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WHERE IS AVANZA RESIDENCY BARCELONA LOCATED AND HOW CAN YOU GET THERE?

All Avanza Residency Barcelona daily basis activities (School, Accommodation, Football) will be in Hamelin-Laie Barcelona:

Carrer de Carmen Amaya, 10, 08390 Montgat, Barcelona, España

Hamelin-Laie is located in a residential area completely surrounded by nature and calm and 30 minutes away from Barcelona. The State-of-the-Art facility allows the students to have a full residential experience.

For accessing to Hamelin-Laie from Barcelona, you can use the train or bus. Hamelin-Laie is 30 minutes away from the International Barcelona Airport and city. Avanza Residency Barcelona will have access to our vehicles to cover any necessity.

WHAT ARE THE AGES ACCEPTED IN AVANZA RESIDENCY BARCELONA AND WHY?

We accept players that are studying from Grade 8 to Grade 12. This frame initially belongs to players from 13 to 18 years old. Exceptions could be done if the academic structure plus the competition structure allows it. As an example, 18 to 19 years old players that are still in their Grade 12 studies, could be accepted.

ARE THE PLAYERS ALWAYS UNDER SUPERVISION?

Our players are 24/7 under supervision by both Avanza Sports staff and Six Lemon World staff. The players will always remain in the Six Lemon World premises unless there are activities outside it and they are accompanied. The players will only have permission to leave the premises with a relative or a friend with a written permission of the family at least 48 hours before leaving.



WHEN & WHERE CAN I DO THE TRY OUT?

The Try Out will be organized both in Barcelona and in cities where Avanza has academies. The dates are yet to be determined by the specific academies. These are the potential locations of the Try Outs: Canada: Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto, Ottawa & Montreal.

US: Hawaii.

Australia: Sidney & Brisbane. China: Chengdu.

Spain: Barcelona.

The Barcelona Try Out will be the recommended one for all the players. At the Barcelona Try Out, the families will have access to meet with all Hamelin-Laie and Avanza Residency Barcelona staff. They will also have the chance to visit all the facilities and explore the project with more details

The Barcelona Try Out will most likely take place from April 12th to April 14th right before the Easter Holidays in Spain.

The Try Out fees are not included in the annual fee. We expect the families to make their own arrangements. We will have a package ready for those players that have to travel by themselves to Barcelona.

IS THE TRY OUT MANDATORY?

The Try out is mandatory unless you have a specific invitation to join Avanza Residency Barcelona program by a Technical Director from Avanza academies. We strongly recommend to attend the Barcelona try out both to meet with the staff and to understand the challenges of the program.



ARE THERE ALTERNATIVES FOR THE TRY OUT?

Resume, CV & Videos could be acceptable as long as the player is already registered in one of our Academies or Partner Academies all around the world.

This will be acceptable only under exceptional circumstances. However, we strongly recommend to attend the Barcelona Try Out so as to meet with our staff and to understand the challenges of the program.

ARE THE PLAYERS ELIGIBLE TO PLAY IN A REGULAR FCF COMPETITION?

To be eligible we will have to designate a tutor or legal representative that is living in Barcelona. This tutor will be a part of our staff and also will be involved on a daily basis in the functioning of the program. The tutor will need power of attorney consent to represent the family in Barcelona for academic and football purposes. Depending on the citizenship of the player, the documents needed for player registration will be decided. This all depends on the FIFA rules, before the RFEF and the FCF will accept or not the documents. The final decision will come from FIFA. There is no minimum or maximum time that FIFA will need to approve or reject the papers. They normally accept at the beginning and after that they ask for more information. Not all the players will have the same situation.

HOW WILL THE COMPETITION WILL BE STRUCTURED?

Our teams will play different games:

- Regular Competition by the FCF: Games will be played on a weekly basis during the weekends in a regular league managed by the FCF that falls under the RFEF.
- Friendly Games: Periodically friendly games will be organized in between the week or in weekends when there are no scheduled games in the regular competition.



competition. Players will also be playing pre-season friendlies.

- Challenges: Our teams will play games against professional and semi-professional youth teams with two main purposes. On one hand to compete at the highest level and challenge themselves and on another hand to find potential opportunities of getting scouted.
- Tournaments: The teams will be competing in National and International tournaments.

In total the teams will be playing more than 35 to 40 games in a year which will help them develop within a competitive environment

HOW MANY TRAINING SESSIONS PER WEEK WILL A PLAYER ATTEND ON A REGULAR BASIS?

Avanza Residency Barcelona will provide a minimum of 3 to 4 team-training sessions a week depending on the week structure, competition structure, exams period, pre season period, etc. The players will have a predetermined schedule so they know in advance how many training sessions they have every month.

The players will have individualized training sessions (2 to 3 per week) to work on their strengths and weaknesses helping them become more complete athletes.



