



# FOOTBALL CANADA NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM U 20 OPEN SELECTION CAMP McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario Friday April 24 & Saturday April 25

This "Evaluation Camp" for the U 20 National Junior Team will allow you to compete for the final 45 roster spots to represent Canada at the inaugural International Federation of American Football (IFAF) Junior World Championships from June 27 to July 5. Games will be held at Fawcett Stadium in Canton, OH, USA and participating countries include Canada, USA, Mexico, Japan, France, Germany, Sweden and New Zealand. For more information about the championships, please visit [jwcfootball.com](http://jwcfootball.com).

Eligible players must be Canadian and born in the calendar years of 1990, 1991 and 1992. Players born in the calendar year 1992 must have parental consent to participate.

The final National Junior Team will be selected from candidates from a total of three regional selection camps who will gather at the final camp held at University of Western Ontario, June 16 – 25. The final roster will depart directly from London, ON for the Championship in Canton, OH on June 25 with the actual games running from June 27 through to July 5.

It should be noted that because the championship game will be held in Canton, Ohio, USA, a Canadian passport is mandatory to participate on the junior national team and to enter into the United States.

Please complete the attached medical forms and return it to the Ontario Football Alliance office along with a \$50.00 fee by April 17th, 2009. Cheque or Money order can be made out to the Ontario Football Alliance only. Cash or cheque will be accepted upon registration with medical forms April 24th/25th.

Meals and accommodation (if necessary) at the open selection camps are not provided so prepare accordingly.

## **SELECTION CAMP TIMES**

### **FRIDAY APRIL 24**

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Player Registration (all events at McMaster Les Prince Football Field – see map)
6:00 – 6:45 p.m.	Introductions
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Practice #1

### **SATURDAY APRIL 25**

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.	Late Registration and chalk talk
10:00 a.m. - Noon	PRACTISE #2
2:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Meetings
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.	PRACTISE #3

\* - This will be a full equipment on-field session and you will also have your helmet checked for safety at that time.



## **SELECTION CAMP INFORMATION**

The Selection Camp begins on Friday evening, April 24th with registration followed by a two hour on field session. Saturday will consist of two sessions each and are two hours long also. These three on-field sessions will be run by the University and Junior coaches present during which you will be evaluated by position coaches.

*THIS IS NOT A SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CAMP!* We are simply looking for the best players and will not attempt to teach you anything new beyond some basic systems needed for evaluation. If you are looking for a hint on how to make one of the teams understand that skill level is the most important criteria, however attitude, sportsmanship, coach-ability, enthusiasm for the game and the ability to be a team player are a high priority.

*WE WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY TRASH TALKING OR ABUSIVE BEHAVIOUR OF ANY KIND.* All of the programs present are trying to build a "team" that will showcase the best of Canadian football to the world. Be warned and come prepared.

## **WHAT TO BRING**

- Grass Cleats and/or Turf Shoes or Running Shoes (McMaster Stadium is Field Turf)
- Full Equipment (including all required padding)
- Mouthguard (MANDATORY)
- Spare Practise Jersey
- Athletic Tape if necessary (we have trainers to apply it by we will not supply it)
- Canadian Passport

***ENSURE YOUR MEDICAL FORM HAS BEEN SENT TO THE ONTARIO FOOTBALL ALLIANCE OR YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE***

## **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

- Canadian Passport

Because the Championship is being held in the United States you will need to have a valid Canadian passport to enter the US. If you do not have one, we urge you to immediately apply for one. If you do have one please bring it to registration.

## **HOW THE SELECTION WORKS**

- The on-field sessions will be run by the coaches from the University and Junior teams. They are welcome to provide input into the selection process for the team but their main concern is to run the practice and decide who they wish to invite to their Final Camp.
- What you did last year on-field was great but has no bearing on your selection at this camp. In the interest of fairness to all participants all Selections will be based on what is observed on this weekend and only this weekend. No pre-selections or pre-scouting has been done for this camp.
- There are traditionally between 100 - 150 athletes at a camp. With two other camps held later in May in Montreal and Calgary The final roster size for the team is 45. You need to understand that this camp is designed to allow you to celebrate your high school football, Junior or University experience and whatever happens at the end is not meant to turn you off the sport. You will be given as fair and honest as possible evaluation but it just might not be your weekend. If you know in advance that you won't be able to handle it if you do not make it you best not come at all.
- Finally, there is no "quota" of where the athletes must come from. The final roster has no bearing on where you are from.



