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### **TITLE IX: Interview with Donna Lopiano** *President Women's Sports Foundation*

Following Hofstra University's seminar on 'Career & Sports Communication', held April 30, 2003, I had the pleasure of meeting and talking with one of it's speakers: Donna Lopiano who is the President of Women's Sports Foundation. Following the seminar, I interviewed Donna on title IX, which at the time, was being challenged

Question: Could you explain the purpose of title IX, back in 1972, when it became a law.

Donna: The law was written in 1972 to remedy sex discrimination in medical and law schools that were not admitting women based on the belief that women were not as interested in professional careers as men and that men were more deserving because they would not forfeit their professions to have children..

Question: Can you describe title IX's impact or changes in it's early years of existence

Regulations promulgating the law with specific regard to athletics were not issued until 1975 and schools were given 3 years to come into compliance...with lots of foot dragging. Now, even 30 years after the law was passed, most people believe that 80% of all schools are not fully complying....

Question: when did title IX finally show a strong effect in the high schools and colleges?

Donna: 1979...then it was out of commission from 1984-1988 because of a Supreme Court ruling on something unrelated to athletics...then another compliance push in the early 1990's because lots of dads were filing lawsuits against schools and colleges....we're still not there. Everyone should be encouraged to go to [SaveTitleIX.com](http://SaveTitleIX.com) to do the 4 things on that web site.

So, I went to the website:  
<http://www.savetitleix.com/stake.html>  
To find so much information on what is really going on.

There exists many legal documents, letters, statistics of everything you could think of and it is amazing how

unequal womens' sports has been treated. By using your own experience, I believe every woman who went to public schools and participated in those sports programs can say that we were/ are not equal with male sports. Period. (and if anyone agrees or disagrees..... just send in your responses).

Title IX was being challenged and described as taking away men's sports teams. Not true. It is the schools and universities who make such decisions. If universities want to support a football team that offers 85 scholarships, then that program will take an awful lot of money out of the "men's kitty" Donna Lopiano describes college football as the "elephant in the living room" and it is not being addressed (women / title IX are used to side track the real issue). Perhaps by cutting spending on such expensive sports (Men's basketball is another expensive sport) other men's sports can be saved or even added. If this type of politics gets you aroused, then I urge you to take a look at the website.

Title IX  
In 1972 became a law that basically required Federally Funded High Schools, Universities and Colleges to treat male and female students equally (not to discriminate). In the early 70's, it seemed obvious there existed discrimination with acceptance of female students in law and medical fields. This law was originally intended to protect against female discrimination and in 1975 title IX made clear that the law would include the school's sports athletics programs as well.

How did all of this recent trouble start? Basically this all started by a group of wrestling coaches who filed a lawsuit claiming that their men's wrestling teams were ended because of title IX .  
What were they fighting for? They wanted to lower the proportionate rate to allow Title IX / Federal Government to accept a lower number of female athletes



compared to the number of female students enrolled in the school. For example: Originally if 55% of a school's student body were female, the law required that the number of female athletes should be close to that percentage. What happened in past was that schools would spend so much of their monies allocated for sports programs..... on the male athletes, leaving little money and less opportunity for females. In our current case, The wrestlers, Bush Administration and Secretary of Education Roderick Paige were pushing for a lower percentage of acceptance so that in our previous example, 43% of female athletes would be acceptable.

President Bush takes action and has Secretary of Education: Roderick Paige head a committee to investigate Title IX called: Commission on Opportunity in Athletics. During this committee (whose panel you should check out and you make the decision if it was fair or not) we have two women: Julie Foudy and Donna DeVarona who raise issues during the meetings, but are ignored. They explain that title IX currently does not do enough to create a true equality between the genders and that females suffer. But because they do not have a "unanimous" agreement with their claims (please check out who represented this panel – your gonna die), it is not accepted.

February 26, 2003 at a press conference on Capitol Hill - the Commission on Opportunity in Athletics submitted its final report with recommendations for sweeping and radical changes to Title IX athletics policies from Education Secretary Roderick Paige. In order to get their two cents in, Julie and Donna have to go Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton to have their "Minority" report included as part of the "Majority" report in the official records of the Commission's proceedings for congressional records. There were lots of protestors, a bunch of celebrities: Greena Davis, Holly Hunter (to name the ones I know of) who urged Paige and President Bush not to do this (but to preserve the policies of Title IX).

This was serious stuff. To give an example of what I perceive: It would be like us having to give up a chunk of our IWFFA membership dues from all our female players and giving it to the NFL so they can use it for their sport. The NFL has been around so much longer, has huge numbers of participants, is accepted by society for males to play, gets funding and wants more. And I explain football, because they take away from their other male sports, such as wrestling. And I use NFL to exaggerate, because high school and college football gets more money than the other sports, because it is that much more expensive to operate (but does



Donna Lopiano and Diane Beruldsen

not have to be so so expensive to operate). Meanwhile, we fight for the chance to play, because we know that with our flag football and other sports, we learn skills, become emotionally and physically stronger, become empowered and through sports, we enable females to better compete in the business and political worlds. So, for these benefits, it is important to treat females equal in schools, which includes athletics.

July 11, 2003 – Decision Day

"U.S. District Court Judge Emmet Sullivan dismissed the lawsuit, National Wrestling Coaches Association v. United States Department of Education – This decision confirms that rather than attempting to undermine Title IX athletics policies, the Bush Administration should maintain and more strongly enforce the law. Specifically, the court's decision makes clear that Title IX cannot be blamed for cuts to men's teams because educational institutions make decisions based on multiple unrelated factors" – (right out of save title IX website)

#### Who Fought for Us?

Some of the politicians taking on the fight were: Carolyn McCarthy, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Tom Daschle, Olympia Snowe, Ted Kennedy, Patty Murray and Harry Reid. There probably were more politicians involved, so find out who supports girls and women's sports. 'Save Title IX', Women Sports Foundation were other big fighters, along with over 100 other organizations. And not to forget Julie Foudy and Donna DeVarona who fought hard for female sports and created the minority report.

#### Did we Win?

We all need to be aware, talk about current issues that effect female sports (actually – all issues and not just sports). Maybe we need to write letters, make phone calls to our local politicians, (do you realize how easy it is to call your local politician and voice your opinion? Remember it's the squeaky wheel that gets the oil) talk to one another to increase public awareness with our team mates, friends, etc. and not to be afraid to voice our opinion or to spend the time and energy to fight.

