESS, OR ABLE TO ATTAIN A VISA, DO I GET A REFUND?

Unfortunately, we do not offer a refund if you are unable to attend. However, AFS will transfer your attendance to a later event.



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