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CANADIAN OFFICIALS SELECTED FOR 2009 IFAF JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

April, 2009 – Ottawa, Ontario – The International Federation of American Football (IFAF) has invited 32 officials to take charge of the 12 games to be played at the inaugural 2009 IFAF Junior World Championship in Canton, Ohio, this summer, including two Canadians.

Ron Paluzzi of Longueuil, Quebec and Glenn Hill of St. Thomas, Ontario will be the Canadian representatives of the 32 officials from 15 countries selected by the IFAF Officiating Committee. Countries represented include Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden and the United States.

Between the two Canadian officials they have over 50 years of officiating experience at every level between minor football to the Canadian Football League. The criteria for selection were based on recommendations from member federations, an official's reputation as a teacher and a leader as well as their physical fitness level.

Canada is regarded as one of the leaders in football training and these gentlemen represent the strength of officiating in this country. Through Football Canada's National Officiating Certification program in partnership with the Canadian Football Officials Association (CFOA), officials are able to expand their horizons to include international experience.

For more information on how to become an official and development, visit the CFOA's website at www.cfoa-acof.ca and Football Canada's website at www.footballcanada.com

Football Canada

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