"While the decision made July 11, removes any external rationale (i.e., avoidance of a lawsuit) for the Secretary of Education to take action to alter the Title IX compliance guidelines, Title IX is still at risk. The court's decision does not prevent the Administration from choosing to change Title IX athletics policies "

We would really love to hear your voice. Please write to us.

### *Loose women wanted!*

Individual players are invited to play in all IWFFA tournaments. We offer individual players the opportunity to play in tournaments on the loose team. Some players are experienced, others have never played flag football at all, but the camaraderie, energy, cooperation and commitment cannot be felt anywhere else. There's always magic on the field when loose women come out and play.

### **FORWARD PASS**

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## National News



### IWFFA Annual Membership Fee Lowered

In past years, the IWFFA offered different rate for girls, international players from national players, coaches and officials. Girls and International players paid \$20 compared to \$30 rate for all others. Girls received a lower rate, because they are not working. The difference for international players was medical coverage (if they opted) which gave them coverage only during tournaments in the U.S. National players, coaches and officials would receive the medical benefits (if they opted) during the time they registered until December 31<sup>st</sup> of that year for all their practices, games and tournaments while playing flag football. All this was part of the IWFFA membership dues.

After September 11, 2001, insurance companies have raised their premiums each year at very significant percentages, trying to make up for their tremendous losses. Also, over the years, the IWFFA has had some medical claims take us over the fence, mostly from injuries requiring surgery or extensive after care treatment. We have had a large number of players receive maximum coverage.

Starting January 1, 2004 and ending December 31, 2004, we have decided to separate our annual membership dues from our IWFFA / Accident Medical Plan. This brings down our membership rate to \$20 per player (across the board, for everyone) and does not include medical.

**IWFFA Medical Coverage Plan** – Now separated from regular IWFFA membership dues, players, coaches and officials have the option to obtain this benefit for an additional \$40. Our medical plan is still very much affordable and smart for players who do not have any coverage, to invest in. It is a \$100 deductible plan, with \$15,000 maximum coverage – per injury. Should player have another medical insurance plan, our's acts as a secondary. Coverage is good only in the U.S. (so international teams would only receive this coverage during tournaments in the US).

### Kate Clinton Classic

Another celebrity and name recognition for our second tournament in our circuit of tournaments. Kate Clinton (comedian, actor) gives our newest competition: Kate Clinton Classic - Provincetown, MA flag football tournament much attention. Kate has been performing for over 20 years and received many awards and recognition. Her comedy is sharp, witty and very political. Kelly McGillis (actress), was our first celebrity

name recognition for our largest flag football tournament in Key West, FL (Kelly McGillis Classic International Girls & Women's Flag Football Championship) who has starred in movies: Top Gun, Witness and The Accused.

So what's up with the names? ....

Female identity for our tournaments from well established women who are recognized and respected in their professions. It is support of women for our women and girls and it brings additional press coverage

which helps us to give greater recognition to all our well deserving female athletes. It also shows how gracious these two women are in extending their celebrity status and supporting our cause. Many thanks and deep appreciation.



### Los Angeles / North Carolina Tournaments ?

Maybe. Our Palm Springs, CA tournament struggled to get enough interest in the women's and girls division, so now, we have been asked to consider the Los Angeles area of CA, which just may very well be the location for our California tournaments. North Carolina may also jump into our circuit of National Tournaments. Check our website for updates: [iwffa.com / tournaments 2004](http://iwffa.com/tournaments2004). Or hear from us directly in our monthly (sometimes every other month) IWFFA updates.

### Are you on our "IWFFA Update" Email List?

This is the easiest and fastest way to get current flag football information out to you. Once a month (or every other month) the IWFFA sends email updates informing teams on tournaments, changes, IWFFA rules, sponsorship opportunities, sales on merchandise, special awards and their nominations, discounts on travel, hotels, etc. If you have an email address, and do not receive our iwffa updates, why don't you email us to give us your address? Email: [iwffa@iwffa.com](mailto:iwffa@iwffa.com) and we will put you on our email list, which you may discontinue at any time. This list goes no where else, it stays only in our office for IWFFA information.

## IWFFA Tournament Director – Stephanie Miller



Last year, the IWFFA announced that we were looking for a person willing to travel to IWFFA tournaments to act as director. Eight applications were combed through and one stood out ..... Stephanie Miller, our newest addition to our IWFFA staff.

She has won: All Star Secondary Defense – Highly Competitive Division - Kelly McGillis Classic 2000, All Star Running Back – Recreational Division Kelly McGillis Classic 2001, MVP Offense Dallas 2002- Team Houston Ice House and MVP Offense Kelly McGillis Classic 2003 – Team Houston Inferno. Oh, we forgot to mention Dick Butkas Award for National Sportship during Kelly McGillis Classic 2003. So, she can play.

Steph was born in Arlington Texas, and currently lives in Houston. Her main profession is pre-school teacher and nanny. As a kid, she was always very active, outgoing, always smiling and.... LOUD. As an adult, she has not changed much, which is pretty much one of the reasons why we hired her (good to have a loud voice on the field). Stephanie has been a member of the IWFFA for four of her five years playing flag football. Stephanie not only likes to play but coach as well and her goal is what clinched the job: "I enjoy playing flag football, coaching it, and helping find players who have never played before..The reason I took the Tournament Director position was to help other cities establish flag football to their communities, and continue to help current cities leagues grow..." Welcome aboard Steph!



# Promotional Tour 2003

(go to our website iwffa.com / promotional tour 2003 to see some great photos and read some more on each subject.)

The IWFFA spent 5 months on the road for girls and women's flag football offering clinics for players, officials and promoting the sport. Part of the journey took us through the east coast of USA (Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, North Carolina and Florida. The IWFFA also did promotions in Winnipeg, Canada working to help build a girls junior division and establishing a new league in the area. Traveling by car, over 6,000 miles were spent on our tires while visiting schools, neighborhoods, social groups and clubs. Many thanks to: Destiny Reeves, Kelsey Tillman, Karen Fiorello, Kathy Ecock, Trish Lee, Lisa Wells and Marcia Root for all their hard work in making preparations and helping the sport of flag football grow for girls and women.

