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# INVITATION EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FLAG SENIOR 2009

Dear Colleagues,

Please be warmly invited to enter your senior flag national teams in the EFAF competition and please see enclosed pages for information on the rules and regulations, invoice for entry fee, the proposal for the qualification format and the entry form.

Tournament Dates	September 11 to September 13, 2009
Place	Belfast (IRL)
Organization	EFAF
Local Organizing Committee.	IAFA
Entry Fee	EUR 500 per team (not refundable) if one federation nominates one woman and one male teams these are two teams: entry fee than EUR 1000 total
Deadline for entry	May 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2009 (including payment of entry fee)
Tournament Fee of LOC	GBP 150 per person (not refundable)
Deadline for tournament fee	June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2009

We would be happy to have you all in this tournament and hope that you will make sure to respect the deadline (including payment) so that the Organizing Committee will be in a position to start organizing the tournament and making the necessary arrangements. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely Yours,

Robert Huber  
EFAF President

Wolfgang Geyer  
EFAF Director of Flag Football Development

## APPLICATION / ENTRY FORM

### EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FLAG SENIORS 2009

National Federation	
Address	Tel Fax E Mail
Team entry MEN (...)	Team entry WOMEN (...)
Contact Person Tel Fax E Mail	Contact Person Tel Fax E Mail

Is entering its team(s) in accordance with the **EFAF Regulations of the European Championships FLAG Seniors**, of which this application/entry form is part of.

SIGNATURE

Federation \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form to EFAF Office

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<p><b>INFO SHEET 2009</b> <span style="float: right;">27.4.2009</span></p> <p><b>Belfast, IRELAND</b>  <b>Date: 11.9. – 13.9.2009</b></p>	
<p><b>Tournament committee (TC):</b>  Wolfgang Geyer (AUT) Director  <a href="mailto:wolfgang.geyer@afboe.at">wolfgang.geyer@afboe.at</a>  +43-676-7290831  Alexandre Roger (FRA) Observer</p>	<p><b>Local organisation committee (LOC):</b>  Greg Loughran (IRL) Organisation  <a href="mailto:greg@americanfootball.ie">greg@americanfootball.ie</a>  +44-7775-7672384  Terry Lynch (IRL)  Pat Doris (IRL)</p>
<p><b>Entry fee:</b>  EUR 500,- per team  (men and women will be EUR 1000,-)  Account EFAF  IBAN: DE79505613150000059188  BIC: GENODE51OBH  Deadline 29.5.2009</p>	<p><b>Tournament fee:</b>  GBP 150,- per person  extra day GBP 80,- per double room  Account tba  IBAN: tba  BIC: tba  Deadline 30.6.2009</p>
<p><b>Accommodation:</b>  Ramada Hotel  117, Milltown Road  Belfast, BT8 7XP  <a href="http://www.ramadabelfast.co.uk">www.ramadabelfast.co.uk</a>  Transport to stadium: Walking distance</p>	<p><b>Game site:</b>  Shaws Bridge Complex  123, Milltown Road  Belfast, BT8 4XP  <a href="http://www.instonians.org/rugby/">www.instonians.org/rugby/</a>  Number of fields: 6 - 9  Surface: natural grass</p>
<p><b>Time schedule:</b>  Planned, can be changed by TC</p> <p><u>11.9. Friday</u>  11.00 TC/LOC meeting at stadium  16.00 – 18.00 Practice at stadium  19.00 Welcome Dinner at hotel  20.00 Deadline Roster  20.00 Coaches meeting at hotel  21.00 Officials meeting at hotel</p> <p><u>12.9. Saturday</u>  07.00 - 09.00 Breakfast  09.00 Start of games  13.00 - 14.00 Lunch at stadium  18.00 End of games  20.00 Dinner at hotel  21.00 Coaches meeting at hotel  22.00 Officials meeting at hotel</p> <p><u>13.9. Sunday</u>  07.00 - 09.00 Breakfast  09.00 Start of games  11.00 Check out hotel  14.00 Medal ceremony</p>	<p><b>Arrival/Departure information:</b>  Deadline 21.8.2009</p> <p><b>Game official nomination:</b>  Deadline 21.8.2009</p> <p><b>Jersey color nomination:</b>  Deadline 11.8.2009</p> <p><b>Rules:</b>  European Flag Football Rules  Number of players: max. 12  Age of players: born before 1.1.1993</p> <p>Game balls will be provided</p> <p><b>Medical treatment:</b>  Ambulance at game site</p>



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 the EFAF or LOC.

