

UNITED STATES AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Executive Board Annual Report 2016





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USAFL Member Clubs 2017

Club	City	State	Region	Founded
Arizona Hawks	Phoenix	AZ	Western	1999
Atlanta Kookaburras	Atlanta	GA	Eastern	1998
Austin Crows	Austin	TX	Central	2002
Baltimore-Washington Eagles	Washington	DC	Eastern	1998
Baton Rouge Tigers	Baton Rouge	LA	Central	2004
Boston Demons	Boston	MA	Eastern	1997
Chicago Swans	Chicago	IL	Central	1998
Cincinnati Dockers	Cincinnati	OH	Central	1996
Cleveland Cannons	Cleveland	OH	Central	2014
Columbus ARFC	Columbus	OH	Central	2008
Dallas Magpies	Dallas	TX	Central	1998
Denver Bulldogs	Denver	CO	Western	1998
Des Moines Roosters	Des Moines	IA	Central	2010
Ft. Lauderdale Fighting Squids	Fort Lauderdale	FL	Eastern	2005
Golden Gate AFL	San Francisco	CA	Western	1998
Houston Lonestars	Houston	TX	Central	2005
Indianapolis Giants	Indianapolis	IN	Central	2013
Kansas City Power	Kansas City	MO	Central	1998
Las Vegas Gamblers	Las Vegas	NV	Western	2005
Los Angeles Dragons	Los Angeles	CA	Western	2010
Louisville Kings	Louisville	KY	Central	1996
Little Rock Coyotes	Little Rock	AR	Central	2016
Milwaukee Bombers	Milwaukee	WI	Central	1998
Minnesota Freeze	Minneapolis	MN	Central	2005
Nashville Kangaroos	Nashville	TN	Central	1997
New York Magpies	New York	NY	Eastern	1998
North Carolina Tigers	Raleigh	NC	Eastern	1997
North Star Blue Ox	St. Paul	MN	Central	2017
Oklahoma City Flyers	Oklahoma City	OK	Central	2016
Orange County Bombers	Orange County	CA	Western	1998
Philadelphia Hawks	Philadelphia	PA	Eastern	1998
Portland Steelheads	Portland	OR	Western	1998
Sacramento Suns	Sacramento	CA	Western	2009
San Diego Lions	San Diego	CA	Western	1997
Seattle Grizzlies	Seattle	WA	Western	1998
St. Louis Blues	St. Louis	MO	Central	1997
Tampa Bay ARFC	St Petersburg	FL	Eastern	2015
Tulsa Buffaloes	Tulsa	OK	Central	2010



USAFL Structure

The first match between two US clubs was played in 1996 between Cincinnati and Louisville. Many of the local players had found out about the game in the 1980s on television through ESPN. The United States Australian Football League (USAFL) was founded in 1997 at the first ever US National Tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The USAFL is a grassroots, amateur sports organization dedicated to the development of and participation in Australian football. The organization is focused on the promotion and awareness of Australian football and Aussie culture and has created a sense of community among USAFL clubs and club members. The league also works to foster women's and junior programs across the United States. The USAFL promotes participation by emphasizing awareness and a sense of community within its members and by setting standards by which member clubs agree to abide.

The United States Australian Football League Executive Board consists of seven elected positions with one year terms:

- President;
- Secretary;
- Treasurer;
- Eastern Region Vice President;
- Central Region Vice President;
- Western Region Vice President; and
- Member-at-Large.

These positions are elected by the USAFL affiliate clubs at the Annual General Meeting of the affiliate clubs during the USAFL National Championship Tournament. The incumbents are responsible for the administration of the league and the development of strategic policies and programs.

Additionally, there are numerous appointed coordinator positions reporting to the Executive Board. These portfolio positions are responsible for the implementation of those policies and programs as directed by the Executive Board. The membership of the United States Australian Football League is currently comprised of over 40 affiliate clubs in either active or inactive/transitional status. The member clubs operate in relative autonomy with regard to the day-to-day club business. The USAFL has four paid employees, Operations Manager, Media Manager and Webmaster. The principal responsibilities of the Operations Manager and Media Manager are to work with the Members of the Executive Board in coordinating the various tasks involved with the administration of a national sporting organization. The USAFL also employs a part time accountant who is responsible for financial compliance and works closely with the Treasurer.



National Championships

The USAFL is also responsible for the organization and operation of the National Championships held each October. The affiliate clubs are separated by geographic regions for USAFL administrative purposes. There are no restrictions imposed upon the clubs by the USAFL in terms of cross-regional competition. Some affiliate clubs have subsequently organized competitions apart from the overall organization of the USAFL. These competitive endeavors are self-governing, typically only involving the assistance of the USAFL for tournament support, umpiring and coaching training resources and tribunal dispute resolution. The results of these regional and cross-regional competitions are utilized for the seeding of clubs at the annual USAFL National Championship tournament.

Executive Board Members - 2016

- Denis Ryan, President
- Mike Sheppard, Eastern Region Vice President
- Steve Grandfield, Central Region Vice President
- Seb Aguiari, Western Region Vice President
- Andrea Casillas, Secretary
- Karen Muiteer, Treasurer
- Tyler Kammerman, Member At Large

Program Coordinators

- Jeff Persson, Umpire Director
- Andrea Casillas, Women's Association

USA Revolution Coaching Staff

- Tom Ellis, Head Coach
- Chris Carroll, Assistant Coach
- Jason Becker, Assistant Coach
- Dan Sarbacker, Assistant Coach
- Matt Dainauski, Assistant Coach

USA Freedom Coaching Staff

- Leigh Barnes, Head Coach
- Troy Anthony, Assistant Coach
- Dale Williams, Assistant Coach
- John Ironmonger, Assistant Coach
- Amy Bishop, Team Manager
- Steve Budrick, Head Trainer



2016 National Championships

MEN'S DIVISION ONE – ROOS RUE DEFEAT AS CROWS GO BACK-TO-BACK

The Austin Crows blew into Florida on the heels of a fourteen win season that was punctuated by dominating efforts over good sides. The more the season carried on, the more and more apparent that a second National Championship, and third in four years, would be a mere formality to the preceding. The Crows handled Quebec, Denver, and Los Angeles – three very good sides – with relative ease as they marched into the Grand Final.

Who they would play wouldn't be decided until Sunday morning, and a virtual prelim-final between the New York Magpies and Golden Gate Roos. Both had defeated Dallas and Orange County with little resistance, and their meeting in a virtual preliminary final was the most anticipated game on the D1 calendar. The Roos, led by forwards Bryan Dragus and Zac Taylor, outplayed a New York team that was accustomed to dictating play on their terms. Their 24-9 win advanced them to their first D1 Grand Final since 1999.

The Roos, who had convincingly won the Western Regional back in July, seemed to be the only team able to put an end to Austin's winning streak. They had a strong forward line and fast midfield corps going for them. What's more, Austin had yet to win a National Championship away from home, having picked up the D2 flag in 2011 and each of their D1 championships in 2013 and 2015 at their home ground at Onion Creek.

But when Nolan Cox, whose brother's name has become a household one amongst Collingwood fans back in Australia, slotted the first goal after two minutes, you could feel that it would take something quite special to stop the inevitable.