### Other International News

From May till mid – August, our efforts were focused on Scandinavia. There, new teams were started as well, in those countries: Norway (Oslo & Stavanger) Sweden (Gothenburg, Malmo and Stockholm) and Denmark (Copenhagen and Hjørring) Our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Oslo, Norway tournament had the most teams ever, which was six teams. And our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Gothenburg, Sweden tournament also had it's most ever... Six. So for the Scandinavians, things are certainly getting bigger (amount of teams) and better (level of skill has also increased very much – remember this sport was just introduced to them over the last few years) The women have a new Scandinavian Pact with one another to support and help each other and the IWFFA has made a commitment to continue it's promotions in Scandinavia for the next 5 years for two months of each year. Many thanks to the group of people who made the trip such a huge success: Lena Johansson, Kiki Alvhult, Mimmi Carlson, Elaine Fronell. – Gothenburg / Pernilla Jigberg, Joanna Holmstedt - Lund / Anika Lund, Camilla Olofsson, Hanna Sondberg, - Malmo Camilla Wirdeus and Anita Löwehr, David Lee, Camilla Hegland, Cecilie Kobberstad, Torill Kirkhus Oslo / Lone Olesen – Hjørring / Jeanette Vestergaard – Copenhagen / Birger Klitgaard – Holstebro / Christina Rasmussen and Ann Kristin Schei – Stavanger / Wenke Breistein – Oslo.

### Sweden

In a follow-up with our last newsletter, we explained the political situation with Sweden, who has since fixed the problem. Our Swedish Women Flag Football teams now fall under Korpen (national club) thanks to Lena Johansson who spearheaded the whole project. Thank you Lena!



### New Tournament in Sweden?

The IWFFA may offer a new tournament in the city of Malmo, which is just over the bridge from Copenhagen, Denmark, during Memorial Weekend. Dates May 29 – 30<sup>th</sup>. Let us know if you are interested.

### Canada

Invites you to their IWFFA / Quebec Canada tournament in August, 2004 and hopes to generate much competition for this event. We had to cancel the tournament this year, due to lack of interest and hope teams outside Canada would consider competing in this beautiful city of Quebec. Dates have not yet been decided because we will wait to hear responses from travel teams interested in participating and are willing to offer this tournament at a convenient time for those teams. If you are the least interested please contact us and show your support for the Canadians.

### Scotland

Those Scottish Iron Beasts will compete again in the U.S. during the Kelly McGillis Classic. Meanwhile in Scotland, they have pumped up their recruitment and brought new players on their team, and working on starting Scotland's first women's flag football league.

### New teams from countries:

Nigeria and Switzerland - are the two teams IWFFA will sponsor during the Kelly McGillis Classic and new countries to our association. Nigeria marks our very first entree from Africa.

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# Girls' Section

**Our youngest reporter:** Kelsey Tillman - 13 years old  
Kelsey has played an active role in the IWFFA community. She was one of the original players for Key West's very first girls flag football team (Kelly McGillis Classic 2000) and since has played for: First State Bank and Kelly's Girls. Kelsey earned the all star award as center during the 2001 tournament. She has since moved from Key West to the Philadelphia area. This is Kelsey's first article and our youngest writer for the Forward Pass Newsletter. When asked to describe herself, Kelsey replied: "I have always pursued my dreams and journalism is one of them".

Here is her first story:

The opinions and stories that you are about to read are not fictitious or made up.

So, please take the thoughts of these individuals into consideration when reading this article. I have personally been involved within the IWFFA community for about two years or so, and have competed in two tournaments. I have to tell you, flag football is one of the most fascinating sports that I have ever played. Just having the experience is wonderful, meeting so many women and girls from all over the world, and learning a kick-butt sport! I unfortunately had to move this past year to a totally different area (from Key West) to the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area. There are no girls flag football teams in my area yet but am trying to start up a team.

I do however, have a few horror stories of my own to share with you. I can remember, that the game was against the West Palm Acreage Gators. To me it didn't really seem like a fair game for us. These girls were at least fifteen or sixteen and we were a small team simply made up of Key West girls. I asked Angela, another player (through an internet interview) what she thought of this game.

Angela remembers: It was the last few minutes of our first or second game, and I was playing Quarter Back. Kelsey was my center snapping the ball to me. I was going to throw the ball to my left receiver when, out of no where I felt a sharp pain in my right pinkie. A girl from the Gators team tried to pull my flag, but it came out as a full fledged tackle, (Angela chuckles). It turns out that my pinkie was hyper-extended and I couldn't play for the rest of the tournament, Well, that's quite a story isn't it? but there is good news out of that. The next year that we played the Gators, we... lost, but it no one got hurt.

Thank you so much for reading this article and listening to Angela's story. Hopefully I will be able to write for this cause again. Over and out.  
Kelsey Tillman.

*NOTE: we understand that the gator girls looked very big, and much older, but age is limited to 8yr - 13 yrs old). Also, we all loved this story, think it*



*was great how fortunate Kelsey felt during her second tournament and will ask our youngest writer to continue to write future articles for the girls section of the Forward Pass.*

## Student gets 100 because of the IWFFA!

The office of the IWFFA frequently hears from young girls who have reports to do for their school projects. We thought it would be interesting for our players to read about one such student.

Dear Ms. Beruldsen,

Thank you very much for the help you gave me on my project. Your email and the website were very helpful. At first I didn't realize that you were the "Diane" who was also the Founder of the league. That's really cool. I think it is great that you did that. Do you still get to play?

I handed my project in last Monday, and I got my grade on Friday. I got a 100!! which is the best grade I could get. My teacher really liked it, too. If you want me to send it to you, I will. I don't think I can email it, because it is too big. It is a DVD+RW format.

