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USAFL Returns Home After Ten Years

Australian Rules Football in America Comes Back to Where it All Began

LOUISVILLE – It is with great pleasure and excitement that the USAFL announces the ten year anniversary of the USAFL National Championships to be held in **Louisville Kentucky** over the weekend of **October 13th-14th, 2007**. It is a fitting tribute to Louisville to see the return of USFooty to the city that hosted the very first game in the USA in September of 1996. To compliment this, the first three national championships were held in the city of their opponent in that game, their midwest neighbor, Cincinnati.

The growth of Australian Rules Football in the USA since that game has been truly amazing. The first nationals in 1997 saw five teams compete on one field over two days of exciting footy, and plenty of socializing. This year will see up to 30 men's teams and at least four women's teams compete on four full size fields at the superb Louisville Soccer Park, minutes from downtown Louisville and world renowned locations such as Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby.



The entire USAFL board, National Championships organizing committee and the Louisville Kings Football Club take great pride in hosting this year's National Championships and putting on a world class event. Check out www.usfooty.com for all details and updates.

What is Australian Rules Football?

First, it's not rugby. Australian Rules Football is all-encompassing, involving elements of many sports including soccer, basketball and volleyball. Similar to soccer, players are posted at a number of positions – including forwards, wings and backs – and are allowed to kick the ball, called the “footy,” as well as handle it with their hands. Although players have designated positions, they are free to move anywhere on the field at any point in time.

The rules of Footy will vary according to the player's age. In general, the game is played on an oval field about twice the size of an American football field. A traditional game consists of four quarters divided into 20 minutes of playing time. The game is scored by kicking the footy through goalposts that are planted at each “end” of the oval. When the ball is kicked through the middle posts the goal is worth six points. When kicked through the outer posts (on either side of the middle goal) the goal is worth one point.

About USFooty

USFooty is an amateur sports organization dedicated to the development of Australian rules football in the United States. The USA Footy League (USAFL) promotes participation in the sport by emphasizing awareness and a sense of community within its members and by fostering women and youth programs across the United States. For more information on the USFooty, or to learn more about the game visit www.usfooty.com. For local information about the Louisville Kings, visit www.louisvillekings.com.

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