Golden Gate fought hard. They tried to create that something special. They moved the ball through George Smyth from the back, Jake Ryan in the middle, and tried desperately to get it to their strong forwards. But every time they did they were thwarted by the Austin backline, led by Brad Taheny, Sam Nix, and Sean Connell.

Austin's forwards were having no such difficulty. Grant Campbell, the Peter Daicos of the USAFL, dominated the area inside 50 with the work rate of a team of Clydesdales, and was rewarded by converting on several key goals that slowly removed doubt from the issue. Cox added two more goals by halftime, and with 20 minutes to go, the Crows were up 38-1.

The Crows had built their lead on the strength of resolve and the wind. Golden Gate had both of those things in supply, but whether or not they had the time against the best defense in USAFL was a large question mark. In fact, Austin would add just one more point to their first half total before final hooter went, but they had cashed in enough chances in the first half to make that fact irrelevant.

Roo Tim Lindfelt was starting to get the better out of Harley Nussman in the middle of the ground at the start of the second stanza, but that was one of the few glimpses of hope the Roos had had in possibly winning the game. The defense of the Crows held, and as time went on began to shuffle away from their own defensive territory with the precision normally reserved for a regiment of Scottish highland bagpipes.



Golden Gate would get a couple of consolation goals at the end, one through Taylor and another through Dragus, who could at least add the Paul Roos medal to the team silver around his neck. Both will be important to the USA Revo program in the next two years, as will Lindfelt. The Roos' advancement to this Grand Final game was indicative of the best season in club history, and they can at least keep their heads held up high, for there will be more Grand Finals in their near future.

But there was no doubting the completeness of the effort from Austin. Even without their midfield engine in Ben Carpenter-Nwanyanwu in the final, they fielded a team full of depth and with few weaknesses. More importantly, they proved that they could win away from home, and did so in one of the most convincing fashions in history. Their win streak now stands at 23 going back to late last year, though they still have at least one or two more seasons of this to catch up to the 41-win streak of the 2004-06 Denver Bulldogs.

Austin 6.3.39 defeated Golden Gate 2.1.13

WOMEN'S DIVISION ONE – MAIDENS TAKE MAIDEN TITLE, END DENVER'S REIGN

George Harrison wrote a very, very eloquent song titled "All Things Must Pass," with the message being that nothing lasts forever. Even that packet of ramen you bought your junior year of college and forgot about in a drawer somewhere has an expiration date.

There had to be a point during the six years that the Denver Lady Bulldogs run as USAFL Women's D1 champions that they thought that this would not apply to them, especially when they were shutting down all comers on away to yet another crown. But in barely picking up championship number six after falling famously to Minnesota last year, the other four clubs had to be licking their chops at the chance to finally end the longest premiership run in USAFL National Championships history.

If any club was hungrier than the rest to do it, it was the San Francisco Iron Maidens. Having lost two Grand Finals to Denver in 2013 and 2014, and having failed to prevent them from extending the streak last year in Austin, Jess Estrada and Milli Bruce's side came to Florida with the mission to end their disappointment.

The story of Day 1 was the weather and the wind, and in all five games on Saturday, the team that kicked with the wind in the first half was able to outlast their opponents in the end. Minnesota started out strongly over last year's runner up, New York, before San Francisco shoved local rival Sacramento out of the way by forty points. The Maidens would finish the day with an emphatic rout over friendly rival New York, rollicking over the Magpies 64-7.

As for Denver, well, it was business as usual. An opening victory over Minnesota by 23 points erased any lingering cobwebs from the loss a season ago, and a 47-0 shut out over Sacramento completed an efficient opening day for the Lady Bulldogs. It set up a huge matchup with the Iron Maidens on Saturday morning that would most likely determine the winner of the whole shebang.



Sunday morning dawned with the Freeze facing the Lady Suns in the unofficial USAFL Meteorology Cup. Needing a win to keep their faint championship hopes alive, the Freeze ladies outlasted an improving Sacramento side 16-6 on the efforts of Jackie Thelen, Cathy Georgiadis, and Cathy Hoha.

Minnesota now became fans of San Francisco; A Denver victory in the 11am match over the Iron Maidens would've made it impossible for any other team to catch the Lady Bulldogs on head-to-head tie breaker even if they lost their final match of the day to New York, and given Denver their seventh title. A Maidens win would keep the Freeze ladies in the picture.

The numbers coming into the game favored the champs. San Francisco had never defeated Denver, and were 0-4 against the Bulldogs in Nationals play, being outscored 101-7 in those games.

But the tropical winds that blew across the Premier Sports Campus weren't just those coming in to seek shelter on land from the Gulf of Mexico. They were there to influence the flow of play. The Iron Maidens, who kicked with the aid of the early autumn breeze, poked holes in the venerable Denver defense but only managed to register two behinds.

Then, just as it seemed the Bulldogs would see out the half unscathed, Iron Maiden forward Milli Bruce picked up the crumbs left over from a Sara Magallón free kick, wheeled around onto her right foot, and delivered her team's first ever goal against Denver. It was fitting that Bruce be the one to break the duck; she was one of the founders of the team in 2012, and had only recently returned to playing after suffering a knee injury late last season.

Down 9-0 at the break, Denver coach Bruce Durrell changed around his formation to take advantage of the wind in the second half. His counterparts, Michael Jobling and Tara Salmon, put their more athletic players in the defensive half in an attempt to try and stop the high powered Bulldogs offense. For 18 or so minutes, it worked.

Whenever midfielders Twania Clark, Monique Fair or Hallie Adrian tried to find a target inside offensive 50, they were repeatedly turned away by Magallón, Brette Brower, Carly Smolak, and the Maidens defense. Time and time again the Maidens backliners were tested and every time one thought they would bend, a mark would be taken or a critical clear out would occur. Smolak, who would share Best and Fairest honors with Clark, seemed to have a Sherrin magnet in her jumper.

With less than two minutes in the game, however, the Bulldogs' offensive pressure earned them a free kick from thirty meters out, which Allison Bremner converted to cut the lead to three points. The Doggies spent the remaining hundred or so seconds pushing for the winning goal. It wouldn't come. The game would end 9-6 San Francisco with the ball 40 meters from the Denver target after it was held up.

The Maidens, having exorcised their blue-white-and-red demons, seemed incredulous at what had happened. This wasn't an upset to be sure, but the fact that the long Bulldogs reign at Nationals would finally be over hadn't completely sunk in yet. And, it wasn't quite set in stone. They still had to play Minnesota in their final



match, and they needed to win. A Freeze victory would have put them ahead of on the tiebreaker, and kept Denver's hopes alive, assuming a subsequent win over New York.

Defeating Denver gave San Francisco the keys to the castle. Their performance over Minnesota was the coronation. Kicking two first half goals with the wind, again the Iron Maidens kept their determined opposition from Minnesota at arm's length. The Freeze, led by Thelen, Hoha, and Andrea Tobias, tried to achieve where Denver hadn't. Like the Lady Bulldogs, they were able to pierce the defense once, but only once, and that wasn't enough. A 16-6 Maidens win completed the sweep, and a team which had felt the pang of coming so close in years past now bathed in the warm glow of victory.

"This win just means so much," said Estrada, who helped found the club in 2012. "It's a milestone - not just by ending the reign of the formidable Denver Bulldogs, but also it's a testament to all hard work and dedication of the Maidens and the GGAFL. Not only this season, but for everyone who has worn a Maidens jumper and who has supported us."

