



FOOTBALL CANADA

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HAPPY EASTER AND HAPPY ST. PATTY'S DAY!



IFAF FLAG WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2008

Robert Hubert, General Secretary of the International Federation of American Football (IFAF) has officially announced that the 4th IFAF Flag World Championships 2008 will be hosted and organized July 24-28, 2008 at St-Jean-Sur-Richelieu, Quebec, Canada.

The game field is: Campus Du Fort Saint Jean and its subsidiary field.

Games will be played July 26, 2008 (Saturday) and July 27, 2008 (Sunday).



The organizer is Football Canada supported by Football Quebec.

More information on tournament regulations, entry deadline and LOC package will be available shortly.

2008 CIS EAST – WEST BOWL **Hamilton, Ontario** **May 10, 2008**

Football Canada welcomes the opportunity to participate in the 2008 CIS East – West Bowl.

In advance of the game, Football Canada with the support of many organizations will organize the following day-long seminars/clinics;



- Strength and Conditioning;
- Injury Prevention and Care;
- Equipment Fitting and Maintenance;
- Level 1 Tackle Officials Certification Clinic; and
- Community Sport Flag Football Novice Coach Certification Clinic.

Details on these events will be forthcoming. Check out the Football Canada website regularly for updates and information on the clinics and seminars.

WELCOME MEAGHAN!

Meaghan Davis commenced employment with Football Canada on February 21. She is the Non-Contact Program Coordinator until next spring. She is taking the Non-Contact reins from Cara Lynch as she begins maternity leave on March 7.

Meaghan's coordinates are consistent with previous: flag@footballcanada.com and 613-564-0874. Please feel free to welcome Meaghan to the Football Canada family.

2008 FOOTBALL CANADA ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Board meeting will begin on June 4th with Program Committee meetings beginning on June 5th. The weekend will finish up with the Annual General meeting on June 7th, 2008. The meeting will take place in Ottawa, Ontario; additional information will be made available as details are finalized.

LONG TERM ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT MEETING



Provincial representatives from across the country met in Ottawa on February 15-17th, 2008 to discuss the final stages of the Football Canada Long Term Athlete Development plan. Discussion focused in on the final details of the development of athletes within the sport across the country as well as the layout and implementation of the program across the country. A draft of the final copy will be presented at the Annual General Meeting in Ottawa.



NCCP COMMUNITY SPORT – INITIATION PROGRAM
SIX A SIDE TACKLE FOOTBALL
TOUCH FOOTBALL

January 31, 2008 – The Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) has announced that the Six A Side Tackle Football Community Sport – Initiation Program and the Touch Football Community Sport – Initiation Program has been granted conditional approval as per the recommendation of a National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Context Approval Review Committee.

Community Sport represents most participants' entry point into sport. It is often in community sport that participants first develop basic sport skills and abilities, and where the foundation for athlete development takes place.

The Community Sport Novice Coach is one who has the appropriate knowledge, skills, and attitude to apply them to young inexperienced participants both on and off the field.

The Novice Coach is trained to recognize and understand the important coaching principles that apply to learning, training within a sport environment, and growth development.

MCLEAN NAMED YORK'S HEAD COACH

2008-02-26 – Mike McLean was named as the new head coach at York University in Toronto.

Mike Mclean is an Alberta native and recently served as the defensive coordinator at Saint Mary's University.

McLean's defense was instrumental in St. Mary's reaching the Vanier Cup. The defense was ranked #1 in average yards allowed per game in the regular season.

Dan Laramée fills the vacated role as defensive coordinator at St. Mary's. Laramée has been with the University of Ottawa Gee-Gees since 1999 and has served both as offensive and defensive coordinator.



NEW NCCP COACHES TRAINED-FLAG

Football Canada has now completed training to Learning Facilitators for NCCP Community Sport Initiation in all member provinces. Five learning facilitators participated in a training session on February 24th in Hamilton.

In addition, ten Boys and Girls Club of Ontario staff members participated in NCCP Coach training on February 23rd at the Boys and Girls Club of Niagara. Football Canada is pleased to have trained a total of 30 Boys and Girls Club staff in Ontario and to have had a number of player clinics and events.

WOMEN'S TACKLE IN WINNIPEG

Manitoba will join in women's tackle competition as plans progress for Team Manitoba's inaugural play on Canada Day long weekend in Edmonton.

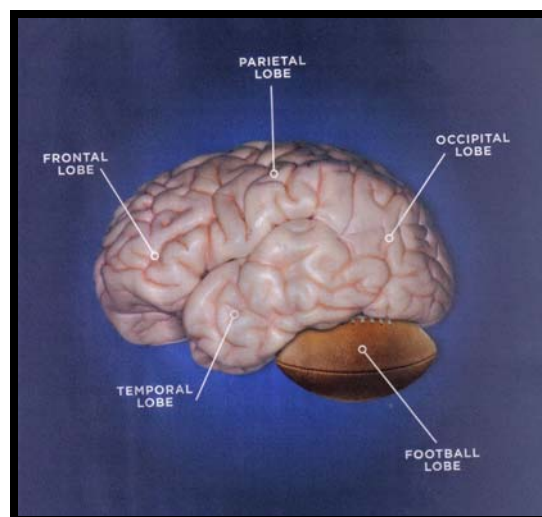
Women's Tackle Coordinator, Tannis Wilson has 25 new recruits to play against Calgary and Edmonton teams. The posting for the recent meeting can be viewed in English only at

<http://www.footballmanitoba.com/News/UploadedFiles/Womens%20Tackle%20Program%20%20FOOTBALL%20MANITOBA%20SEEKING%20GRIDIRON%20WOMEN.pdf>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS ADDED TO WEBSITE

Football Canada's website has added a new feature to its website. Events will be added to the calendar as they are confirmed. To view the calendar please click [here](#).

CONTEST OF THE MONTH



Question from the February Newsletter : The first Canadian Football Championship was held in 1884 (pre-Grey Cup). Who were the two teams and where was it played?

Answer: The first Canadian Championships was November 5, 1882 at University Lawns, Toronto between the Argonauts of Toronto and the Montreal Football Club.

The final score was 30-0 for Montreal

Winner: Jeff Spencer

POLL QUESTION OF THE MONTH



Do you think Football Canada needs a new logo?

To vote visit www.footballcanada.com

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Saskatoon Flag Football



Photo provided by Kim Yausie

HUMAN KINETICS - BOOK OF THE MONTH

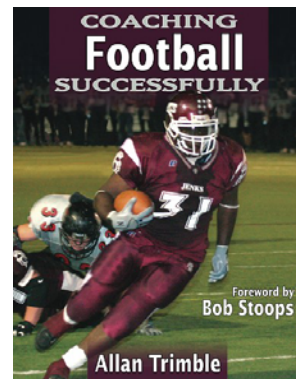
Coaching Football Successfully

As coach of the powerhouse Jenks (OK) High School Trojans, Allan Trimble has amassed an amazing number of victories, state championship titles, and national rankings. And he's done it with a carefully planned and executed game plan that promotes the positive development of athletes and teams.

Trimble shares the specifics of his system in *Coaching Football Successfully*. This meaty coaching manual covers it all: sideline communication, teaching fundamentals, practice drills, scouting and game planning, and postgame analysis and adjustments.

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