WHAT HAPPENS AFTER SPENDING A SEASON AT OUR AVANZA RESIDENCY BARCELONA PROGRAM?

Avanza Residency Barcelona has a complete pathway for all the players. We provide different possibilities within the program and outside it:

- **Continuity:** Avanza Residency Barcelona offers up to 4 years of sports-studies, the course begins from grade 9 and ends at grade 12. This gives flexibility to the players to decide on how many years they would want to continue with the program. They can start in the Grade they prefer and they have the chance to continue until the High School years are finished.
- **Professional Opportunities:** Avanza Residency Barcelona is committed to give the players as much visibility as possible and finding different opportunities for them to get scouted by high level youth academies, professional and semi professional in the country and abroad.
- **Returning Home:** The goal of this program is to not only to help a player improve the competitive side of the game but also help him become a better student whether he stays for one year or decides to continue. The aim is to make sure that this player returns with a higher level of education and football so he can get into the best local clubs.
- **College Placement as Player:** Avanza Residency Barcelona offers the opportunity to get scouted by a US college or university to become a student-athlete and get a scholarship. We have a specific department that will help the players in the process.
- **Post-Secondary Studies:** Avanza Residency Barcelona will help players to find a potential university in the European system that suits their necessities and a football team to continue their development.
- **Labor Market Introduction:** Avanza Residency Barcelona in partnership with Hamelin-Laie gives the chance to the players to introduce themselves in the coaching system. We provide opportunities to volunteer and start a coaching career and to get an official coaching license in Spain as well. The cost of this coaching license is not part of the program fee.



WHAT ARE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE PLAYERS DURING THEIR FREE TIME?

The location of Hamelin-Laie doesn't give the freedom to the players to leave the facilities. For this reason, the players will be provided with as many spaces as possible for them to enjoy with their friends from the Residence and from the school as well. Hamelin-Laie facilities fulfill any sport interest and in the residence we will provide games spaces and more.

During the weekends the player will have the possibility to travel to the city, always under supervision, to enjoy it culturally and socially.

The players will only have permission to leave the premises with a relative or a friend with a written permission of the family at least 48 hours prior.

HOW CAN THE PLAYERS LEAVE THE RESIDENCE BY THEMSELVES?

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WHY HAMELIN-LAIE?

Hamelin-Laie has a reputation for being one of the best private schools in Spain and in Europe. They provide IB Program and a full international experience. They are recognized worldwide and facilities provided are one of the best in Spain.



WHY THE IB PROGRAM?

The IB Program provides the possibility to have a worldwide-recognized diploma. It also allows the players to spend one year without losing an academic year as they can continue the IB studies or come from another IB School at anytime.

Besides, the IB Program assures the highest level of education in the world.

HOW IS GRADE 9 & GRADE 10 RELATED TO THE FUTURE IB PROGRAM? WHY?

Hamelin-Laie Middle Years Programme is a precursor to the IB Program (Grades 11 and 12). Students in Grades 9 and 10 in the Middle Years Program will get academic recognition to pursue the IB program in the following years

HOW CAN I FOLLOW THE FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OF MY SON?

The families will have access to a full football report once every 4.5 months and a complete report from the Sports Science department.

HOW CAN I FOLLOW THE ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT OF MY SON?

There will be periodical academic reports and our Hamelin-Laie academic mentor will be available to have specific meetings through conference call on a timely basis. This will be set up by the mentor and informed to the families prior to the start of the program.

WHO DO I HAVE TO TALK FOR EVERYTHING THAT IS NOT RELATED TO FOOTBALL & ACADEMICS?

The Project Manager and his team will be available 24/7 through e-mail to make sure that everything is running smoothly. They will take care of your children like they were their own and they will assure that our Avanza Residency Barcelona staff complies with the excellence required from a program like this.



WHAT KIND OF QUALIFICATIONS DOES OUR STAFF HAVE?

Our Avanza Residency Barcelona staff have from UEFA coaching Licenses to University degrees related to each field. Sports Science, Management and Educators/Teachers. All of them count with a completely clean police check and they have extended expertise working with children.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE?

All the activities are included on the price except

- VISA Fees & Process
- Airplane Fares
- Try Outs
- Extra Personal Expenses

Avanza Sports will provide a complete calendar for the year with the already planned activities that will be included in the price. These activities will follow the pre-established plan.

If Avanza Residency Barcelona organizes new activities that requires from an extra fee, this will be always optional and informed with time and details. As examples

- Touristic Trips organized by the School.
- Extra international tournaments that we would like to attend (apart from the two already included).
- Watching Champions League games live in Camp Nou.
- Participation in individual showcases or try outs for scouting opportunities that are no organized by ourselves.



WHAT HAPPENS IF SOME EXTRA ACTIVITIES THAT ARE OUT OF THE BUDGET TAKE PLACE?