Both Estrada and Bruce gave credit to the nine rookies that joined the team this season, "This growth wouldn't have been possible without their commitment and new found love for the sport, which reignited the fire in us old/injured gals."

They also gave much due credit to coaches Jobling and Salmon, not only for their tactical expertise, but also for bringing the team together as a unit. "[We] just can't say enough about our amazing coaches Jobbo and Tara. They coached us as footballers, as a team, and weaved all of our strengths together as one with unwavering belief of our success."

Though San Francisco's name is etched in the annals of the league as champions, all five of the teams could look back at a strong effort from Nationals.

Final Standings: San Francisco 4-0, Denver 3-1, Minnesota 2-2, Sacramento 1-3, New York 0-4.

MEN'S DIVISION TWO – CALGARY BOPS BY COLUMBUS FOR THIRD D2 FLAG

The Calgary Kangaroos brought a vastly different side from the one they took to Nationals last season, and settled into Division 2 for the first time since they went back to back in 2009 and 2010. Led by Dane Rolfe and Daniel Pertot, the Kangas kicked a division best 19 goals in sweeping aside Minnesota, Chicago, and Boston to win Pool B and landed in their first Granny since they fell to Denver in 2011.

Over in Pool A, the Columbus Jackaroos scrapped their way to three well-earned wins. They out-parried Houston by 15 points before edging top-seeded Sacramento by two goals. They faced upstart Baltimore-Washington in their final group game, and produced their handsomest effort of the weekend in another two goal victory over a resurgent Eagles team, led by Paul Roos medal winner Jay Levesque, to clinch the group. The appearance marked the third D2 final for the Jacks and fourth overall.



The wind was in full force by Grand Final time, and though the Kangas were kicking against it, flexed their muscles as the better side. Rolfe was denied a goal in the opening half-minute was touched en route to the sticks, but he converted on a tricky set shot a minute later. Though Columbus was keeping pace with Calgary's speed and keeping possession, they weren't able to take advantage much. Craig Sargent was, however, as he kicked two goals to give his team a 19-2 lead at recess.

Kicking against the wind in the second half, Columbus's Clyde Simpson and Dan Hamilton started to get more of the ball and forced the Kangas back on their heels. Chet Ridenour, playing with the heart the size of a mountain lion, took several strong grabs to try and will his team back into the game. He would only be rewarded with a single point. Calgary fended off the challenges and pumped home three more goals, including two more to Sargent, to cross the line by six goals.

Calgary's third D2 championship was impressive by the simple fact they ground out most of their games, even if the scoreboard showed a more comfortable set of score lines. The Kangas' new local recruits were up to the task, and it showed.

"Our first year players really lifted and contributed well over the weekend," said Calgary player and president Lachlan Griffiths. "We brought seven first year Canadians and they all competed strongly and weren't overawed by the occasion.

"Overall it was our contested possession work rate that we credit for finishing 4-0. Each game our lads attacked every contest, putting their heads over the ball and body on the line, and while we didn't have the skill or polish as our opponents we were able to grind out wins through effort and intensity."

Calgary Kangaroos 6.3.39 def Columbus Jackaroos 0.3.3.

WOMEN'S DIVISION TWO – WESTERN COMBINATION TOPS OF THE D2 TRIO

When four-year USAFL veteran Heather Serpico moved cross country from New York to Portland, Oregon, she found herself in a new city with a small yet passionate women's footy club. She set her sights on bringing at least half a team to Nationals, and with five teammates in tow, joined with players from Seattle, Arizona, and Tampa Bay to make up one of three teams to take part in Division 2.

Most of them had already tasted victory at the Western Regionals back in July, as they teamed up with the Minnesota Freeze to sweep that carnival. But here they were now with a number of players from Arizona who was starting back up again, as well as Seattle and Tampa. The last two were new clubs to the women's scene, but were filled with USAFL experience. Tampa's Annie Jones, Dionne Jones, and Holly Weinrich were USAFL Women's originals, and had played in the women's final before. Seattle's Valerie Barber-Axthelm and Cheung-Yi Tseng had also played elsewhere, and both looked to sure up their side's defense.



Their first game was against the “Eajills”, a combination of players from Columbus and Baltimore-Washington. Going up against speedy and dangerous players such as Katrina Scherer and Emily Riehl, the Westerners went up 16-0, paced by the omnipotent play of Simone Sheppard, and the quickness of the Jones and rugby convert Heather van der Hoop from Tampa. Though Scherer and company would claw back in a furious second half, the Sockeyes combo would win 36-18.

The other massively combined team in the field eschewed the tradition of smashing their names together and simply called themselves the “Wild Bunch”. Made up of players from Montreal, Boston, Chicago, Des Moines, and Philadelphia, the Wild Bunch ran riot through the middle of the ground and blanked the Eajills 42-0. Valerie Moreau, one of the best midfielders in AFL Canada, ruled the midfield and her teammates converted on just about every chance.

That left the Westerners and the Wild Bunch to finish round robin play on Saturday in what was a virtual qualifying final – the winner would advance to Sunday’s Grand Final, while the loser would have to beat the Eajills on Sunday morning if they wanted a rematch. The Western conglomeration used the win to strike out to a huge halftime lead, and though the Wild Bunch would get a goal, it wasn’t enough in a 36-6 final score.

The rematch in the preliminary final was similar to the first meeting between the Wild Bunch and Eajills, and though the Columbus/BWE combo kept their foes in sights, it was the Wild Bunch that came through 27-13 victors. Despite being the odd one out in terms of medals, the players who donned the pink jumpers should be happy at their development over the past several years, as both clubs continue to grow. Scherer would be awarded most consistent, and was hands down the USAFL’s best rookie in season 2016.

With two wins now under their belt, the Wild Bunch went into the final against the Westerners in the hope of getting back up off the canvas and climbing the mountain. Though Bureau, Valerie Moreau and the blueshirts tried their best, they couldn’t penetrate the defense. Sheppard, who would win the Paul Roos Medal for Best and Fairest, spearheaded an offensive onslaught that ended with her team winning by 38 points. Jess Blecher, the other original Sockeye, asserted herself as well as a player to watch both domestically and on the international stage for some time.

The Wild Bunch had played well all weekend, punctuated by their newer players. Boston’s Tracey Toner, Des Moines’ Emily Rice, and Philly’s Erica Sacchi and Amy Arundale had all performed well in their first ever Nationals, and the silver medal was well earned.

But for the Sockeyes, Grizzlies, Lady Hawks and Tampa, it was a well-earned win in what should be a boost for all four programs. For Serpico, who got a gold medal to go aside the silver she won with New York last season, the win had special meaning.



“Last weekend I was fortunate to be surrounded by a team of great ladies with incredible work ethic. Most of us had zero experience playing together – for two of our rookie players it was their first ever USAFL sanctioned game on Saturday morning.

“But when it came down to it every single player held one another accountable, guided each other, and communicated. It was hard to believe by anyone watching that we were a team of thrown together days before Nationals. We played as one from the first tap until the last.”