Here are the answers to your questions: I am 12 years old. I was born in Boston, and I live in Reading, Massachusetts. I go to school at A. W. Coolidge Middle School, I'm in the 7th grade. There isn't too much for me to play flag football around here, yet. At least, I don't know of any organized leagues. We play flag football in gym class. I like flag football because it is fun and I get to play with my friends. It is great exercise, too. I've liked flag football since I was in third grade, when we started playing it in Gym. I also like to play soccer and basketball, we have leagues outside of school for these sports and I play every weekend. Sometimes I think I would like to be a professional athlete, maybe flag football. That would be really good! I'm not really sure what I want to do yet when I grow up, I think I need to learn more about stuff before I decide. Thank you again for your help.-Ally Stager

*Note: Not only does the IWFFA organize a history for girls and women's flag football, but offer's young girls like Ally to find this information and to dream of being a professional flag football player one day (which may not be so far from our futures)*

## Porter Wilson Award and Nominations 2003

Founder of our sport as we know it today. Porter was a gym teacher in Physical Education and had problems with his male students tackling one another while playing football and playing too rough on school grounds. He observed that one day a boy had his shirt torn by the other team and came up with the idea of creating a flag which could be worn by all the players and grabbed instead of a tackle. Thus, developed was our game of flag football we play today. There have been others to make claim as the Founder of Flag Football, but Porter also went to the drawing board and created such a flag and belt to use to help develop the sport.

Porter Wilson was the inventor of the quality belts and flags we use today and Founder of Flag A Tag company. Over the years, Porter and his wife Madeline spent so much time and money supporting girls and women's flag football in the days when flag football was considered "un-lady like" to play. They were our first sponsors and helped to make our promotional tours effective by supplying us with the belts & flags we needed to conduct our clinics we offered which were all across the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Europe. Porter was constantly thinking of ways to make the sport better through his belt and flag equipment. His final upgrade was his development of the "sonic boom" belt which makes that "popping sound" which assist officials during games and really helps for those runs up the middle. When Porter passed away in year 2000, we wanted to keep his spirit alive by honoring someone each year with the Porter Wilson Award. A person who has done so much for girls and women's flag football. Below are our recipients so far:

**2000 Rodney Johnson** – Of Jacksonville, Florida was our very first recipient of the Porter Wilson Award. Rod was the reason why the IWFFA opened it's doors to girls in 1997. During our San Francisco tournament, he called us up asking if his team of girls could play. After a long conversation which Rod explained he had no place to go for girls competition, the IWFFA decided to create this division and seeked a girls team in Oakland for our very first girls competition in our tournaments. Since, Rod has been able to take his team of girls to: San Francisco, Quebec, Washington DC, and Key West. His work for girls flag football continues.

**2001 Stephanie Vigneault** – Quebec Canada for her work in women's and junior flag football programs in the Quebec region, expanding their competitions to the United States. Stephanie has brought the Canadians for the first time to an IWFFA tournament in year 2000. . Acting as representative for Canada to the IWFFA she has strengthened relations and competition for Canada and our organization and continues to coach and promote girls and women's flag football in the Quebec area.

**2002 Mashonda Gilmore** – 1997 founded Georgia's Lyte N Tyte Lady Warriors flag football team, developing and leading them into many championships as coach and manager. Mashonda facilitated an after school's program in which the team adopted two Atlanta Middle Schools mentoring young girls and introducing them to the sport of flag football. For her guidance and leadership in the Georgia area.

**2003 Recipient has yet to be decided.** We will take nominations until December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you know of anyone (male or female) who has done much for our sport - girls or women's flag football. We encourage you to send in a description of this person to our office, which describes their actions and why you feel they deserve the award. Upon reading all the nominations, we will officially announce the winner of the 4<sup>th</sup> Porter Wilson Award at the Kelly McGillis Classic Awards Presentations, added to our website and honored with special engraved plaque in gratitude for all their efforts and in Honor of Porter Wilson.

## Dick Butkus Award

### 'National Sportsmanship Foundation'

'The USA Sportsmanship Team will be a clearinghouse for sportsmanship resources that will target specific groups involved in the sport of football: players, coaches, parents, teams, leagues, schools and organizations. We will educate and inform all members with practical applications. A comprehensive honors and awards program will recognize those individuals who are living examples of good sportsmanship. Finally, through our non-profit National Sportsmanship Foundation, we will motivate and support our members with scholarships for higher education and grants for improving their league facilities and equipment'

The IWFFA has partnered with the National Sportsmanship Foundation, to highlight and acknowledge players and coaches who demonstrate good "Sportship", character, and who can serve as role models for our sport. For all of our tournaments (starting with the 12th annual Kelly McGillis Classic) , the IWFFA will recognize one player and one coach who demonstrates such qualities, who will be featured on the National Sportsmanship Foundation website, as well as our website under tournament results and special listing for IWFFA/National Sportship Here are our Recipients for year 2003

IWFFA Tournament		NSF Recipients
Kelly McGillis Classic	Player	Angela Keene
Kelly McGillis Classic	Coach	Stephanie Miller
Houston	Player	Mary Jo Bates
Houston	Coach	Mary Jo Bates
Oslo, Norway	Player	Camilla Heglund
Oslo, Norway	Coach	David Lee
Gothenburg, Sweden	Players	Sara Persson
Gothenburg, Sweden	Coach	David Lee
Kate Clinton Classic	Coach	Wendy Moreau
Kate Clinton Classic	Official	Tracy DeCotis
Washington DC	Player	Lori President
Washington DC	Coach	Shawn Millard

### List of IWFFA Tournaments for 2004

13<sup>th</sup> annual Kelly McGillis Classic / Key West, FL. Feb 3 – 9  
(Largest Women's & Girls International Flag Football Championship)

Houston, TX 6<sup>th</sup> annual March 27 – 28

Malmö, Sweden 1<sup>st</sup> annual – (possible) DTBA

North Carolina 1<sup>st</sup> annual – (possible) May 29 – 30 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Oslo, Norway 5<sup>th</sup> annual June 26 – 27

Quebec, Canada 3<sup>rd</sup> annual – August DTBA

Gothenburg, Sweden 4<sup>th</sup> annual – August 28 – 29

Kate Clinton Classic / Provincetown, MA – 2<sup>nd</sup> annual – September 24 – 25

Washington, DC 5<sup>th</sup> annual – October 9 – 10 (Columbus Weekend)

Los Angeles, CA 1<sup>st</sup> annual – (possible) DTBA

Additional Tournaments info will be added. Check our website or call our office more updated information.

#### IWFFA Rule Change for 2004

Starting January 1, 2004, the IWFFA will take out of it's rules the first half 'two minute warning'. Officials will announce that there are two minutes left in the first half, but the clock will continue to run for everything (the clock will not stop for anything) Instead, during the second half 'two minute' warning, the clock will stop for: out of bounds, incomplete passes, chains to re-set, time outs, kick-offs.