Avanza Sports will communicate these to the families with enough time to plan and the families will have the last decision in the participation of the players. These will be optional and Avanza Sports will always provide 24/ 7 supervision to the players who participate in the activities or if they choose not to.

WHAT KIND OF EXTRA ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE AND IN WHAT FREQUENCY?

Avanza Sports will offer different trips. Some of them will be one day road trips and others may be longer.

Touristic Trips:

Avanza Sports will organize one activity per month that will include transportation, meals, tickets, etc. These activities will be included already in the price.

As examples:

- Camp Nou League Games or other professional club league games.
- Visit to Barcelona, Girona, or other cities.
- Visit to sports facilities. Port Aventura, etc

Football Trips:

Avanza Sports will organize football trips once a month as well. Some will be just a road trip and others will include spending one night or more abroad.

As examples:

- International Tournaments (1 per year)
- Clinics (1 per year)
- Try Outs / Challenges / National Tournaments (3 per year)



HOW MUCH POCKET MONEY WILL MY SON NEED?

All expenses will be covered during the Residency, including accommodation, meals, snacks, etc. Avanza Sports recommends holding on to some money to buy items of personal interest, based on need. Like, clothes, football shoes, school material, etc. We recommend to have a credit card associated with the family account as cash may not always be accepted.

WHAT KIND OF COMMUNICATION IS RECOMMENDED?

The most direct and comfortable communication with staff will be through e-mail. Regarding the communication with players, Avanza Sports recommends the use of devices outside of school and football hours. Players will have Wi-Fi access.

However, from 10.30 pm onwards, the devices will not be permitted in the residence, to allow a proper resting period

There will be emergency contacts available 24 hours but it is strongly recommended to follow the proper channels of communication based on the purpose of the same.

CAN I VISIT MY SON?

Visits are permitted with prior organization with the Avanza Sports Staff. Visits to the residence will have to be accompanied by the Avanza Residency Barcelona Manager

The players will only have permission to leave the premises with a relative or a friend with a written permission of a family member, at least 48 hours prior to leaving.

During players' activities, the families will only be allowed to watch, if the said are are open to the public. As an example Training sessions could be watched with



prior specific permission. The classes in the school are closed to public.



ARE THERE WEEKS OFF DURING THE RESIDENCY? WHAT IS THE PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE WEEKS THERE ARE NO AVANZA RESIDENCY BARCELONA ACTIVITIES PLANNED?

Christmas and Summer will be the weeks where the Avanza Residency Barcelona program will be completely closed. More precisely:

Christmas: From December 22nd 2019 to January 6th 2020.

Summer: From June 22nd 2020 to August 31st 2020.

During this period, the residence must stay empty, as the bedrooms and common areas will be used by other boarder students.

ARE THERE OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR MY SON TO PARTICIPATE IN OUT OF THE RESIDENTIAL YEAR?

Avanza has a great number of activities happening both in Barcelona and all around the world with our academies. All these activities will be available for the Avanza Residency Barcelona players. Fees for these activities will be additional. Unless it is a team activity, Avanza Residency Barcelona will not organize these activities directly. However, if there is an interest from the families to join any of them, the Avanza staff will always be available to support during registration period and beyond.



HOW IS THE HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM GOING TO WORK?

Avanza and Hamelin-Laie provide an online platform to follow the subjects that the families/student- athletes want to pursue and a tutor is provided who will always be in class with the students.

The players can choose from studying solely languages to opting for a full course across a range of subjects. This depends on a variety of aspects that each family and student will analyze and discuss with the Pedagogical Counsellor and the Sports Director.

As an example, here are some scenarios of when the High School system :

- Players that are seeking a mainly football experience and prefer just to learn languages.
- Players that don't come from an IB Program and prefer to adapt the studies to the American system.
- Players that want to pursue credits to complete their education.
- Various iterations of academic and sporting needs, catering to the diverse set of players coming into the Residency Program.

COULD ONE PURSUE A UEFA COACHING LICENSE? HOW DOES THIS WORK? WHAT COACHING LICENSES ARE AVAILABLE?

Avanza provides this service for an additional fee. Players have the option of starting with the Basic Coaching License at the FCF that is equivalent to the UEFA B Licenses and up with the Advanced License (UEFA A) and even a Professional License (UEFA Pro). However, in order to get these licenses, the students need to do a period of practical work in between diplomas. Therefore Avanza and Hamelin-Laie understands that the majority of the players (who have to be 16 years old or older) would start with the Basic License (UEFA B).

In addition to this, Avanza offers the players the possibility of doing the practical experience after the diploma within the same facilities as the Avanza Residency Barcelona – Hamelin-Laie for youth players. The courses will be adapted to the student schedule and require a specific amount of hours (i.e: 300 hours for UEFA B).

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