*Women's D2 Grand Final: Portland/Seattle/Arizona/Tampa Bay 7.4.46 def
Montréal/Boston/Philadelphia/Des Moines/Chicago 1.2.8*

MEN'S DIVISION THREE – STEELHEADS DECLAW TIGERS TO REPEAT AS D3 WINNERS

Though the Portland Steelheads had a good recruiting year in the wake of their first ever championship last season, they had been knocked around a bit by some of their rivals during the course of the year. They seemed vulnerable to the three teams below them, and had to dig their way to a 20-20 draw against Austin's reserves in the opener. They would recover to bury Fort Lauderdale and stiff-arm Philadelphia, and though Austin also went 2-0-1 weekend, it was Martin Coventry and fiends that would get the chance to defend their D3 premiership on percentage from Pool A.

Pool B looked to be a three team battle between clubs who recruited well in season 2016 – North Carolina, San Diego, and Seattle. The Tigers deftly got by New York/Boston's reserve side and San Diego, while the Grizzlies eeked by the Lions by two points before hammering the Dee-Pies. In the deciding game of the group, North Carolina faced Stiff resistance from the Grizzlies' defensive corp led by Alex Jessup and Max Depina, but held onto a 15-10 nailbiter. The Tigers made it to their first D3 final since 2003, looking for their first title since they won D4 in 2014.

Again, the team who had the wind in the first half used it to unfurl their sails with a vengeance, and the Steelheads blew to a large first half lead. Coventry got his usual bout of leather poisoning, as did Seb Aguiari in the middle of the ground. Getting the ball up to Mike Borenstein and Luke Mooney up front, the Steelheads kicked a six pack in the first half, and limited Erik Hanson and the Tigers forwards to a single poin

With the gauntlet now thrown before them, the gritty yellow sashed-warriors pushed hard and quickly to try and dent the Steelheads back line. They would get a couple of goals midway through the half, but when Mooney answered with a straight dagger with about five minutes to play, any unsureness flew away towards the gulf. Darwin Buffalo legent Mark Motlop helped steer the Rose City boys to another win, with Coventry adding another best and fairest to his ever growing status as a USAFL legend.

Not satisfied with just winning their second straight D3 title in addition to the D2 championship won by the Portland ladies, club president Will Sandman set his eyes on the future.



“For those of us that have been coming for multiple years, we fall in love with the experience every time and look forward to seeing old friends that share a common bond,” he said. “Next year we hope to have the same experience and introduce even more newcomers to a unique and fun sporting event.”

Portland Steelheads 7.4.46 def North Carolina Tigers 3.4.22

MEN’S DIVISION FOUR – RIVER RATS OUTKICK DEBUTANTE TAMPA FOR FIFTH FLAG

The field of nine challengers played perhaps one of the closest D4 pool rounds in history. After Saturday’s play, only one team, the Ohio Valley River Rats, finished at 2-0, while only one team, the Golden Gate/Columbus reserves combine, finished 0-2. The River Rats, led by famed country singer Eric “Sleepy” Floyd, were the top seed going into the semi-finals. Tampa Bay, playing in its first Nationals, was the 2-seed at 1-0-1, having drawn Tulsa and beat Nashville/Indy/Cleveland.

Semifinal #1 pitted the locals against the Denver reserves, and against the old Dogs, it was Tampa that won out by 15 points, 32-17. Meanwhile, the Rats were pitted against wild-card qualifier Nashville/Indy/Cleveland in the other semi, and again showed their prowess in a 51-28 triumph.

The River Rats, made up of players from Cincinnati, Louisville and St. Louis, have played as a combined side since 2008. This marked the sixth Grand Final appearance for them as an entity. This was Tampa’s first chance in their first full USAFL season to lift hardware.

The game was an offensive aerial show, with fifteen goals being potted in forty minutes. Tampa, led by 17-year veteran Dustin Jones, threw everything they had at the Rats, but it wasn’t enough as Ohio Valley held them off by 9 points. The Rats had experience in their own right; a half dozen players with 15+ years of USAFL experience mixed in with newer recruits from the three clubs won another trophy for a band of USAFL originals.

“Nothing came easy all weekend and we would face our biggest challenge in the final,” said Cincinnati’s Kyle Strenski, himself a River Rat war horse. “After suffering a few injuries over the weekend we had one healthy player on our bench for the championship. This match took everything we had. Tampa kept coming at us till the final siren. We made some changes moving different people in the ruck and forward line which paid great dividends. Our defense was solid all weekend and in the end it was a total team victory.”

Ohio Valley River Rats 8.5.53 def Tampa Bay ARFC 7.2.44

The weekend was once again a huge success, played on a beautiful set of fields unmatched in the 20 year history of the tournament. None of it would have been possible without the leadership and hard work of Doren James, National Tournament Director, the Executive Board and the dedicated support of countless volunteers. The USAFL would also like to thank the Rob Wells, Director of Sports, Sarasota County Sports Commission and Sean Walter, Director of Sports, Bradenton County Sports Commission for being gracious hosts and going above and beyond to ensure we had what we needed for another successful weekend.



USAFL Awards

USAFL Nationals Sponsor Blackchrome named the Blackchrome All Star team recognizing the top 3 vote winners from each division. The winners for each division are listed beginning on page 15.

Administration Excellence Awards

Each year selected USAFL leaders are recognized for their contributions to the overall development of the league. The awards are named in honor of USAFL Founder and Hall of Fame member, Paul “Plugger” O’Keeffe.

Congratulations to **Doren James**, USAFL Operations Manager, who was recognized for all of his efforts in organizing everything from day-to-day operations of the league, as well as putting together the logistics for tournaments and events held by the league. Doren has also served as Nationals Coordinator since the 2013 season.

Congratulations also to **Rodney “Grilla” Grljusich**, who was recognized for his 15 years as the official commentary voice and emcee of the USAFL Nationals. Each year, Grilla makes his annual pilgrimage from Perth to provide his unique flair to the national championships, and whose passion for the growth of the game in North America is boundless.

Umpiring Excellence Awards

A massive thank you to Doug Drinkwater and the Essendon Umpires Association for their tireless efforts on the weekend.

Doug Drinkwater
Peter Pearce
Stacey Cartwright Smith
Di Phyland



Men's Division I Results

Austin Crows



	Goals	Behinds	Totals
Final	6	3	39

Golden Gate Roos



	Goals	Behinds	Totals
Final	2	1	13

Paul Roos Medal for Best & Fairest
Brian Dragus, Golden Gate Roos
Coopers Medal for Most Consistent
Nolan Cox, Austin Crows

Geoff Cann Medal for MVP in Final
Harley Nussman, Austin Crows
Hayden Kennedy Medal: Grand Final Umpiring
Jackson Bernie & Steve Arnott

Blackchrome All Stars

Brian Dragus (Golden Gate Roos), Nolan Cox (Austin Crows), Ryan Clark (Golden Gate Roos)



Sébastien Di Maulo Photographie



Women's Division I Results

Winners: San Francisco Iron Maidens



Runners up: Denver Lady Bulldogs



San Francisco Iron Maidens		Denver Lady Bulldogs	
Won	Lost	Won	Lost
4	0	3	1

Paul Roos Medal for Best & Fairest (2 way tie)

Twania Clark, Denver Bulldogs & Carly Smolak, San Francisco Iron Maidens

Coopers Medal for Most Consistent (2 way tie)

