



REGULATIONS OF THE 5th IFAF Flag Football World CHAMPIONSHIP 2010

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Final rounds: August 11, 2009 to August 16, 2009 at Ottawa, Canada

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Local Organising Committee (LOC)
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Conditions of participation

The IFAF Flag Football World Championship Seniors tournament is the annual competition for the Flag Senior National Teams or Teams representing their National Federation.

The tournament will be restricted to teams whose national federations are an IFAF member and have an established flag Senior program.

§1 General provisions

The entry fee is EURO 1.000

The entry fee has to be paid latest December 31st, 2009
to the IFAF account in France

The tournament fee to LOC has to be paid latest May 1st, 2010
to the Football Canada account in Canada

If, after written confirmation of its participation by the federation and after it has paid the entry fee, the team refuses to play a game, it shall be disqualified and fined. The federation shall at the same time lose all rights to receive financial contributions from IFAF or local organizing committee.

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The fines are if the team refuses to play after paying the entry fee (EURO 500) prior to the tournament

- within two months EURO 500 or equivalent
- within one month EURO 1.000 or equivalent
- within two weeks EURO 2.000 or equivalent
- during the tournament EURO 3.500 or equivalent

The team refusing to play will be disqualified from the tournament. If a team refuses to play, the team's opponent will win the game with a result of 50-0 and in case of tournament rounds all of its games will be nullified (in this case also the one it has been determined to lose by forfeit.)

In the case of a fine and a non-payment of the fine the IFAF Disciplinary regulations will apply.

§2 Grouping and seeding

The IFAF Flag Football World Championship will be a system of Final Tournament. According to the confirmations of participation IFAF Executive Committee (IFAF ExCo) will seed the teams for the groups at the final tournament with the basis being previous results from Flag World Championships.

§3 Qualification round

There will be no qualification rounds.

§4 Championship round

The final tournament pooling depends on which teams will participate in the final tournament.

All teams travelling to the host country are responsible for the transport of their team to the site of the championships and home again. Ground transportation (teams to practice, game and other planned events) once at the championships site and food and lodging will be organized by the LOC, but has to be paid by the participants. Each team will only be allowed to bring maximum of 12 players, 2 Coaches and 1 other (Team Manager /CDM). For extra persons please contact LOC for assistance and prices.

§5 Game time

The effective playing time is 2x20 minutes for championship rounds.

§6 Tie breakers

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In group games, games may end in a tie.

In all play off games – not group games - there has to be a winner and the game may not end in a tie. If the score is equal after the normal game time, the IFAF Flag Football international Competition rule in IFAF tournaments on tie-breakers will be used to break a tie.

The winners of championship pool will be decided in the following way:

- head to head
- net points head to head
- net points overall
- most touchdowns
- coin toss

§7 Eligibility of a player

Overall requirements:

Player is only eligible to play for the National Federation/Association of his own nationality. If a player has changed his nationality or holds two or more nationalities he is eligible to play for his new or chosen nationality. However, if a player has represented one National Federation/Association in any official IFAF or its continental representative tournament, including both senior and junior tournaments, the player is not eligible to play for any other National Federation/Association. Player's nationality must be proven on game day.

Players have to be of the equivalent gender of the tournament entered. (women for women tournament, men for men tournament)

To be eligible for the final tournament a player must have been listed on the 15-person preliminary roster released 10 days prior to the final tournament.

Game day requirements:

Each team shall on game day indicate, on the official IFAF team roster form, the names of the 12 players for 5 on 5 and their staff. The IFAF supervisor will request presentation of a passport or government accepted identity card (that proves the nationality) of each player. In case of no IFAF supervisor being present the head game official will carry the above identity check.

Identity documents must be a passport or a government accepted document which includes photograph, date of birth and nationality. In case of a player/ team is not able to present identity document the player will be ineligible to play.

Violation of players' eligibility regulations can lead to the teams or players disqualification and/or of a fine of no more than 5.000,00 Euros.