The fines are if the team refuses to play after paying the entry fee:

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

The team refusing to play will be disqualified from the competition. 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 EFAF Disciplinary regulations will apply.

## **§2 Grouping and seeding**

The EUROFLAG Senior competition will be a system of Final Tournament. According to the confirmations of participation the Tournament Committee (TC) will seed the teams for qualification games with the basis being previous results from European Flag Senior Championships.

## **§3 Qualification round**

There will be no qualification tournament played.

## **§4 Championship round**

All teams traveling 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 12 players, coaches/others is unlimited.

The details for travel and accommodation as well other conditions will be given by the LOC to all the teams travelling to the Finals.

Each participating federation will be required to pay for the transport of one game official per team to the championships from their respective country.

## **§5 Game time**

The effective playing time is 2x20 minutes.

## **§6 Tie breakers**

In group games is no tie breaker required.

In all play off and placement games - not group games - there has to be a winner and the game may not end as tied. If the score is equal after the normal game time, tie-breakers will be used to break a tie.

The winners of group games will be decided in the following way:

1. Head to head percentage.
2. Head to head net point differential.
3. Head to head gained points.
4. Total net point differential.
5. Total gained points.
6. 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 EFAF or its continental representative tournament, including both senior and junior tournament, the player is not eligible to play for any other National Federation/Association. Players nationality must be proven on game day.

Player have to be of the equivalent sex of the competition entered. (women for women competition, men for men competition)

Game day requirements:

Each team shall on game day indicate, on the official EFAF team roster form, the names of the 12 players and their coaches. The TC will request presentation of an identity document of each player. In case of no TC 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 EUR 5000.

A player has to be born before 1.1.1993.

Tournament Requirements:

The final roster has to be presented to the TC latest at 8 pm the day before the first game of the tournament starts. No changes to this roster are permitted after its submission to TC.

## **§8 Colors 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 an alternate color jerseys (recommended in white) for the tournament.

## **§9 Publicity**

Publicity on player's equipment shall be permitted but the publicity must be in accordance to EFAF regulations and in accordance to the spirit of the sport.

## **§10 The game officials**

Each participating federation has to nominate one game official for the final tournament latest August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009. If there is no nomination by the participating federation, EFAF Officiating Committee will nominate an official from a different country.

There will be paid no per diem.

## **§11 Other financial provisions**

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

The LOC covers the expenses of TC and lodging of the officials.

The travel for one game officials per team who travel with the team will be the responsibility of the team. If a federation participates with a men and a women team the federation has to send two officials.

For each missing officials there is an automatic fine of EUR 1000 to be paid to EFAF with 14 days after notification given to the federation.

The federations are responsible for their own travelling arrangements.

There will be no fees or levies to be paid to the EFAF by the organizing party for the qualification game or for the fees received for television, closed circuit, sound broadcasting, films and video cassettes.

The EFAF, its member federations, their affiliated organizations and clubs are the holders of the exclusive rights to authorize the broadcasting, transmission and reproduction of events by television and radio which come under the EFAF's jurisdiction, irrespective, as well as any other use and distribution by whatever audio-visual and sound broadcasting media.

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

### **§13 Doping**

The TC will inform the Anti Doping Committees of respective countries of the game dates of the competition. The possible testing will be carried out according to the rules of respective NADA and the WADA. EFAF Anti Doping regulations shall always apply.

The use of THC and Cannabis is strictly forbidden during the competition. The competition begins with the opening ceremony and is closing with the medal ceremony. Use of THC and/or Cannabis will be penalized with a ban of three months.

### **§14 Medals**

All teams participating at the competition will receive 14 medals. Winner - gold, second place - silver and third place - bronze. All others plain-medal. A Fair Play prize will be awarded to the most Fair Play team decided by TC.

### **§15 Laws of the Game**

The games shall be played in conformity with the European Flag Football Rules.

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

### **§16 Disciplinary rules**

EFAF 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 Unforeseen Circumstances**

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

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