## League Development / RIWFFA offers their method

Every league starts out with a bunch of teams who want to play regularly scheduled games. Players just want to play flag football! Some cities start with few teams or lots of teams, but inevitably there is one problem that usually surfaces. That one team who kicks every bodies butt! Maybe that's OK for a season or two, but after so many years, it gets kinda old!

Is there any real benefits for teams who have played in a match with a final score of 42 – 0? I guess the “Killer team” can practice their celebration dances, while the losing team practices how to loose gracefully. But we know this is not all that happens. There are negative effects which develop which are serious to the health of teams and leagues. To lose miserably and have to continue to play on the field until the game is over can be a very lousy feeling, and for the winning team, does it ever reach a point where maybe the game gets boring? Or do those player's ever start to feel bad for the other team? In games like these (like taking candy from a baby)..... there is no competition and isn't that what sports are for?

Other problems within the league that arise out of this situation could be: isolation, bad feelings, animosity, resentment, jealousy and maybe some fights among the teams. If you find one or a few teams in your league who take total control of their games, and do not allow their opposing team any true competition, maybe it is then time to ask the question: What was the purpose of your league's existence?

Leagues should take charge, control and prevent these situations by making clear what the leagues goals are. This is important because the goals of your league give directions to all players and teams. Once on paper, it can be used objectively. This is healthy for the sport, your teams and your league.

The Rhode Island Women's Flag Football Association (RIWFFA) has addressed this situation and uses a drafting outline before their flag football season starts. They hold a clinic where new players are invited, the players skill levels are assessed and the draft system begins with existing veteran teams.

### Some benefits in using this system

- The league has an objective method to share and balance different skill levels between teams
- The “Killer Team” may not be created and avoided by sharing the top players in the league
- Skill Development: By creating more evenly matched teams, skill levels can better be challenged and thus increased.
- Greater competition
- Games are more exciting to watch (from the fan's point of view)
- Less fights, animosity, bad feelings, etc.
- More camaraderie amongst players and team within the league
- Healthier Environment all around
- An invitation to all women to come join the league who have never played before.
- Offering the draft clinic as a player's clinic where at the same time you can teach new players certain skills (as well as invited veteran players to either brush up on their skill levels, or offer their services to train the new athletes. You get many many people involved!

### Some disadvantages in using this system

It takes a lot of time to organize and run

- All teams have to agree to be apart of this system
- On the day of the clinic, maybe a player has a bad day, and their true skill cannot be fairly determined.
- Maybe some players do not play at full level, hoping not to get picked right away
- Is the skill assessment a fair and honest system (not included in this outline)? If you want to measure a players ability to catch footballs..... what is the test you create to determine this? If you are using a quarter back to throw passes, are all of the receivers getting the same quality passes? The skill Level Assessment needs to be as objective as possible when determining human physical abilities is always a difficult task to accomplish.

### Here is RIWFFA's outline

(Maybe your league would like to look at/or think about)

*“I would encourage new and existing leagues to impliment the draft.*

*The draft has been the key to our success, keeping the RI Women's Flag structured and well balanced.”*

*Wendy Moreau - President RIWFFA*

### Draft Order

Picking order is determined by previous year's rankings in reverse order. (If the teams finished as follows: 1. orange, 2. purple, 3. blue, 4 gold. 5. red, the picking order for the following year's draft will be: 1 red, 2. gold 3. blue, 4. purple, 5. orange

### Team Logistics

A team must have 8 returning players to be eligible as a returning team

Each team must designate a draft representative to pick prior to draft day

The maximum number of players for a team is 14  
New teams created...

### Picking Logistics

Teams agree to a 12 person minimum roster

Teams will each have a first round pick

All teams short of the minimum will pick, in draft order, until they have reached minimum, and then gold until all other teams have reached minimum.

Once all teams have reached minimum, each team will pick, in draft order, until the pool is spent.

### Draftees

Draftees must be present at the time of the draft. If a draftee is absent, their name will be automatically put into the *Conditional Draft*

New Draftees have no right of refusal

Returning players, from previous season, who have declared themselves *Free Agents*, and are therefore eligible for the draft, have ONE right of refusal

Some comments from the league's president: Wendy Moreau: “After nine years of our league's existence, almost all of the draft's have created teams who were evenly matched (the only exception were two or three top teams in first two years of the league.” When asked how players like the system: Wendy explained: Veteran players have option and one opportunity to decline a teams pick (of them). This usually works and players are happy with the team that chooses them (or team they end up playing with). Once in awhile there may be mixed feelings, but the league stands hard and firm in that if a player is not happy with final team draft, they can sit out for that year and wait till the following year.

MVP's From IWFFA / 2003 Tournaments (In Alphabetical Order)

Team

At Home in Key West  
 Atlanta Rage  
 Borregos Salvajes Polar Ball de Mexico  
 Chicago Spin  
 DC Loose Women  
 Fairvilla Loose Women  
 Fl Sting Rays  
 Fl. Dirty Minds  
 GA Lyte N Tyte  
 Gothenburg Angels (Goth)  
 Gothenburg Angels (Oslo)  
 Gothenburg Angels, Swe (KW)  
 Houston Arrows  
 Houston Class Act  
 Houston Fire-N-Ice  
 Houston Gold Rush  
 Houston Inferno (KW)  
 Houston Inferno (TX)  
 Houston Intensity  
 Houston Powerhouse (KW)  
 Houston Powerhouse(TX)  
 Houston Side Effect  
 Houston X - Treme  
 Jax Lady Midget Jaguars  
 Kelly's Loose Loose Women  
 Key West Girls & Boys  
 Key West Tidal Wave  
 Malmo Flat Liners (Oslo)  
 Malmö Flat Liners (Goth)  
 Marathon Dolphins  
 Mexico Vaqueros  
 Miami Brew Crew  
 Miami Bullets  
 NC Moser's Mutts (DC)  
 NC Moser's Mutts (KW)  
 Norway Loose / No Fear  
 Oslo City Tigers  
 Oslo Lynx  
 Oslo Panthers (Oslo)  
 Panthers (Goth)  
 Ptown Loose Women  
 Quebec Storm Canada (KW)  
 Quebec Storm (Ptown)  
 Republicans  
 Rhode Island Hurrricanes  
 Rhode Island Thunder  
 Scandinavian Devils  
 Stavanger  
 Tampa Brew Krew  
 Tampa Lethal Weapon (DC)  
 Tampa Lethal Weapon (KW)  
 Tampa Perfect Storm  
 Va Blue Thunder (DC)  
 Va Blue Thunder (KW)  
 Va Last Minute  
 Va Merge  
 Va No Fear  
 Va Playmakers  
 West Palm Acreage Gators

