



USA FOOTBALL: THE ROOTS KEEP SPREADING

Football is the ultimate team sport.

Supporting that spirit of teamwork, **USA FOOTBALL** has launched a new membership program for coaches, officials and administrators.

USA Football, which is an independent non-profit organization whose mission is to lead the development and growth of youth, high school and international amateur football, designed the program to help members of the global football community share resources and advance the sport.

Key features include training and resource tools such as an online coaching course, practice planner, interactive playbook, online officiating course, rules interpretation library and custom web sites for leagues, clubs and teams.

“The launch of our new membership program will be a big step in the evolution of USA Football,” says **SCOTT HALLENBECK**, the executive director of USA Football. “We believe one of the keys to growing our sport is to provide coaches, administrators and officials with credible training and innovative tools. Our membership program will help these important gatekeepers become more knowledgeable and efficient.”

New York Jets head coach **ERIC MANGINI** has recently joined USA Football as a coaching program advisor and spokesperson.

A look at just a few of USA Football's other accomplishments and initiatives:

- Conducted a participation index study and determined that 2.2 million kids played youth tackle football in 2006.
- Increased web site traffic 100% from 2006.
- Conducted 19 youth football Coaching Schools (16 of these clinics were hosted by NFL teams).
- Plan to award over \$500,000 in equipment grants this year.
- Sent the first U.S. Sr. National team to compete in the IFAF World Championship (see below).
- Conducting registration drives in 10 cities with Under Armour, The Sports Authority and Dick's Sporting Goods.

TEAM USA WINS 2007 IFAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The United States' Senior Football Team – managed by **USA FOOTBALL** – defeated Japan, 23-20, in double-overtime on July 16 in Kawasaki, Japan to win the 2007 International Federation of American Football (IFAF) World Championship. For Team USA, the country's first American football national team, the win earns America an IFAF World Championship in its tournament debut.

Guided by head coach **JOHN MACKOVIC**, the USA team was comprised of 2006 college seniors from Division I, II and III schools.

Running back **KYLE KASPERBAUER** of Nebraska-Omaha rushed for 41 yards and two touchdowns on 15 carries against Japan, while Southern Illinois kicker **CRAIG COFFIN** made three field goals, including the 23-yard game-winner in overtime. The 5-8, 179-pound Kasperbauer was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player for his 168 rushing yards and three TDs in Team USA's three victories.

“The biggest thing was to come out here and represent our country and we did a good job of that,” said Kasperbauer. “When Craig kicked that ball through the uprights, it was bliss. You couldn't ask for a better ending.”

The IFAF World Championship, a global tournament held every four years, consisted of a six-nation field in 2007: France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Sweden, and the United States, respectively.

TEAM USA RESULTS

2007 International Federation of American Football World Championship

Date	Opponent	Result
July 10	Korea	W, 77-0
July 12	Germany	W, 33-7
July 15	IFAF World Championship Gold Medal Game: USA vs. Japan	W, 23-20, 2OT