Brette Brower, San Francisco Iron Maidens & Jackie Thelen, Minnesota Freeze

Hayden Kennedy Medal for Umpiring

Chris Adams & Nicole Fasula

Blackchrome All Stars

Twania Clark (Denver Bulldogs), Carly Smoak (San Francisco Iron Maidens), Jackie Thelen (Minnesota Freeze)





Men's Division II Results

Calgary Kangaroos



	Goals	Behinds	Totals
Final	6	3	39

Paul Roos Medal for Best & Fairest

Jay Levesque, Baltimore-Washington Eagles

Coopers Medal for Most Consistent

Nathan Thornbury, Columbus Jackaroos

Blackchrome All Stars

Jay Levesque, Baltimore-Washington Eagles), Nathan Thornbury (Columbus Jackaroos), Daniel Pertot (Calgary Kangaroos)

Columbus Jackaroos



	Goals	Behinds	Totals
Final	0	3	3

Geoff Cann Medal for MVP in Final

Dane Rolfe, Calgary Kangaroos

Hayden Kennedy Medal for

Grand Final Umpiring

Ross McLaren & Dean Schwab



Sébastien Di Maulo Photographie



Women's Division II Results

Portland/Seattle/Tampa Bay/Arizona



	Goals	Behinds	Totals
Final	7	4	46

Paul Roos Medal for Best & Fairest
Simone Shepherd, Portland Sockeyes
Coopers Medal for Most Consistent
Katrina Scherer, Columbus Jillaroos

Blackchrome All Stars

Simone Shepherd (Portland Sockeyes), Katrina Scherer (Columbus Jillaroos), Valerie Moreau (Montreal Angels)

Boston/Montreal/Phila./Chicago/Des Moines



	Goals	Behinds	Totals
Final	1	2	8

Geoff Cann Medal for MVP in Final
Simone Shepherd, Portland Sockeyes
Hayden Kennedy Medal for Grand Final Umpiring
Milo Lombardi & Di Phyland





Men's Division III Results

Portland Steelheads



	Goals	Behinds	Totals
Final	7	4	46

North Carolina Tigers



	Goals	Behinds	Totals
Final	3	4	22

Paul Roos Medal for Best & Fairest
Martin Coventry, Portland Steelheads
Coopers Medal for Most Consistent
Erik Hanson, North Carolina Tigers

Geoff Cann Medal for MVP in Final
Martin Coventry, Portland Steelheads
Hayden Kennedy Medal for
Grand Final Umpiring
Laurie Rupe & Anthony Hendrie

Blackchrome All Stars

Martin Coventry (Portland Steelheads), Erik Hanson (N.C. Tigers), Oscar Wright (Portland Steelheads)



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Men's Division IV Results

Ohio Valley River Rats



	Goals	Behinds	Totals
Final	8	5	53

Paul Roos Medal for Best & Fairest
Craig Scott, Des Moines Roosters
Coopers Medal for Most Consistent
Steve Noble, Denver Bulldogs

Tampa Bay ARFC



	Goals	Behinds	Totals
Final	7	2	44

Geoff Cann Medal for MVP in Final
Derek Zenk, Ohio Valley River Rats
Hayden Kennedy Medal for
Grand Final Umpiring
Andrew Daniel & David Heward

Blackchrome All Stars

Craig Scott (Des Moines Roosters), Steve Noble (Denver Bulldogs), John Freeman (Nashville Kangaroos)



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2017 International Cup



INTERNATIONAL CUP 2017
MELBOURNE * AUGUST 5-19

The sixth edition of the AFL International Cup will take place from August 5-19, 2017 in Melbourne, Australia. Over twenty countries are expected to take part in the largest Australian Football tournament between nations.

The USAFL is proud to once again be sending the **USA Revolution** Men's National team, and the **USA Freedom** Women's National team to take part in IC17. In addition, the **USA Liberty** Women's Development squad will also be heading to Australia to take part in matches against local teams in country Victoria during the tournament.

Revolution Coach Tom Ellis and Freedom Coach Leigh Barnes each had the task of each narrowing over a hundred talented footballers down to those that would wear the red, white, and blue in Melbourne next summer. The Revos held regional camps in Austin, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Tampa, while the Freedom held mini camps at each of the regional tournaments before holding their main camp in Racine, Wisconsin.

The announcement of the teams took place during the National championships in Sarasota, Florida on Sunday, October 16th. Barnes and Liberty head coach Judith Stein announced their squads for Melbourne, while Ellis's 60-man squad which will be pared down in the spring of 2017. Those who aren't selected to go to Australia will represent the Revos in a tour of Europe in 2018.



USA Revolution 2017-18 Roster

Rob Adams, Columbus Jackaroos	Jay Levesque, Baltimore-Washington Eagles
Jake Aulner, Golden Gate Roos	Tim Lindfelt, Golden Gate Roos
Alex Aurrichio, New York Magpies	Mike Linehan, Austin Crows
Nick Bowman, Ohio Valley River Rats	Dan Livy, Golden Gate Roos
Shane Branscum, Indianapolis Giants	Joe Lopez, Austin Crows
Daniel Brown, Austin Crows	Gabriel Martin Del Campo, Los Angeles Dragons
Jesse Carcamo, Houston Lonestars	Hamilton May, Des Moines Roosters
Ben Carpenter, Austin Crows	Mike Mayne, Dallas Magpies
Ryan Cartwright, Baltimore-Washington Eagles	Mark McClure, Columbus Jackaroos
Nolan Cox, Austin Crows	Ryan McGettigan, Philadelphia Hawks
Caleb Daughtery, Kansas City Power	Bill McGovern, Los Angeles Dragons
Max Depina, Seattle Grizzlies	Tyler Mounce, Orange County Bombers
Brian Dragus, Golden Gate Roos	Mike Murphy, New York Magpies
Stephen Fashant, Minnesota Freeze	Jack O'Dell, Dallas Magpies
Chris Fielder, Houston Lonestars	Patrick Pryor, Dallas Magpies
Brent Fisher, Minnesota Freeze	Kiel Rasp, Seattle Grizzlies
Eric Floyd, Ohio Valley River Rats	David Restrepo, Houston Lonestars
John Freeman, Nashville Kangaroos	Chet Ridenour, Columbus Jackaroos
Tim Fulwider, Nashville Kangaroos	Brian Rippetto, Denver Bulldogs
Ryan Garthright, Denver Bulldogs	Andrew Rose, Tulsa Buffaloes
Jonathan Ginsberg, Philadelphia Hawks	Bobby Sears, Houston Lonestars
David Grzesiak, Dallas Magpies	Clyde Simpson, Columbus Jackaroos
Daniel Hamilton, Columbus Jackaroos	Andrew Sneed, Tulsa Buffaloes
Erik Hanson, North Carolina Tigers	Buddy Spohn, Melbourne Blackrock (AUS)
Tom Hecker, Ft. Lauderdale Fighting Squids	Matt Stevens, Houston Lonestars
Kyle Johnson, Golden Gate Roos	Peter Taylor, Denver Bulldogs
Dustin Jones, Tampa Bay ARFC	Zac Taylor, Golden Gate Roos
Ben Judge, Des Moines Roosters	Keith Thornburg, Baltimore-Washington Eagles
Jeff Kramer, Chicago Swans	Saleh Tyebjee, Sacramento Suns
Donald Lee, Los Angeles Dragons	Andrew Werner, Minnesota Freeze
Dan Lehane, New York Magpies	Jason Wilhelm, Dallas Magpies
Mike LeValley, Ft. Lauderdale Fighting Squids	Adam Wufsus, Denver Bulldogs