A player must be a minimum of 18 years old (male) and 16 years old (female) on the day of the game.

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Tournament Requirements:

The preliminary player roster of 15 players for the Championships round must be submitted no later than 10 days before the Championships rounds starts to the FFWCTC in order to ensure accurate information in the event program. Out of this 15 player preliminary roster the team has to choose the players for the final roster. The final roster has to be presented to the chairman of FFWCTC latest at 8 pm the day before the first game of the tournament. No changes to this roster are permitted after its submission to FFWCTC.

§8 Colours of the teams

Each team is to provide its own game uniforms. Each team is to nominate its primary jersey colors 1 month prior to the tournament. Each team is also required to have alternate color jerseys for the tournament. If necessary, the away team must change its uniforms.

§9 Publicity

Publicity on player's equipment shall be permitted but the publicity must be in accordance to local laws, IFAF regulations and in accordance to the spirit of the sports.

§10 The Game officials

The IFAF Officiating Committee shall designate referees for the tournament. Only referees whose names are included in the official IFAF official's list shall be appointed.

§11 Other financial provisions

Each federation shall retain its receipts and shall bear all the organisational expenses.

There will be an officiating fee of maximum 1.500 euros per team entering the tournament. The hosting team for the final tournament shall bear the expenses of board and lodging of the game officials if needed.

In addition to these refunds to the travelling federation and the hosting federation will be subject to IFAF Disciplinary regulations. The federations are responsible for their own travelling arrangements.

There will be no fees or levies to be paid to IFAF by the organising party for the games or for the fees received for television, closed circuit, internet, sound broadcasting, films and video cassettes in 2010.

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All games which shall be transmitted by television, closed circuit, internet, broadcast by radio stations or shot by film producers shall be covered by a written contract. The FFWCTC is entitled to request the presentation of contracts.

§12 Doping

The FFWCTC will inform the Anti Doping Committees of respective countries of the game dates of the championship round. The possible testing will be carried out according to the rules of respective Anti Doping Committees and the WADA. IFAF Anti Doping regulations shall always apply.

The use of THC and Cannabis is strictly forbidden during the FFWCTC finals. The finals start from the beginning of the opening ceremony and end 24 hours after the last game of the tournament has been played or team has left the hosting country which ever applies first. Use of THC and/ or Cannabis will be penalized with a ban of three months.

§13 Medals

Top three (3) teams participating in men and women categories at the Championships rounds will receive 15 medals each. Winner-gold, second place- silver, and third place-bronze. A Fair Play prize will be awarded to the most Fair Play team decided by FWCTC.

§14 Laws of the Game

The games shall be played in conformity with the 2010 IFAF Flag Football International Competition rules.

Teams can enter for IFAF 5vs5 men and women Flag tournament.

Player Ejection: Any player ejected from the game will not be eligible to play in their team's next game in this competition

Game time, see §5.

§15 Game supervisors

Game supervisors will be appointed by the IFAF Tournament Director. The supervisor will be the official representative of IFAF and have the responsibility to control player identifications and eligibility, the field/arena and the security measures. Infractions of the Competition

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Regulations shall be reported to the IFAF game supervisor who will take necessary action at the game site and forward a game report to the IFAF Tournament Director.

The IFAF Game supervisors will take a copy of the IFAF Flag Football World Championship regulations and the IFAF game supervisors form with them to the game. Completed game supervisors form must be returned to IFAF within 24 hours of the game.

§16 Disciplinary rules

IFAF Disciplinary Rules are in effect. The teams are responsible for the behavior of their players, officials, members, and of any person fulfilling a position or function on behalf of the team.

§17 Media regulations

IFAF media regulations are in effect.

§17 Unforeseen Circumstances

The FFWCTC, IFAF Executive Committee or the disciplinary committee, respectively, shall take decisions on all matters not provided for in these regulations as well as in cases of "force majeure". Such decisions shall not be subject to appeal.

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