

# INVITATION

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**2008 - 09**

## **WESTERN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

Dear MCFFU/USSSA Flag Football Members, partners, teams and players:

We would like to personally invite you to participate in our **4th Annual WESTERN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS in San Diego, CA** on January 17-18 and 24-25, 2009! 4-Man and 5-Man will be held on the 17-18 (MLK Weekend), while the 8-Man Eligible, Women and Screen will be on the following weekend; January 24-25<sup>th</sup>!

This event, formerly held in Las Vegas, NV, has been recently relocated to **San Diego, CA** because of warmer weather conditions, superior playing environment as well as providing the MCFFU with the opportunity to bring the **FLAG FOOTBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TO LAS VEGAS, NEVEDA IN MARCH OF 2009!**

Because of the recent trends within competitive flag football, the MCFFU has created a national series of events that will allow teams to compete regionally (reducing yearly travel expenses), while allowing them to prepare for the World Championships in Las Vegas, NV each March.

The World Championship Circuit will include a series of NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (which are supported by NIT – National Invitational Tournaments) held in select regions of the US where flag football populations are strongest – including San Diego, CA. Each event is designed to attract teams from the surrounding states.

### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

- **WESTERN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** (SAN DIEGO, CA) – JANUARY
- **SOUTHERN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** (BILOXI, MS) – MARCH
- **NORTHWEST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** (RENO, NV) – MAY
- **EASTERN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** (VA BEACH, VA) – JUNE
- **MIDWEST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** (RACINE, WI) – JULY
- **MOUNTAIN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** (DENVER, CO) – SEPTEMBER
- **NEW ENGLAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** – TBA

**NOTE:** NWNC in Reno, NV held on Memorial Day Weekend – MNC in Denver, CO held on Labor Day Weekend

### **FLAG FOOTBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

- **ORLANDO, FL** – JANUARY 16 – 17 (9-MAN, SCREEN, WOMEN & 4-MAN)
- **LAS VEGAS, NV** – MARCH 28 & 29<sup>th</sup> (8-MAN, 5-MAN, WOMEN & SCREEN)

**NOTE:** Orlando, FL World Championships held on MLK Weekend

Each of the National Championship event will become the **new tradition** in their area for competitive flag football, all of which leading to the respective Flag Football World Championships!

### **LAS VEGAS – FLAG FOOTBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009**

By moving the WNC to the San Diego, CA it opens the door for the FLAG FOOTBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS to be relocated to Las Vegas, NV beginning in 2009. Las Vegas has shown to be more of an attraction to teams in the Midwest, East and Southern regions and the travel costs are just as reasonable; and in some cases cheaper to get to than Orlando, FL.

The goal of the MCFFU has always been to build a single national network that unifies all the states, along with their leagues and team's, increase national competition and provide an overall superior flag football product than any other organization in the country!

Now the World Championships is in the backyard of the West Coast teams and Las Vegas will be center stage of flag football's grandest event! We are confident that over time, the Las Vegas World Championships will take what was started in Dallas, TX and grow it well beyond any of our expectations.

WELCOME TO THE NEW WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009 – LAS VEGAS, NV!

### **STYLES & DIVISIONS OFFERED AT THE WNC – SAN DIEGO, CA - 2009**

- 8-Man Eligible (A)
- 8-Man Eligible (B)
- 8-Man Eligible (C)
- Women (Open)
- 5-Man (A)
- 5-Man (B)
- 5-Man (C)
- 4-Man (A)
- 4-Man (B)
- 4-Man (C)

*In case there are not enough teams in select divisions; divisions maybe combined*

### **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**

The WNC tournament format this year will utilize the WC Tournament Format and begin with each team playing a total of 3 guaranteed games with the top teams (*Based on total team entry per Division – A, B, etc*) advancing to the single elimination rounds on Sunday.

- 8 to 12 teams - 8 Teams Advance to Sunday
- 13 to 16 teams - 10 Teams Advance to Sunday
- 17 to 20 teams - 12 Teams Advance to Sunday
- 21 + teams 16 - Teams Advance to Sunday

**WHEN & WHERE:**

**San Diego, CA - January 24-25, 2009**

**U.S. Olympic Training Facility**

**2800 Olympic, Pkwy**

**Chula Vista, CA 92127**

**4-Man and 5-Man – San Diego, CA – January 17-18, 2009 (MLK Weekend)**



**WNC TOURNAMENT SEEDING:**

Teams will be seeded according to the MCFFU National Rankings, their Total Points Accumulation, tournament wins and overall records during national competition in 2008 as listed in the MCFFU National Rankings section.

Teams will then be matched up against teams from other cities, states or regions by the MCFFU to ensure as much new competition in the early rounds as possible.

*Ex.* Southern California teams will be seeded and match up against teams from North California and other participating states – due to the event being held in Southern California.

The reverse will be done in the Reno, NV National Championships due to the fact that a stronger representation of Northern California and other northern states will be expected.

**TOURNAMENT FEES:**

\$395 + ref fees (8-Man Eligible/Women)

\$495 if after the 1<sup>st</sup> deadline

\$195 + ref fees (5-Man/4-Man) – **HELD JANUARY 17-18, 2009 – MLK WEEKEND**

\$250 if after the 1<sup>st</sup> deadline

We will accept absolutely no registrations and fees after the 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline.

1<sup>st</sup> Deadline December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008 (no late fee if before this date)

2<sup>nd</sup> Deadline January 14<sup>th</sup> (4-Man & 5-Man) and 20<sup>th</sup> 2009 for the 8-Man, Women and Screen - (Set late fee automatically included)

**NOTE:** Ref fees are \$40 per game per team 8-Man/Women and Screen and \$20 per game for 4 & 5-man; with the MCFFU paying the ref fees for the final 4 of each division.

### **TOURNAMENT PRIZE:**

#### **8-MAN ELIGIBLE (A) – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE**

- 8 to 12 - 1st Place \$500
- 13 to 16 - 1st Place \$500 and 2nd Place \$250
- 17 to 20 - 1st Place \$750 and 2nd Place \$250
- 21 plus - 1st Place \$1000 and 2nd Place \$500

#### **8-MAN ELIGIBLE (B & C) – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BIDS**

- 8 to 12 - 1st Place Full Paid Bid to the WC in Las Vegas
- 13 + 1st Place Full Paid Bid to WC and 2nd Place Half bid to WC  
(Ref fees not included in any paid bid)

#### **5-MAN & 4-MAN (A) – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE**

- 8 to 12 - 1st Place \$250
- 13 to 16 - 1st Place \$500
- 17 to 20 - 1st Place \$500 and 2nd Place \$250
- 21 plus - 1st Place \$750 and 2nd Place \$250

#### **5-MAN & 4-MAN (B & C) - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BIDS**

- 8 to 12 - 1st Place Full Paid Bid to the WC in Las Vegas
- 13 over - 1st Place Full Paid Bid to WC and 2nd Place Half bid to WC  
(Ref fees not included in any paid bid)

**NOTE:** Each division winner will also receive (1) team trophy

### **SIDELINE FEES:**

There will be a minimum fee of \$50 for any team(s) leaving trash and/or debris after their game, which will have to be paid prior to their next game. We must work to keep our facilities as clean as possible in order to continue ensuring quality fields and environments for participating teams and families.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Beginning in 2009, the MCFFU is working on a new WC Circuit that is supported by leagues, with teams representing both their league and city/state in the World Championships – meaning teams will qualify through sanctioned league play and/or National competition as a National Team or as an Independent Club/Team competing in only National competition. Details released in January!

**Remember that ALL ROSTERS/REGISTRATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON-LINE**