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April, 2009 – Ottawa, Ontario – Football Canada in partnership with the Ontario Football Alliance have announced the Ontario regional selection camp to evaluate players for the Junior National Team that will represent Canada on the road to Canton, OH for the inaugural IFAF Junior World Championships from June 27 to July 5, 2009.

All qualified players in the U20 age category are being invited to attend on open selection camp:

Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25 at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario

In his second year as head coach of the Canadian junior national team, Glen Constantin and his staff will oversee the evaluation and selection of the Junior National Team. From the three regional camps, 65 players will then be invited by Football Canada to the final camp hosted at the University of Western Ontario June 16 to 25. From there a final roster of 45 players will be determined and will board a bus to Canton, OH.

Football Canada is seeking the best U-20 players born in the calendar year of 1990, 1991, 1992 (players born in 1992 will need parental consent) in Canada to represent their country and to defend their current #1 seed entering into this competition. Qualified players are asked to visit the Ontario Football Alliance website (www.ontariofootballalliance.ca) or Football Canada's website (www.footballcanada.com) to download registration and medical forms.

Since Canada's first participation in the NFL Global Juniors in 2000, the team has won gold four times (2000, 2005, 2006, 2007) and finished second another four times (2001, 2002, 2003, 2004). The only team to defeat Team Canada at an international level is the United States, who will once again be tough competitors in this year's tournament as the number two seed.

Eight national teams from the under-20 category will represent four continents including Canada, the United States, Mexico, Germany, Sweden, France, Japan and New Zealand.

Football Canada

Established in 1884, Football Canada is the national governing body of amateur football in Canada and a proud member of the International Federation of American Football (IFAF). Working closely with the provincial football associations, we develop programs and resources for players, coaches, officials in the three disciplines of Tackle, Flag and Touch Football. Football Canada promotes "from playground to stadium" where players can participate in the game of football throughout a lifetime recreationally, competitively, internationally and from player to coach to official.

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