



2015 IFAF WORLD DEVELOPMENT TEAM INFORMATION

Overview

Introduced in 2011, the World Development Team is comprised of the top international players with up to four years of eligibility in the program. The World Development Team was established at the request of IFAF members to provide more players with the opportunity to participate in a camp to develop their football technique and fundamentals.

In 2015, up to 100 players born in 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998 will be selected for the World Development Team.

Purpose of the World Development Team

The World Development Team is designed to offer the best under-nineteen players from around the world a camp in which they will develop their technique, fundamentals and football skills. All the emphasis of the camp will be on the development of the assisting athletes to be the best football players they can be. Players are given an opportunity to be instructed by some of the world's top USA coaches with ample experience in the NCAA and the NFL. Among the objectives of the camp is to develop into a player that can contribute to his country's national team program.

All players that participate in the World Development Team will receive an evaluation from their position coach and the opportunity to practice and compete with the best players in the world, as well as staying in touch with their football coaches and the IFAF strength and conditioning coach to be evaluated and followed year round.

The World Development Team is also an opportunity for more IFAF members to be involved in the program. The coaching staff will strive to select at least one player from all IFAF member countries that nominate eligible players so that the players can bring to their own countries the experience and knowledge obtained in the camp.

In the span of six days international players will have the chance of practicing twice daily through practices designed to develop their football skills at the same time they are evaluated by means of sophisticated performance sessions conducted by the IFAF staff.

The 2015 International Bowl Program

At the end of the camp, the best 50 players who will have demonstrated their ability, skills and talent will be selected to play a game against the USA Football Development Team. The International Bowl will be played on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at Dallas Cowboy's AT&T Stadium.

IFAF World Development Team will train and compete against the United States in the 2015 International Bowl series. During the International Bowl week there will be a joint practice session.



Key Dates & Location

- Arlington, Texas (Dallas area, Texas)
- o Competitions will be held at Dallas Cowboy's AT&T Stadium: <http://attstadium.com/>
- Jamboree at AT&T Stadium on Thursday, January 29, 2015 (Video of 2014 Jamboree: http://youtu.be/2N_EcCOTvaw?list=PLraqQHaL8M_utmAfyS6Z7T4dJv4ODrOPI)
- Games at AT&T Stadium on Saturday, January 31, 2015 (Video of 2014 Games: <http://youtu.be/bTFVS2hh4FE?list=PLayOy0XmkMjcf5c94IpAT3SIncWonDB6s>)

Support Staff

For the past years, IFAF members have demonstrated a desire to get involved in the planning and execution of the World Development Team program operations. In 2012, IFAF decided to formalize the nomination process for Support Staff.

Positions Available in 2015

Athletic Trainers (Up to 4) – International athletic trainers will look after the players during the 2015 World Development Team Camp.

Equipment Assistants (3) – Responsible for assisting the equipment manager throughout Camp.

Video Coordinators (4) – Responsible for providing video services during World Development Team practices.

Observer Coach Program

At the same time the IFAF World Development Team holds its practices, IFAF offers the possibility of inviting coaches to be part of the World Development Team experience. Participant coaches in this program will be accompanying the coaching staff of the World Development Team Camp during all their activities.

Key Training Opportunities

- IFAF and USA Football will arrange a coaching clinic for the IFAF Coaches who travel over. The Coaching Clinic will feature former NFL/College Coaches and top high school coaches from the United States.
- IFAF and USA Football will arrange for football development talks for IFAF players and coaches. These talks will serve to educate players and generally they are given by a former NFL player or football expert.
- IFAF and USA Football will arrange a Heads Up Football Master Trainer to work with the IFAF players and coaches during their time in the United States.

Nomination Process

Nominations are now open for observer coaches, athletes and staff. IFAF member federations wishing to nominate coaches, athletes and staff must follow these steps:

- Submit nomination form for athletes and/or support staff (Excel documents and online registration)
- Submit coaching résumé, personal statement from nominated coach and recommendation letter from national federation for all coaches nominated.



- Submit athlete bio information (if available), video link of athlete highlight (if available) and recommendation letter from national federation for all athletes nominated (Excel documents and online registration).
- Submit support staff résumé personal statement from nominated staff and recommendation letter from national federation for all staff nominated (Excel documents and online registration).

Athlete Positions Open

- World Development Team – athletes born in 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998 will be eligible for the World Development Team.

All Support Staff and Observer Coach Program nominations must be submitted through the following online nomination forms:

[Formulary for Players](#)

[Formulary for Support Staff](#)

[Formulary for Observer Coach](#)

At the same time, all the Excel forms must be sent to worldteam@ifaf.org

Financial Considerations

IFAF World Development Team participants must pay a program fee to participate. The program fee is used to offset expenses and provide the players, observer coaches and support staff with a world class experience during the camp. It should be noted that IFAF will cover those aforementioned expenses from the day the event begins (not before) till the event ends (not later).

World Development Team Players

\$1,200 USD program fee.

Round Trip flight paid for by participant.

Support Staff and Observer Coaches

\$1,200 USD program fee.

Round Trip flight paid for by participant.

This fee will cover all of the expenses while in the event location including housing, meals, ground transportation and apparel. IFAF will be responsible for all the participants from the moment they arrive in the event's location airport the first day of the event until they are taken back to the airport the day the event ends, as these dates are stated in the pertained documentation. It is important to note that IFAF will arrange ground transportation from the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) to the hotel and in the dates stated in this letter. IFAF cannot guarantee arranging transportation from other airports, train or bus stations, and outside of the dates the program will take place.



2015 IFAF Development Team Timeline & Deadlines

October 2014 – Observer Coach, Support Staff and Athlete Nomination Process Opens

November 2014 – December 2014 – World Development Team Selection

Payment Deadline – December 31, 2014

January 2015

January 25 (Sunday) – Observer Coaches, Support Staff and Players arrive in Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) in Dallas, TX.

January 26 – First practice day

January 30 – Last day of practice

January 31 – International Bowl

February 1 (Sunday) – Departing day from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) in Dallas, TX.

IFAF requests you adhere to the nomination deadlines and communicate with the World Development Team staff to ensure nominees a fair evaluation.

Event Schedule

The Event Schedule will be sent to all IFAF members in January 2015. IFAF is currently working closely with USA Football on the event program and looks forward to creating a great experience for all participants and invited guests.

It is IFAF's hope your federation recognizes the World Development Team program's value to your athletes, coaches and national team programs, and takes advantage of the resources being offered. It's important to view the World Development Team program as a resource and compliment to your national team program and elite player development plans.

Please contact me (aitor.trabado@ifaf.org) with any questions related to the IFAF World Development Team program.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

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