USA Freedom 2017 International Cup Roster

Hallie Adrian, Denver Bulldogs	Katie Klatt, Sacramento Suns
Melissa Armstrong, San Francisco Iron Maidens	Rosemary Kloh, Sacramento Suns
Jessica Blecher, Portland Sockeyes	Grace Koplow, New York Magpies
Brette Brower, San Francisco Iron Maidens	Meg Leone, San Francisco Iron Maidens
Drea Casillas, New York Magpies	Sara Magallon, San Francisco Iron Maidens
Liz Danielson, Sacramento Suns	Nicole Makenzie, San Francisco Iron Maidens
Jacquie de Leuw, San Francisco Iron Maidens	Siobhan McHale, New York Magpies
Bevin English, San Francisco Iron Maidens	Sarah Plummer-Taylor, Denver Bulldogs
Jessica Estrada, San Francisco Iron Maidens	Emily Riehl, Baltimore-Washington Eagles
Cathy Georgiadis, Minnesota Freeze	Katrina Scherer, Columbus Jillaroos
Jessica Gray, Denver Bulldogs	Lauren Shelton, Minnesota Freeze
Kim Hemenway, New York Magpies	Carly Smolak, San Francisco Iron Maidens
Cathy Hoha, Minnesota Freeze	Jackie Thelen, Minnesota Freeze
Lindsay Kastanek, Denver Bulldogs	Natalie Wolff, New York Magpies
Paige Kiecker, Minnesota Freeze	

USA Liberty 2017 Australian Tour Roster

Clare Algozin, New York Magpies	Marie LaVictoire, Minnesota Freeze
Ariel Balske, Columbus Jillaroos	Robin Leslie, San Francisco Iron Maidens
Lauren Balsley, Columbus Jillaroos	Kaitlyn Mascher-Mace, Denver Bulldogs
Valerie Barber-Axthelm, Seattle Grizzlies	Kathleen Michaels, Minnesota Freeze
Becca Broekhuis, Minnesota Freeze	Kate Mullin, Minnesota Freeze
Amy Bryniarski, Columbus Jillaroos	Jessica Nelson, Minnesota Freeze
Makenzie Carr, Sacramento Suns	Oahn Nguyen, Sacramento Suns
Cailin Deal, Boston Demons	Brianna Ostoff, Minnesota Freeze
Kelly Drury, Baltimore-Washington Eagles	Kaitlyn Peterson, Minnesota Freeze
Emily Eastlake, New York Magpies	Leilani Silvio, Sacramento Suns
Lizzy Even, Minnesota Freeze	Ashley Singer, New York Magpies
Molly Halberstadt, Baltimore-Washington Eagles	Lauren Skonieczny, New York Magpies
Rae Hale, Minnesota Freeze	Stephanie Snyder, Columbus Jillaroos
Sarah James, Montreal Angels (CAN)	Larin Sullivan, New York Magpies
Alison Kephart, San Francisco Iron Maidens	Chung-Yi Tseng, Seattle Grizzlies
Becky Kraft, Minnesota Freeze	Kassie Wilkerson, Denver Bulldogs
Laure Kwoka, Sacramento Suns	Samantha Worrall, Baltimore-Washington Eagles



Umpires Report

USAFL UA

2016 Board of Directors	
President – John Mills	At-Large – Rick Buckle
Vice President - Stephen Arnott	At-Large – Bill Conway
Secretary – Seth McElvaney	At-Large – Nicole Fasula
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During 2016, the USAFLUA has shown explosive growth in dues paying members of the USAFLUA, showing an extremely large growth spurt, almost doubling USAFLUA membership since 2015. This past season saw 86 paid members, up from 43 a season ago.

There are numerous reasons for this growth, including a strong, active, and dedicated USAFLUA Board of Directors, increased outreach to prospective members through social media, dedication to umpire training and mentorship, and a continued strong relationship with the USAFL.

The USAFLUA Board of Directors has improved and updated dues collection opportunities, including the use of PayPal, to ease payment and collection of yearly dues.

The USAFL UA Board of Directors has also dedicated time and effort into adding opportunities for individual umpires to increase their educational and experience level, through mentorship, on-site skills observation, coordination with the AFL umpire training and experience standards, adding value to USAFLUA membership.

In concert with the USAFL, the USAFLUA has continued to manage the growth of Australian Rules Football in the United States. The membership growth of the USAFLUA is reflective of the opportunities that are realized by each individual USAFLUA member to increase their enjoyment of the game, improved umpiring opportunities throughout the year, educational standards, mentorship opportunities to improve their individual effort on the field, and the growing comradery of the USAFLUA itself.



International Committee

The main focus of 2016 for the International Committee was to explore and hopefully establish a plan for an umpire exchange with AFL Europe. We wrapped up 2016 with some solid progress towards this goal and have been working with the head of AFL Europe Umpiring, Shane Hill. We have established a charter document that



includes basic information about minimum skill requirements, potential dates for tournaments both in the US and Europe, future goals of the exchange and key stakeholders in both regions.

Both the US and Europe will start advertising the umpiring exchange opportunities in 2017 with the goal to have at least 1 person from each region travel to participate in a tournament in the other region. With 2017 being an IC year, our biggest obstacle in traveling for both regions will

probably be financial constraints. This is an exciting opportunity for the US to learn from our European counterparts and to establish relationships with other umpiring associations who are looking for similar opportunities to develop.

Umpire Promotions

The following umpires were promoted at Nationals 2016 in Sarasota, FL:

LEVEL 0: Jennifer McKenzie (Sacramento), Amy Bryniarski (Columbus), Brad Davis (New York), Troy Kirk (Denver), Ryan Minmier (Tulsa).

LEVEL 1: James Begg (Portland), Matt Bishop (Sacramento), Milo Lombardi (Calgary), Chey Ridenour (Columbus), Laurie Rupe (Minnesota), Denis Ryan (USAFL), C.J. Adams (Baltimore-Washington), Brandon Crowe (Columbus), Aaron Nelson (San Diego).

LEVEL 2: Jackson Burnie (Golden Gate), Peter Dinnick (Calgary), Anthony Hendrie (Chicago), Dean Schwab (Boston).

"PLAY ON"

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USAFL Media

The USAFL's vision of growth for the sport of Australian Rules football requires there to be a strong presence across a breadth of media. In 2016, the league continued to maintain said presence through its website, social media, and through broadcast media. Our visibility was increased thanks to Fox Sports 1 and Fox Sports 2 showing AFL matches on a regular basis throughout the season, as well as Oklahoman Mason Cox's debut in the AFL, becoming the most successful born-and-raised American to play top level Australian football to date.

USAFL.com

The hub of the league's presence, USAFL.com offers game reports, league news, stories on the people that make the USAFL, as well as community happenings. It is also where new visitors can find details about the game, about what's going on in the league, and about how they, themselves, can play or follow along with their local club in the USAFL.