Offensive MVP

Liz Dupree  
 Susan Cackowski  
 Jenyffer Rangel  
 Lisa Tschaen  
 Lori President  
 Cindy De Rocher  
 Anta Marks  
 Julia Wiernik  
 Brenda Cain  
 Mimmi Carlsson  
 Rose-Marie Carlsson  
 Amanda Williams  
 Robin Little  
 Salena Amos  
 Stacy Agee  
 Stacey Segal  
 Stephanie Miller  
 Stephanie Miller  
 Lorinda Thai  
 Susan Shrum  
 Leslie Pierowski  
 Heather O'Neal  
 Tara Grace  
 Foncella Thomas  
 Linda Carrell  
 Alicia Arazola  
 Tanya Coleman  
 Annica Lind  
 Annica Lind  
 Susan Rodamer  
 Cynthia Lopez  
 Sharyn Henderson  
 Sharion Spears  
 Glenda Jensen  
 Cindy Armilia  
 Lotte Nesbakken  
 Wenke Breistein  
 Camilla Wirdeus  
 Therese Gimenez  
 Stine Marie Rom  
 Jennifer Rumpza  
 Carine Bouvier  
 Saadia Ashraf  
 Anna Lewholt  
 Renee Walker  
 Wendy Rambland  
 Anki Schei  
 Ann Kristin Schei  
 Kyla Burd  
 Beatrice Hawthorne  
 Kimberly Britt  
 Angela Meiser  
 Lilah Blackstone  
 Linda Jones  
 Lorna Reid  
 Donna Wilkinson  
 L. Mechelle Jones  
 Lorraine Lynch  
 Ashley Draper

Defensive MVP

Tory Jankowski  
 Tarra Williams  
 Salem Aisha Sagaon  
 Angela Keen  
 Janet Jordan  
 Teri Johnston  
 Scooby Terrel  
 Kim Hack  
 Angela Rowe  
 Anglea Jönsson  
 Marcella Ostberg  
 Kiki Alvhult  
 Jennifer Bloom  
 Heather Robinson  
 Karen Mones  
 Teresa Harris  
 Kelly McNally  
 Twyla Wells  
 Lorinda Thai  
 Rita Bass  
 Darla Shinn  
 Michelle Kemp Jordan  
 Tina Mulligan  
 Curchayanna Tompkins  
 Marielyn Cardenas  
 Makala Stansbury  
 Karen Hornsby  
 Camilla Olofsson  
 Ali Örtégård  
 Susan Rodamer  
 Deyanira Mirelis  
 Diane Godoy  
 Sharion Spears  
 Stacy Gibbs  
 Glenda Jensen  
 Eva Hammer  
 Annika Norlén  
 Randi Haraldstad  
 Lene Olsen  
 Stine Marie Rom  
 Genna Liddick  
 Joanie Kim Bradette  
 Isabelle Auger  
 Zahra Sjölander  
 Wendy Moreau  
 Tiffany Carter  
 Antoinette Weesgaard  
 Ann Kristin Schei  
 Beth Watson  
 Diane Moore  
 Diane Moore  
 Tammy Klinkoski  
 Shannon Wright  
 Renee Holmes  
 Cathy Kushner  
 Nazdar Dizyee  
 Tracy Skalak  
 Sheniqa Smith  
 Nicolette Chiamato

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## List of our Tournament All Stars for year 2003

**Girls 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Kelly McGillis Classic – Key West, Fl / USA Feb 11 - 17****Offensive All Star Team**

QB	Jordon Fritts	West Palm Acreage Gators
Receiver	Nicolette Chimato	West Palm Acreage Gators
Receiver	Shanprealle Williams	Jax Lady Midget Jaguars
Running Back	Alicia Arrazola	KW Boys & Girls Club
Running Back	Fonchelle Thomas	Jax Lady Midget Jaguars
Guard	Jaczuelyn Phiffer	KW Boys & Girls Club
Guard	Machayla Hall/Calhoon	KW Boys & Girls Club
Center	Kristina Bowe	West Palm Acreage Gators

**Defensive All Star Team**

Primary	Danielle Mitchell	At Home in Key West
Primary	Jessica Leatrouwood	KW Boys & Girls Club
Primary	Nina Perdomo	Jax Lady Midget Jaguars
Secondary	Samantha Walker	West Palm Acreage Gators
Secondary	Shatiqua Greene	KW Boys & Girls Club
Secondary	Ashley Draper	West Palm Acreage Gators
Safety	Cori Lassiter	West Palm Acreage Gators
Safety	Liz Dupree	At Home in Key West
Kicker	Shannon Nettles	West Palm Acreage Gators

**Beginners 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Kelly McGillis Classic – Key West, Fl / USA Feb 11 - 17****Offensive All Star Team**

QB	Araceci Martinez	Mexico Vaqueros
Receiver	Amanda Williams	Gothenburg Angels
Receiver	Bethel Ruiz	Mexico Vaqueros
Running Back	Linda Carroll	Kelly's Loose Loose Women
Running Back	Cynthia Lopez	Mexico Vaqueros
Guard	Cindy De Rocher	Fairvilla Loose Women
Guard	Janet Jordan	Kelly's Loose Loose Women
Center	Dana Fields	Fairvilla Loose Women

**Defensive All Star Team**

Primary	Christina "Kiki" Alvhult	Gothenburg Angels
Primary	Mary Angelini	Kelly's Loose Loose Women
Primary	Teri Johnston	Fairvilla Loose Women
Secondary	Dar Castillo	Fairvilla Loose Women
Secondary	Kym Wiggins	Fairvilla Loose Women
Secondary	Deyanira Mireles	Mexico Vaqueros
Safety	Elisheba Martinez	Mexico Vaqueros
Safety	Martina Forman	Gothenburg Angels
Kicker	Deyanira Mireles	Mexico Vaqueros

**Recreation 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Kelly McGillis Classic – Key West, Fl / USA Feb 11 - 17****Offensive All Star Team**

