



8-Man Ineligible I N V I T A T I O N TO THE 2008-09 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ORLANDO, FL

Dear 8-Man Ineligible teams and players:

We would like to personally invite you to participate in our **2nd Annual Ineligible Flag Football World Championships in Orlando, FL** on January 16-18, 2009 at the Sylvan Lake Park Soccer Complex – Olympic Training Facilities!

This event, formerly held in Dallas, TX, was relocated to Orlando, FL because of its central location to the largest, most active Ineligible populations, being economically convenient for the Ineligible teams, closer to the MCFFU/USSSA corporate office in Kissimmee, FL as well as Orlando being known as a world-renowned tourist center.



The **Ineligible World Championships** will be a mainstay on the **MCFFU/USSSA World Championships circuit** each year in Orlando, FL, with the goal of becoming THE most anticipated flag football tournament in the country for the 8-Man Ineligible Division!

We will separate the **8-Man Ineligible World Championships** from the **9-Man Ineligible World Championships** in Orlando, FL in order to better serve the 8-Man Ineligible market. Cash prizes will NOT be awarded for this year's event, however should this style show consistent growth apart from the 9-Man Ineligible Division, the MCFFU will re-evaluate our prizes for 2010.

The MCFFU/USSSA has adequate field space to host and grow this event properly; allowing us to provide true game times, more guaranteed games without any time constraints, while at the same time significantly reducing time spent between games.

Our goal will be to market and grow this style as an individual form of flag football, separate from the 9-Man Ineligible division and look to host more 8-Man Ineligible tournaments on the World Championship Circuit in 2009. 8-Man Ineligible will receive the same treatment as the 9-Man Ineligible in the WC as well as on the WC Circuit.

WELCOME TO THE NEW MCFFU/USSSA 8-MAN ELIGIBLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009 ORLANDO, FL.

WHEN & WHERE

Friday, Saturday & Sunday – January 16-18, 2009

Sylvan Lake Park Soccer Complex – Olympic Training Facility
845 Lake Markham Rd
Sanford, FL 32771

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, 1/15/09

Time TBA – MCFFU/USSSA Directors Committee Meeting @ USSSA HQ

Time TBA – Player Meet and Greet

Friday, 1/16/08

12 Noon – 1st Round of WC Pool Play begins

Saturday, 1/17/08

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

Sunday, 1/18/08

9 AM – 1st Round of the Single-Elimination Round begins

SPONSORS AND PARTNERS:



STYLES OFFERED:

- 8-Man Ineligible (A)
- 8-Man Ineligible (B)

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 – 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

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. Teams will then be matched up against teams from other regions to ensure new competition in the early rounds.

TOURNAMENT FEES:

- **\$395** + ref fees (8-Man Ineligible A & B) - **\$495 if after the 1st deadline**

We will accept absolutely no registrations and fees after the 2nd deadline.

- **1st Deadline December 1st 2008 (no late fee if before this date)**
- **2nd Deadline January 10th 2009 (\$100 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.

TOURNAMENT PRIZE:

8-MAN INELIGIBLE (A) – TEAM PRIZE PACKAGE

9 to 12	\$500	1st Place \$500
13 to 16	\$1000	1st Place \$1000
17 +	\$1500	1st Place \$1500

8-MAN INELIGIBLE (B) – TEAM PRIZE PACKAGE

10+	\$500	1st Place \$500
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- 1st Place Team Trophy
- MVP Awards

****NIKE TEAM PACKAGES ARE WAITING APPROVAL FROM THE NIKE TEAM HQ.**

NOTE: The 8-Man Ineligible TEAM PRIZE PACKAGE may consist of a variety of things including team uniforms and apparel from our national sponsors, 8-Man Ineligible tournament and league bids, etc. The contents of the 8-Man Ineligible Team Prize Package will be released prior to the 1st Deadline scheduled for December 1st 2008.

[We are seeking individuals to host MCFFU/USSSA Sanctioned 8-Man Ineligible tournaments in 2009. All interested individuals please contact us at mcffu@mcffu.com.](mailto:mcffu@mcffu.com)

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:

- Newly seeded Bermuda-grass fields; reseeded yearly
- 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.
- 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 MUST be submitted on-line at www.usssa.com and printed off with the official USSSA logo to be official – no other rosters will be accepted.

TEAM ROSTERS:

All teams MUST submit their team roster on-line at www.usssa.com and have a printed version with the USSSA logos at the upper left and right corner to be regarded as official. **NO HAND WRITTEN OR TYPED ROSTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

There is a \$25 annual USSSA sanctioning fee for each team that is posting their roster on-line for the first time. Once your roster has been posted, it can be updated or changed at will up until the day of any MCFFU/USSSA event and/or when rosters are due.

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

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 Orlando in years past or 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 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!

This is our first step in reaching our goals and we firmly believe that the Ineligible style of flag football can be one of the styles that will 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 game presents. We look forward to teaming with the Ineligible teams and organizations to help make flag football the fastest growing recreational sport in the country and growing the World Championships into flag's greatest event!

More details regarding the Ineligible 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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