In addition, USAFL.com is the registration and statistical hub of the league. The League Management System (LMS) tracks payment of player dues, game scores, and player participation to insure eligibility for the National Championships.

This year saw coverage of all three Regionals, Nationals, as well as in depth coverage of Katie Klatt and Kim Hemenway's journey to Australia to take part in the AFL Talent Combine in February. Content was provided by USAFL staff, board members, and club members.

In 2017, our goal is to expand game coverage to the site itself, as well as have more content generated by club sources, as well as daily coverage from the International Cup in Melbourne.

Social Media

The crux of fan and player engagement lies in the league's social media accounts. Facebook (facebook.com/usafll) and Twitter (@USAFL1997) remain the most visible accounts and most accessible way for the league to reach the community. This was augmented with the launch of an Instagram account (@USAFL1997) in August.

Facebook was used as a megaphone for content on USAFL.com, as well as a way to share content on accounts from clubs. Engaging fan posts, including game coverage, TV alerts and league events are examples of internal content. External content, such as highlights or other content from the AFL, AFL Women's, and other outlets such as ESPN and FOX. We ended 2016 with a total of 6,651 likes, a total net gain of 30.8% over the course of the year.

The USAFL Twitter account has been a quick-fire way to relay news and for live commentary of events, such as the AFL women's series earlier in the year, and for AFL matches. The increase of live matches on broadcast TV allowed us to interact and introduce ourselves to new fans by explaining the game and pointing them towards their local team.

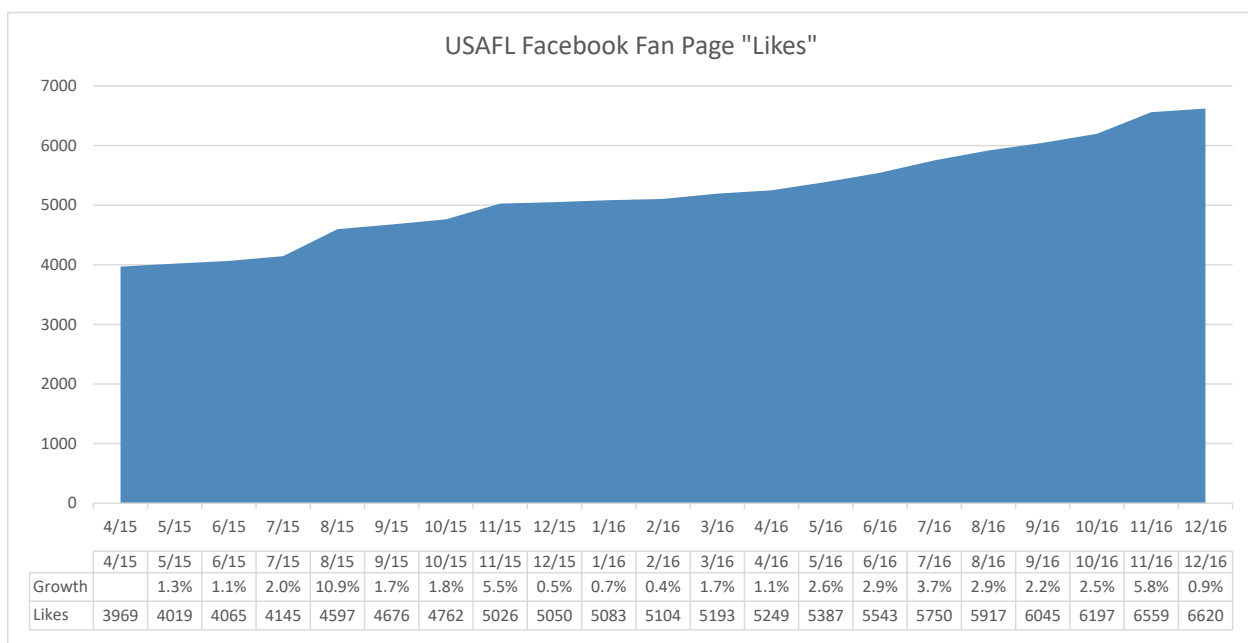


Broadcast Media

For the second consecutive year, all three regional tournaments and the USAFL Nationals were broadcast online. All four tournaments were produced by outside companies (GoLive SportsCast, Stateside Footy TV, and Capital Community Television) with the Central Regionals and National Championships broadcast live. All matches were made available online. The USAFL plans on continuing broadcasting of the Regionals Series and National Championships in 2017.

We have set a goal of having at least one match broadcast locally by the 2019 season, to be produced by local clubs. The hope is to also cultivate on-air talent that can be used during the season and during the regional tournament.

In addition, the league plans on live game coverage of USA matches during the 2017 International Cup, as well as daily media coverage on social media with interviews and stories.





Financial Management

The USAFL is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that maintains its books on a cash basis. The primary sources of revenue are from the annual grant provided by the AFL, dues from member clubs, individual player memberships, and several sponsorships in relation to the National Championships. The primary expenses each year are a mix of training, supporting, and educating functions, all in accordance with the League's core programs and mission. Each year at the USAFL Annual General Meeting the Treasurer outlines the financial report of the prior year, and the status of the year at hand at the time.

The organization is the financial record keeper of all the events organized by the League, including the National Championships and training courses. The financial philosophy of the League is for events to be self-funding where possible. Consistent with past years, the League continues to maintain a part-time accountant for enhanced internal controls, compliance, and bookkeeping purposes.

The financial results, as presented, demonstrate the League is in sound financial condition, subject to the continuation of funding by the AFL. To comply with US tax requirements, each year the League submits reviewed financials to an external accounting firm, which provides the USAFL with annual audit and accounting services, and assists with federal tax compliance and reporting to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). The following pages present the USAFL's balance sheet as of Dec. 31, 2016 and income statement for the calendar year 2016.

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2016 USAFL Balance Sheet

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Australian	0.00
BofA, California	0.00
BofA, Missouri	98,198.47
Petty Cash	80.00
USAFL - 2005 National Championships	0.00
USBank - 1813	27,897.20
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 126,175.67
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 0.00
Other Current Assets	
Other Receivables	0.00
Prepaid Insurance	0.00
Store Merchandise	0.00
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 0.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 126,175.67
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 126,175.67
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	0.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 0.00
Credit Cards	
Credit Card	4,017.27
Total Credit Cards	\$ 4,017.27
Other Current Liabilities	
Direct Deposit Payable	0.00
Other Accruals	0.00
Payroll Liabilities	
Federal Taxes (941/944)	5,911.12
TN Quarterly Taxes	900.00
Total Payroll Liabilities	\$ 6,811.12



Total Other Current Liabilities	\$	6,811.12
Total Current Liabilities	\$	10,828.39
Total Liabilities	\$	10,828.39
Equity		
Opening Balance Equity		13,166.47
Retained Earnings		151,802.10
Net Income		-49,621.29
Total Equity	\$	115,347.28
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$	126,175.67



