



USAFL Sub-Regional Tournaments - May 2020

Due to current circumstances associated with COVID-19, the scheduled 2020 USAFL Regional Tournaments have been cancelled. The USAFL will instead be supporting 3-4 Sub-Regional tournaments in each region, aiming to provide opportunities for tournament football to USAFL clubs this year once football activities can be safely resumed.

Overview

The USAFL will support sub-regional tournaments to provide all Clubs access to tournament football prior to Nationals this year. Clubs looking to host should apply in accordance with the guidelines below via their Regional VP who will assist in the coordination and logistics.

Host locations will be selected based on location accessibility to multiple clubs, field availability and access to available umpires. Tournaments will be scheduled in accordance with advice of local authorities and associated travel and logistics requirements for locations being considered.

All Clubs should prioritize safety of players and umpires however are strongly encouraged to participate in these tournaments to ensure the continued operation and growth of the league in this difficult time. These tournaments will be a key factor for 2020 Nationals seeding.

Applications

Club applications to host a tournament must be made through their Regional VP and meet the following requirements:

- Demonstrate state and local jurisdiction has approved community contact sport activities
- Proposed tournament date(s) and confirmation of a proposed suitable venue is available
- Minimum of 3 USAFL clubs participate
- Minimum of 1 women's game & 1 men's game in accordance with USAFL game definitions (consideration will be given to clubs unable to meet game definition criteria - please consult your Regional VP)
- All participating players must be registered with USAFL and agree to all waivers
- At least 1 attendee per participating club with concussion accreditation
- Host club to ensure suitable Game Equipment and First Aid supplied (balls, posts, shelter, water, safety/first aid equipment, ice, and safety etc) with support from Regional VP & USAFL Operations Manager. This is to include necessary COVID-19 sanitization provisions and procedures in accordance with local requirements
- A safety plan must be in place for extreme weather (>90F)
- Host clubs are open to engage their local partners and sponsors for fundraising opportunities, however these cannot conflict with existing USAFL partnerships or sponsorships

USAFL Support

The USAFL will provide support to host clubs for tournaments in the following ways:

- Provide 3rd Party Liability insurance certificate for field rentals
- Coordination of umpires with the Umpires Association
- Support LMS administration and tournament operations including equipment where required and available
- Promotion of tournaments through various USAFL media channels
- Reimbursement to host clubs for tournament costs limited to field rental, umpires and approved expenses (to be included with application) to a maximum of \$1100. All expense receipts must be provided.

All club applications to host a USAFL sub-regional tournament should be submitted by email to their Regional VP at least 4 weeks ahead of the targeted date. All receipts must be submitted within 6 weeks of the completed tournament date.

Sincerely,

Executive Board

United States Australian Football League