# Siera, Florence, Pisaani Rome

## Dear Section IV Soccer All-Star,

Congratulations on being **recognized for selection** to the Section IV European Select Soccer Team — a distinction awarded to outstanding student-athletes from across our region. Your league has already honored you for your performance, and now you have the opportunity to join other top players representing Section IV and New York State on our upcoming **EuroSports Network International Soccer Tour**.

This year marks our **Thirty-Third Year** taking young American soccer players abroad to experience the excitement of international competition, cultural discovery, and lifelong memories.

With carefully designed itineraries that balance soccer and sightseeing, EuroSports Network is truly your passport to the world of international soccer. You'll learn from our professional coaching staff, play competitive matches against European clubs, and explore the historic cities of **Rome, Florence, Pisa, and Siena**.

Our players return home as stronger athletes and more confident individuals, having built friendships and experiences that last a lifetime.

The **2026 Tour** is scheduled for **April 4–11, 2026 (Spring Break)**. We are excited to invite you and your family to attend our **Informational Meeting**, where all trip details will be presented:

Meeting Date: Sunday, December 7th, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 PM

Place: Susquehanna Valley High School

*Directions:* Enter via the driveway at the west end of the school. Follow the drive to the rear parking lot and enter through the doors marked "Home of the Sabers."

Please RSVP if you plan to attend. If you cannot join us but would like details, please email me at <a href="mailto:bccwomenscoach@gmail.com">bccwomenscoach@gmail.com</a>.

Because airline and hotel space are limited, **final participation will depend on timely registration and availability of travel accommodations**. We encourage interested players to confirm early if they wish to secure a seat on this year's tour. (*Invitations are extended to selected players only, but space may become filled before all invited players enroll.*)

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and hope you'll join this unforgettable experience with **EuroSports Network**.

### Bill Rich

Director, Youth International Programs

**EuroSports Network** 

## EuroSports Network- 2026 Section IV All-Stars Soccer Tour - Italy

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Depart from Vestal, NY, to JFK International Airport for your American Airlines direct flight to Rome, Italy— the start of an unforgettable Italian adventure.

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Siena & Montecatini** Welcome to Italy! Upon arrival at Rome International Airport, you'll be greeted by your bilingual tour manager. Board your private coach and head north to the medieval gem of Siena for a guided walking tour. Explore the awe-inspiring Duomo di Siena and learn about the city's legendary Palio horse race that captivates thousands every summer. Continue your journey to Montecatini Terme, a picturesque spa town nestled in the Tuscan hills. Check into your hotel and enjoy a welcome dinner featuring classic Tuscan cuisine.

Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Florence & First Friendly Matches. After breakfast, set off for Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance. With your local guide, stroll through its historic center, marvel at Brunelleschi's dome, and take in the views from the famous Ponte Vecchio. Later in the afternoon, head to a local sports facility where the boys' teams will play their first friendly match, building camaraderie and sharing the universal language of soccer. Return to Montecatini for dinner and downtime.

**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – Pisa, Pietrasanta & Team Dinner.** Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before departing for the iconic city of Pisa. On a guided tour, visit the Leaning Tower, the Baptistery, and the Cathedral in the stunning Piazza dei Miracoli. Continue along the scenic Tyrrhenian coast to Pietrasanta, an artistic town at the base of the Apuan Alps. The girls' teams will play their first match, followed by the boys' second game. Cap off the day with a festive team dinner hosted by the local club, where players and coaches enjoy warm hospitality and delicious regional dishes.

Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast in the hotel and departure to *Rome*. Today we will have a guided visit to the Olympic Stadium, home of A.S. Roma and S.S. Lazio. We will have some leisure time to do some shopping and walk through the city before our final transfer to your selected hotel for check-in, dinner, and overnight.

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – Ancient Rome & More Matches Begin the day with a hearty breakfast before exploring Ancient Rome with your local guide. Walk through history at the Colosseum, Roman Forum, and toss a coin in the Trevi Fountain, ensuring your return. Later in the afternoon, head to a sports facility for the girls' second friendly match and the boys' third. After the games, enjoy a post-match dinner hosted by a Roman club, sharing stories and celebrating the day's victories.

Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Vatican City & Farewell Celebration. Today begins with a guided tour of Vatican City. Explore the world-renowned Vatican Museums, marvel at Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel, and visit the awe-inspiring St. Peter's Basilica. In the afternoon, the girls' teams play their final match of the tour. That evening, gather for a festive farewell pizza dinner at a local Roman trattoria—a night of great food, laughter, and lasting memories.

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – Arrivederci Italia! Enjoy one last Italian breakfast before heading to the airport. Your return flight home departs from Rome, filled with lifelong memories of soccer, culture, and friendship.

## **Arrivederci Italia!**

#### **Tour Highlights Include:**

- Round-trip transfer from Vestal to JFK on a private touring coach
- Round-trip **direct flights** on American Airlines to Rome
- EuroSports Network Uniform (Nike Shorts-Nike Shirt-Socks)
- Tourist-class accommodations in Montecatini and Rome (double/triple occupancy)
- Daily breakfasts and dinners, including social and farewell meals
- Private European touring coach for all internal transportation
- Comprehensive guided sightseeing in Siena, Florence, Pisa, Rome, and Vatican City
- Friendly matches against local Italian teams (3 games for boys and girls teams)
- Assistance throughout from a **Dream Team Italy representative** and **tour manager**.
- Participant Cost: \$3,610 per traveler