QB	Kimberly D Britt	Tampa Lethal Weapon
Receiver	Tanya Coleman	Key West Tidal Wave
Receiver	Carle Reinoso	Miami Bullets
Running Back	Bea trice Hawthorne	Tampa Lethal Weapon
Running Back	Angela Meiser	Tampa Perfect Storm
Guard	Julie Botteri	Marathon Dolphins
Guard	Sharion Spears	Miami Bullets
Center	Ellen Gallagher	Tampa Perfect Storm

**Defensive All Star Team**

Primary	Lori Tubbs	Tampa Brew Krew
Primary	Jennifer Wioncek	Marathon Dolphins

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Primary	Kelly McNally	Houston Inferno
Secondary	Glenda Jensen	NC Moser's Mutts
Secondary	Vickie Byrd	Miami Bullets
Secondary	Rita Bass	Houston Power House
Safety	Diane Moore	Tampa Lethal Weapon
Safety	Shannon Walsh	Chicago Spin Wrecking
Kicker	Laurie Tyler	

**Competitive 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Kelly McGillis Classic Key West, Fl / USA Feb 11 - 17**

**Offensive All Star Team**

QB	Sharyn Henderson	Miami Brew Crew
Receiver	Josiane Boisvert	Quebec Storm Canada
Receiver	Lorraine Lynch	Va Playmakers
Running Back	Renee Holmes	Va Blue Thunder
Running Back	Suzie Auger	Quebec Storm Canada
Guard	Cindi Brunot	Fl Dirty Minds
Guard	Sharina Western	Va Blue Thunder
Center	Melani Timmins	Fl, Dirty Minds

**Defensive All Star Team**

Primary	Stephanie Nordyke	Fl Dirty Minds
Primary	Theresa McKinney	Miami Brew Crew
Primary	Jenyffer Rangel	Borregos Salvajes Polar Ball de Mexico
Secondary	Annie Ducharme	Quebec Storm Canada
Secondary	Martha Scott	Miami Brew Crew
Secondary	Roena Cox	Va Blue Thunder
Safety	Lilah Blackstone	Va Blue Thunder
Safety	Sheniqua Smith	Va Playmakers
Kicker	Miriam Kenyon	Va Playmakers

**Highly Competitive 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Kelly McGillis Classic Key West, Fl/USA Feb 11 - 17**

**Offensive All Star Team**

QB	Anita Marks	Fl Stingrays
Receiver	L. Mechelle Jones	Va No Fear
Receiver	Angela Rowe	Ga Lyte N Tyte
Running Back	Karen Peden	Houston X-Treme
Running Back	Ruth McDorman	Va No Fear
Guard	SueIsler	Va No Fear
Guard	Melanie Haynie	Va No Fear
Center	Nicole Bowman	VA Badd Girls

**Defensive All Star Team**

Primary	Heather Davis	Va No Fear
Primary	Nikki Williams	VA BADD GIRLS
Primary	Kristin Thompson	Va No Fear
Secondary	Jamie Nicholas	Merge
Secondary	Tina Mulligan	Houston X-Treme
Secondary	Amy Juang	Va. Merge
Safety	Alison Fischer	Va. Merge
Safety	Brenda Cain	Ga Lyte N Tyte
Kicker	Colleen Dunn	Florida Sting rays

**All Stars IWFFA / Houston Tournament – March 29 – 30**

**Offensive All Star Team**

QB	Robin Little	Arrows
Running Back	Stacy Agee	FIRE-N-ICE
Running Back	Salena Amos	CLASS ACT
Receiver	Lorinda Thai	INTENSITY
Receiver	Tina Burgos	ARROWS
Offensive Line	Liz Jackson	ARROWS

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Offensive Line	Shontell Boone - Felton	FIRE-N-ICE
Center	Heather Robinson	CLASS ACT

**Defensive All Star Team**

Primary	Heather Robinson	CLASS ACT
Primary	Jan Benefiel	INFERNO
Primary	Darla Shinn	POWERHOUSE
Secondary	Paula Bennett	FIRE-N-ICE
Secondary	CJ Nueffer	ARROWS
Secondary	Laura Hoppe	ARROWS
Safety	Tiffany Garcia	INFERNO
Safety	Vickie Dennington	GOLDRUSH

**Oslo Norway – 4<sup>th</sup> annual June 28 – 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Offensive All Stars**

Quarterback	Camilla Wirdeus	Oslo Lynx
Running Back	Marcella Ostberg	Gothenburg Angels
Running Back	Camilla Hegland	Oslo Lynx
Receiver	Hedda Rud	Oslo Panthers
Receiver	Lotte Nesbakken	Loose / No Fear
Offensive Line	Sofia Larsson	Gothenburg Angels
Offensive Line	Cathanira Sterner	Loose / No Fear
Center	Lena Johansson	Gothenburg Angels

**Defensive All Stars**

Primary	Gunhild Bottelfsen	Oslo Loose / No Fear
Primary	Eva Hammer	Oslo Loose / No Fear
Primary	Ida Torum	Oslo Panthers
Secondary	Annica Lind	Malmö Flat Liners
Secondary	Lene Olsen	Oslo Panthers
Secondary	Camilla Olofsson	Malmö Flat Liners
Safety	Ann Kristin	Schei Stavanger, Norway
Safety	Pernialla Jigberg	Malmö Flat Liners
Kicker	Lene Olsen	Oslo Panthers

**Gothenburg, Sweden – 3<sup>rd</sup> annual August 30 – 31**

**Offensive All Star Team**

Quarterback	Anki Schei	Scandinavia Devils
Running Back	Ulrika Salegård	Gothenburg Angels
Running Back	Anna Lewholt	Republicans
Receiver	Stine Marie Rom	Panthers
Receiver	Rikke Nielsen	Scandinavian Devils
Offensive Line	Mimmi Leidnert	Republican
Offensive Line	Louise Burenus	Republican
Center	Maria Dale Andersen	Scandinavian Devils

**Defensive All Star Team**

Primary	Maria Dale Andersen	Scandinavian Devils
Primary	Annika Norlén	Oslo City Tigers
Primary	Ida Törum	Panthers
Secondary	Annica Lind	Malmö Flat Liners
Secondary	Stine Marie Rom	Panthers
Secondary	Mimmi Carlsson	Gothenburg Angels
Safety	Lisa Andersson	Republican
Safety	Ulrika Salegard	Gothenburg Angels
Kicker	Camilla Olofsson	Malmö Flat Liners