2016 USAFL Profit and Loss Statement

	Total
Income	
1050 Capital Donations	117,890.06
1250 Donations	194.01
1375 Membership Dues - Clubs	11,609.70
1380 Membership Dues - Players	
1380-01 Unknown - Club	150.00
1380-02 Arizona Hawks Football Club	475.00
1380-03 Atlanta Kookaburras Inc	1,225.00
1380-04 Austin Crows	4,600.00
1380-05 Baltimore/Washington Eagles FC	3,900.00
1380-06 Baton Rouge FC	1,575.00
1380-07 Boston Australian Rules FC	3,500.00
1380-08 Chicago United	2,550.00
1380-09 Cincinnati Australian Football Club	1,050.00
1380-10 Columbus Jackaroos	3,900.00
1380-11 Dallas Magpies AFC	2,150.00
1380-12 Denver Bulldogs AFC	6,150.00
1380-14 Golden Gate Roos	5,725.00
1380-15 Kansas City Power FC	50.00
1380-16 Las Vegas Gamblers	75.00
1380-17 Louisville FC	750.00
1380-18 Milwaukee Bombers ARFC	75.00
1380-19 Minnesota Freeze	4,000.00
1380-20 Nashville Kangaroos	1,425.00
1380-21 New York Magpies	6,400.00
1380-22 North Carolina Tigers FC	1,950.00
1380-23 OC Bombers	2,100.00
1380-24 Philly Hawks ARFC	1,575.00
1380-26 Portland Power AFC	3,025.00
1380-27 San Diego Lions FC	2,500.00
1380-28 Seattle Grizzlies	2,325.00
1380-30 St. Louis Blues FC	225.00
1380-31 Calgary Kangaroos	2,300.00
1380-33 Sacramento	3,900.00
1380-34 Des Moines Roosters	1,175.00
1380-35 Calgary Kookaburras	1,125.00



1380-37 Fort Lauderdale Fighting Squids		2,300.00
1380-38 Houston Lonestars		4,725.00
1380-39 Quebec Saints		1,755.00
1380-40 Los Angeles Dragons		3,325.00
1380-42 Tulsa Buffaloes		1,350.00
1380-44 Indianapolis Giants		375.00
1380-45 Cleveland Cannons		700.00
1380-46 Montreal Angels		600.00
1380-48 Edmonton		300.00
1380-49 Oklahoma City Flyers		550.00
1380-50 Tampa Bay ARFC		3,300.00
Total 1380 Membership Dues - Players	\$	91,205.00
1400 Sales of Merchandise Clothing		9,329.24
1600 Sales of Merchandise - Other		167.36
1650 Sales of Merchandise - Clothing		0.00
1700 Sales of Merchandise - Footballs		8,789.01
1800 Sponsorships		18,021.00
1800-01 Sales Beer		14,218.05
1800-03 Seattle Grizzlies		4,000.00
1800-06 Fort Lauderdale Fighting Squids AFC		10,900.00
1800-08 Central Region Tournament		1,000.00
Total 1800 Sponsorships	\$	48,139.05
2000 US Revolution Donations		500.00
2100 USA Freedom Donations		275.00
Unapplied Cash Payment Income		0.00
Total Income	\$	288,098.43
Cost of Goods Sold		
3750 Costs of Merchandise - Clothing		
3750-01 Costs of Merchandise - Clothing Nationals		4,998.24
Total 3750 Costs of Merchandise - Clothing	\$	4,998.24
3800 Costs of Merchandise - Footballs		4,664.25
3800-01 Costs of Merchandise - Footballs Nationals		2,300.70
Total 3800 Costs of Merchandise - Footballs	\$	6,964.95
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$	11,963.19
Gross Profit	\$	276,135.24
Expenses		
3150 Bank Charges - Fees		2,711.77
3151 Bank Charges - Australian		120.00
3250 Board Retreat		465.20



3450 Computer Services		428.91
3950 Dues & Subscriptions		860.06
4350 Travel		2,357.97
4400 Insurance		9,273.00
4450 Legal & Professional Fees		4,454.25
4550 Merchandise Costs		1,500.00
4650 Office Expenses & Supplies		761.05
4660 Web Hosting		1,268.64
4700 Postage & Shipping		506.16
4875 Rent or Lease		1,500.00
5000 Storage		600.00
5150 Sponsorship Paid Out		
5150-02 Fort Lauderdale Fighting Squids AFC		10,900.00
5150-03 Seattle Grizzlies		4,000.00
Total 5150 Sponsorship Paid Out	\$	14,900.00
5225 Western Regional Tournament		45.00
5225-01 Umpires Hrs		1,745.00
5225-02 Rent or Lease		1,409.93
5225-03 Awards		518.00
5225-04 Hotel / Meals		1,207.10
5225-05 Supplies		405.81
5225-06 Airfare		1,846.23
Total 5225 Western Regional Tournament	\$	7,177.07
5226 Central Regional Tournament		
5226-01 Umpires Hrs		2,866.08
5226-02 Rent or Lease		3,710.16
5226-03 Awards		462.00
5226-04 Hotel / Meals		4,545.34
5226-05 Supplies		2,904.84
5226-06 Airfare		2,174.79
Total 5226 Central Regional Tournament	\$	16,663.21
5227 Eastern Regional Tournament		839.32
5227-01 Umpires Hrs. Eastern		1,125.00
5227-02 Rent or Lease		2,462.76
5227-03 Awards		582.86
5227-04 Hotel / Meals		659.19
5227-05 Supplies		1,638.13
5227-06 Airfare		1,720.57
Total 5227 Eastern Regional Tournament	\$	9,027.83



5228 Western, Central & Eastern Metro		1,061.60
5250 Visa Transaction Costs		562.28
5300 Wages & Commissions		22,548.64
5400 Nationals		
5400-01 Airfare		5,567.74
5400-02 Hotel/Meals		24,887.58
5400-03 Rent or Lease		21,392.72
5400-04 Trophies		3,385.00
5400-05 Supplies & Materials		3,417.35
5400-06 Insurance		500.00
5400-07 Tournament Contractors		1,157.65
5400-08 Office Supplies & Shipping		1,218.04
5400-09 VIP		4,924.45
5400-10 Fees & Expenses		188.75
5400-11 Tournament Labor		4,821.50
5400-12 Storage		5,615.80
5400-13 Umpires		19,590.00
5400-14 Information Technology		4,650.00
Total 5400 Nationals	\$	101,316.58
5450 Combine		
5450-01 Airfare		11,027.59
5450-02 Hotel / Meals		15,118.13
5450-03 Rent or Lease		8,410.94
5450-04 Supplies		1,012.68
5450-09 Labor		1,000.00
Total 5450 Combine	\$	36,569.34
5475 49 th Cup		
5475-01 Rent or Lease		-2,800.00
Total 5475 49 th Cup	-\$	2,800.00
5480 Coaches Association Grant		3,699.90
5481 Development Grant		300.00
5483 Revolution Expenses		10,848.23
5484 USA Freedom Expense		5,793.94
5485 Strategic Development - Women's Assoc		500.00
5486 Umpires Grant		4,026.85
5493 KickBuilders		1,500.00
5494 AFLW Scholarship		1,000.00
5495 AFLQ Scholarship		324.00
Equipment - Media		387.74



Payroll Expenses		
Taxes		4,551.75
Wages		59,499.96
Total Payroll Expenses	\$	64,051.71
Travel Meals		64.75
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense		0.00
Total Expenses	\$	326,330.68
Net Operating Income	-\$	50,195.44
Other Income		
Miscellaneous Income		527.65
Other Income		46.50
Total Other Income	\$	574.15
Net Other Income	\$	574.15
Net Income	-\$	49,621.29



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