



INVITATION

TO THE

2009-10 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MIAMI, FL

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

We would like to personally invite you to participate in our **3rd Annual Flag Football World Championships in Miami, FL** on January 15-17, 2010 at both the Central Broward County Regional Park and Brian Piccolo Park!

This event, formerly held in Dallas, TX and Orlando, FL, before being relocated to the Miami/Ft Lauderdale, FL area; will feature the top Ineligible 9-Man teams in the country along with other styles such as Women, 7-Man and 4-Man! This years' Ineligible World Championships will see the return of the **9-Man Ineligible World Champions Baltimore Packers** as they look to defend their title against the best in the game!



The **Ineligible World Championships** will be a mainstay on the **MCFFU/USSSA World Championships circuit** each year in Miami/Ft. Lauderdale, FL, with the goal of becoming THE most anticipated flag football tournament in the country for the Ineligible flag football division!

NEW FORMAT - This years' WC will present the first "Qualifying" format in Ineligible flag football where the top 16 teams based on accumulated points during the 2009 season will be eligible for the "Pro" division. All teams that did not qualify or are first time participants on the World Championship Circuit will compete in the "Open" Division.

SUPER SERIES – Immediately following the Ineligible World Championships in Miami, FL the 9-Man Ineligible Division will begin the Super Series where the top players get together and represent their state in an "All-Star-like" tournament to see which state is the best in flag football on March 26-28, 2010! For more details on your state team or forming your own state team, please visit the website at www.mcffu.com under the Super Series section...

2010 SCHEDULE – The 2010-11 9-Man Ineligible World Championship Schedule will be released during the Miami WC. New directors and locations have been added.

WELCOME TO THE FLA G FOOTBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010 – MIAMI, FL

WHEN & WHERE

Friday, Saturday & Sunday – January 15-17, 2010

Central Broward County Regional Park

3700 N.W. 11th Place

Lauderhill, FL 33311

Brian Piccolo Park

9501 Sheridan Street

Hollywood, FL 33024

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, 1/14/09

Time TBA – MCFFU/USSSA Directors Meeting (Details posted @ www.mcffu.com)

Time TBA – Player Meet and Greet (Details posted @ www.mcffu.com)

Friday, 1/15/08

12 Noon – 1st Round of WC Pool Play begins

Saturday, 1/16/08

9 AM – 2nd and 3rd Round of WC Pool Play begins

NOTE: *Start times may be adjusted; all teams will be notified by the MCFFU and MCFFU Officials should this occur the week prior to the World Championships*

STYLES OFFERED:

- 9-Man Ineligible (A)
- 9-Man Ineligible (B)
- 8-Man Ineligible (Open)
- Women Eligible (Open)
- Women Screen (Open)
- 7-Man Screen (Pro)
- 7-Man Screen (Open)
- 4-Man (Pro)
- 4-Man (Open)

In case there are not enough 8-Man Ineligible teams, 8-Man will be combined with the 9-Man Open.

COMPETING PLAYERS: All participating players MUST have the following the qualify to compete

- Matching uniform jersey's
- Numbers on back of the jersey
- Same color bottoms (Bottoms may be different, but must be the same color)
- Fully registered on the roster of (1) team per style
- Legal Sonic Pop or Triple Threat Flag Belts (based on style of play)

WC TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

The WC tournament format this year will begin with each team playing (1) game on Friday, (2) games Saturday (Guaranteed 3 games for each team) with the top teams (*Based on total team entry per Division*) advancing to the single-elimination rounds on Sunday.

9-Man Pro Division

16 Pro Teams	10 Teams Advance to Sunday
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9-Man Open & 8-Man Ineligible Open Division

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

All Other Divisions

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

WC TOURNAMENT SEEDING:

Going by the MCFFU National Rankings, teams will be placed in regions, seeded according to their Total Points Accumulation, tournament wins and overall records during national competition on the World Championships Circuit. Teams will then be matched up against teams from other regions to complete their pool.

TOURNAMENT FEES: (\$75 OFF IF PAID BEFORE DECEMBER 10, 2009)

- **\$625** + ref fees (9-Man A) – **late fee after the 1st deadline**
- **\$550** + ref fees (9-Man/8-Man Ineligible Open) – **late fee after the 1st deadline**
- **\$550** (Women Eligible & Screen) – **late fee after the 1st deadline**

We will accept absolutely no registrations and fees after the 2nd deadline. NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 1ST DEADLINE: CREDIT CARDS & MONEY ORDERS ONLY. ANY CHECKS FORWARDED WILL NOT BE CREDITED UNTIL PROCESSED

- **1st Deadline December 20th 2009 (no late fee if on or before this date)**
- **2nd Deadline January 8th 2010 (\$75 late fee included)**

NOTE: Ref fees are \$40 per game per team with the MCFFU paying the ref fees for the final 4 of each division.

IMPORTANT NOTE: SHOULD ANY 9MAN PRO LEVEL TEAM MISS THE FINAL DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT (JANUARY 8TH) THE NEXT TEAM IN LINE THAT PAYS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO MOVE INTO THE TOP 16 BASED ON STANDINGS PROVIDED THEY PAY THE DIFFERENCE.

TOURNAMENT PRIZE:

9-MAN INELIGIBLE (A)

16 Teams	\$3500	1 st Place
16 Teams	\$1500	2 nd Place

9-MAN INELIGIBLE (Open), 8-MAN INELIGIBLE (Open) & Women (Open)

8 or Less	\$500 1 st Place
9 - 12 Teams	\$1000 1 st Place
13 – 16 Teams	\$1500 1 st Place
17 Teams +	\$1500 1 st Place - \$500 2 nd Place

- 1st Place Team Trophy
- MVP Awards

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.