## **EQUIPMENT CONCERNS**

- You must ensure you have full equipment and a mouthguard.
- All helmets will be checked for safety during the first on-field session on the Friday evening. Please ensure you bring it with you at that time. You should thoroughly check it out yourself prior to coming to ensure it holds air (if it's an air based helmet), has all of its screws tight, and is not cracked. We may have some replacement helmets for those whose helmets fail the test but there is no guarantee. Make sure your helmet works before you come!

## **PLAYING TIME POLICY**

- Players will be given as equal an opportunity as possible to participate during the Selection Camp. It will never be totally equal but that is what the coaches will strive for.
- There are no guarantees of anything. Players selected to that level must be aware that they could be asked to play on every down or only get in on special teams. In certain situations some players may not see the field in a game at all. This event is about winning games and a World Championship and the coaches are free to assign playing time with no conditions as they see fit.



# FOOTBALL CANADA NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION CAMP R.S.V.P. FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ HGT. \_\_\_\_ (feet +inches) WGT. \_\_\_\_ (lbs.)  
 CITY/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION (circle 1 only please)\*:      Quarterback      Fullback      Tailback      Wide Receiver  
 Slotback/Tight End      Off. Center      Off. Guard      Off. Tackle      Def. Tackle      Noseguard  
 Def. End      Inside Linebacker      Outside Linebacker      Def. Halfback      Corner      Safety

\* - we know a lot of you played both ways but we need to know your first preference so that we can give you the right coloured practice jersey and put you on the appropriate coaches list. DO NOT CIRCLE TWO POSITIONS!

EXTRA: Kicker\_\_\_\_ Punter\_\_\_\_  
 (Check one or both if you did this for your team. Please note the fee policy if you only want to come as a kicker/punter)

## RELEASE AND INDEMNITY PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

I have read the guidelines and time lines issued for all the above listed events, which I understand and I agree to be bound by them. In consideration of your acceptance of my entry into one or all of the above listed events and or activities associated with therewith, I agree to : RELEASE, SAVE HARMLESS, AND INDEMNIFY "The Ontario Football Alliance" and/or its agents from and against all claims, actions, cost, and expenses and demands in respect to death, injury, loss or damage to my person or property, where so ever and howsoever caused, arising out of or in connection with, my taking part in the event and notwithstanding that the same may have been contributed to or occasioned by any act or failure to act (including, without limitation, negligence) by "Football Canada", "Ontario Football Alliance" and "McMaster University" and or any one or more of its "Agents". I further acknowledge that:

- 1) The rules and guidelines governing this event are solely for the purpose of regulating the event and it remains the sole responsibility of me to govern myself in such a manner as to be responsible for my own safety.
- 2) I am aware of the risks inherent in participating in the event; and
- 3) I assume the risks and waive notice of all conditions, dangers or otherwise in or about the event.

I agree that this release shall bind my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns. I have read the release and understand it and have signed accordingly.

Payment Options:  
 Cheque or Money Order  
 Cash (Note: Can only be accepted in person to the Ontario Football Alliance at the selection camp. ( DO NOT MAIL)

I have included my registration fee of \$50.00 and my Medical Form with this R.S.V.P. and have read and understand the Release and Indemnity as well as Playing Time Policy.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (if under 18) SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN ORIGINAL TO:  
 ONTARIO FOOTBALL ALLIANCE, 100 CRIMEA STREET, UNIT B11, GUELPH, ONTARIO, N1H 2Y6,  
 BY APRIL 17, 2009, (Note: No FAX's please)**