TOURNAMENT NOTABLES AND AMENITIES:

- Guaranteed 3 games for every team
- Guaranteed “TRUE” game times
- 24 minute halves with 2-minute game clock in each half
- Showers, locker and laundry facilities available Sunday ONLY to allow players to prepare for departure immediately from the fields – eliminating the need to return the hotel or extend their stay.
- Schedules released a week prior to the start of the event
- Official On-line roster control for all teams
- Each team is responsible for their own flags (sonic-pop)

TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- All teams must be in complete matching uniforms (top, bottoms & numbers). Out of uniform players will be ineligible to participate in the tournament.
- Sidelines must consist of players and coaches ONLY; no exceptions – there will be an area where spectators will be able to view the games.
- NO SPECTATORS ALLOWED on the fields at the Central Broward Regional County fields; all fans and spectators must remain in the stands at all times. Teams subject to fines for any fan violations.
- Teams waiting to play MUST remain behind the endzones until the team(s) on the field have completely vacated the sideline before stationing.
- Each team is responsible for their sidelines; no exceptions – fines will be administered to any team who fails to remove all trash and debris from their sideline after each game.
- All rosters & on-line team registrations MUST be completed on-line at www.mcffu.com– no other rosters will be accepted.

TEAM ROSTERS: (Please read carefully)

9-MAN PRO DIVISION – Maximum 30 players per team...

Teams that exceed the 30 player roster will be assessed a \$30 per player fee for the additional players up to 35 players maximum

All teams MUST submit their team roster on-line at www.mcffu.com and have a printed version as the official copy on hand. **NO HAND WRITTEN OR TYPED ROSTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** ANY ROSTER VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN A FORFEIT OF THE GAME IN QUESTION – NO EXCEPTIONS.

All Rosters must have the following:

- Full name of player as seen on a valid driver license or other official ID
- Submitted e-mail address
- On-line signed waiver form
- Players can ONLY be on (1) roster for the World Championships
- Players ARE NOT eligible to compete on multiple teams regardless of division
- **Each player must have a valid driver licenses or state ID on hand AT ALL TIMES in case of roster challenge by opposing team. Failure to produce a valid ID will result in an immediate player forfeit and possible forfeit of the game in question.**

Visit www.mcffu.com and complete all the steps in the “Registration” section on the top of the main page.

There is a \$25 annual MCFFU/USSSA sanctioning fee for each team that is posting their roster on-line for the World Championships. Once your roster has been posted, it can be updated or changed at will up until the day of any MCFFU/USSSA event on the World Championship Circuit. These rosters will be used to begin the 2010-11 World Championship Circuit; adjustments will be available for all teams, however with some restrictions. Roster Control will be in full effect immediately following the World Championships...

Once your rosters have been posted; they will remain on the MCFFU database until the team changes its name or ceases to compete. All coaches/managers will have to do is contact the MCFFU to update, add and/or delete players as needed and save. Rosters are good for ALL MCFFU/USSSA sanctioned events. Roster rules will be released following the World Championships

TEAM AND PLAYER INSURANCE:

Teams looking for additional team coverage and/or individual coverage for the World Championships or throughout the year when participating in MCFFU/USSSA events please contact us at 1-800-741-3014 to request more details.

Keep in mind that we will follow the rules as written in the MCFFU Rule Book, which can be found on the front page of the www.mcffu.com. As such, all teams must have the proper uniforms, team equipment and completed on-line team rosters and waivers submitted on time to be eligible to compete.

TEAM TRAVEL AND LODGING:

The MCFFU and USSSA will be releasing a separate package for each participating team in regards to discounts on travel, car rental and lodging courtesy of the USSSA soon. Lodging will be itemized with approximate locations and distance from the playing fields along with any discounts offered by the MCFFU available to teams and players.

It is our goal to assist each team the best we can with their teams' travel plans to attend the Ineligible World Championships as well as to other MCFFU/USSSA tournaments.

CONCLUSION:

The growth of Ineligible flag football is extremely important to us as we seek to spearhead a new movement in competitive flag football that will generate more national exposure, attract more players and develop more teams. We are not looking to duplicate what has already been done in regards to what any other national organization has accomplished - the MCFFU/USSSA is headed in a completely different direction and our mission is both challenging and unique.

The **2009-10 Ineligible World Championships** will be accompanied by the largest national circuit (run and operated by the MCFFU/USSSA and our partners) functioning in more states and regions, and supported by more organizations and directors than any other organization in the nation!

Building a unique and exciting World Championship is our first step in reaching our goals and we firmly believe that the styles offered in the WC can lead the way in taking flag football to the next level and on into the new era.

We are extremely excited about the multiple opportunities and the unlimited possibilities the ineligible style offers. We look forward to teaming with the Ineligible teams and organizations to help make ineligible flag football the fastest growing recreational sport in the country and growing the World Championships into flag's greatest event!

More details regarding the Miami World Championships will be released as we near the tournament via the MCFFU Flag Nation e-Newsletter. To subscribe to the free Flag Nation e-Newsletter, simply e-mail us at mcffu@mcffu.com and you will be added to the list to receive updated information regarding all of the MCFFU/USSSA national flag football happenings and events.

We thank you for both your time and consideration regarding the WC and should you have any questions, please free to contact us directly.

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