**Kate Clinton Classic – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual , Provincetown, MA September 27 - 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Offensive All Star Team**

Quarterback	Renee Walker	Rhode Island Hurricanes
Running Back	Josie Dutil	Rhode Island Thunder
Running Back	Amy Stickle	Ptown Loose Women

**Is your league sanctioned by the IWFFA?**



Receiver	Josie Dutil	Rhode Island Thunder
Receiver	Wendy Rambland	Rhode Island Thunder
Offensive Line	Andrenne Malette	Quebec Storm
Offensive Line	Kristin Conti	Rhode Island Thunder
Center	Andrenne Malette	Quebec Storm

**Defensive All Star Team**

Primary	Tiffany Cater	Rhode Island Thunder
Primary	Josiane Boisvert	Quebec Storm
Primary	Beatrice Robinson	Rhode Island Hurricanes
Secondary	Karen Jasinski	Rhode Island Hurricanes
Secondary	Isabelle Auger	Quebec Storm
Secondary	Wendy Rambland	Rhode Island Thunder
Safety	Wendy Moreau	Rhode Island Hurricanes
Safety	Josiane Boisvert	Quebec Storm
Kicker	Josie Dutil	Rhode Island Thunder

Washington, DC – 4<sup>th</sup> annual October 11 - 12

**Offensive All Star Team**

Quarterback	Cindy Armlin	NC Moser's Mutts
Running Back	Lilah Blackstone	VA Blue Thunder
Running Back	Stacy Gibbs	NC Moser's Mutts
Receiver	Dorris Murrell	VA Blue Thunder
Receiver	Diane Moore	Tampa Lethal Weapon
Offensive Line	Shannon Wright	VA Blue Thunder
Offensive Line	Kim Tyler Wilson	DC Loose Women
Center	Kathy Kenneth	NC Moser's Mutts

**Defensive All Star Team**

Primary	Lashonda Winston	VA Blue Thunder
Primary	Shannon Wright	VA Blue Thunder
Primary	Janet Jordan	DC Loose Women
Secondary	Bea Hawthorne	Tampa Lethal Weapon
Secondary	Kris Curti	Tampa Lethal Weapon
Secondary	Lisa Wells	NC Moser's Mutts
Safety	Diana Moore	Tampa Lethal Weapon
Safety	Lilah Blackstone	VA Blue Thunder
Kicker	Paula Mitzenius	Tampa Lethal Weapon



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## Ranking of Teams Nationally and Internationally for 2003

Our ranking system has been modified through the years. The intention is to rank or measure team's skill level in a fair and objective method. This is because sport is competitive and team's naturally have the desire to compare themselves with other teams. Coaches may use this information to assess their own team's skill level and structure trainings around it. For the IWFFA, and the sport, we also rank teams to create a history for women's and girls flag football.

The system we currently use relies totally on our tournaments. The IWFFA would like to also include seasonal league standings, but unless all leagues use one standardize set of rules, this becomes unfair. There are ideas on the board, however, to include sanctioned IWFFA leagues (who uses IWFFA rules), as either: part of our "ranking system" or as a separate system for ranking teams. What do you think?

Teams accrue 2 points for every tournament win, 1 point for each tie, 3 additional points for taking championship in their division and each team receives 1 point for tournament participation. With the start of the Kelly McGillis Classic, Key West tournament, once placed in a division, teams will continue to be ranked in that division for rest of year.

Tournaments are ranked according to level of skill of the teams entered

Differential (Offensive points – Defensive points) Breaks any ties in Total Points

### Final Ranking of Teams 2003

(you may go to our website: [iwffa.com](http://iwffa.com) for each of these tournaments to find actual game scores)

#### Highly Competitive Division

Rank	Team	State	Tournaments	Total Points
1	Fl. Sing Rays	Florida	16 (kw)	16
2	Houston Fire & Ice	Texas	14 (tx)	14
3	Va Merge	Virginia	7 (kw)	7
4	Va Badd Girls	Virginia	5 (kw)	5 (dif + 10)
5	Ga Lyte N Tyte	Georgia	5 (kw)	5 (dif 0)
6	Va No Fear	Virginia	5 (kw)	5 (dif – 25)
7	Houston Extreme	Texas	3 (kw)	3

#### Competitive

Rank	Team	State / Country	Tournaments	Total Points
1	Va Blue Thunder	Virginia	9 (kw) + 5 (dc)	14
2	Miami brew crew	Florida	12 (kw)	12
3	Ri hurricanes	Rhode Island	10 (ptown)	10
4	Houston arrows	Texas	9 (tx) (+71 dif)	9 (dif +71)
5	Quebec storm	Canada	6 (kw) + 3 (ptown)	9 (-26 dif)
6	Ri Thunder	Rhode Island	7 (ptown)	7
7	Fl Dirty minds	Florida	5 (kw)	5 (dif + 24)
8	Houston intensity	Texas	5 (tx)	5 (dif – 23)
9	Va playmakers	Virginia	3 (kw)	3 (dif – 6)
10	Houston Goldrush	Texas	3 (tx)	3 (dif – 19)
11	Houston Class Act	Texas	1 (tx)	1 (dif – 28)
12	Houston Side Effect	Texas	1 (tx)	1 (dif – 69)
13	Ptown loose women	Massachusetts	1 (ptown)	1 (dif – 70)
14	Dc loose women	District of Columbia	1 (dc)	1 (dif – 84)
15	Polar Ball Borregos Salvajes de Mexico	Mexico	(1 kw)	1 (dif – 121)

#### Recreation

Rank	Team	State	Tournaments	Total
1	Tampa lethal weapon	Florida	16 (kw) + 12 (dc)	28
2	Atlanta rage	Georgia	11 (kw)	11
3	Tampa perfect storm	Florida	9 (kw)	9
4	Tampa brew crew	Florida	8 (kw)	8 (dif +15)
5	Houston powerhouse	Texas	3 (kw) + 5 (tx)	8 (dif – 17)
6	Chicago spin	Illinois	6	6 (dif + 12)
7	Houston inferno	Texas	3 (kw) + 3 (tx)	6 (dif – 8)
8	Miami bullets	Florida	5 (kw)	5

9	NC Mosers Mutts	North Carolina	1 (kw) 3 (DC)	4
10	Va last minute	Virginia	3 (kw)	3
11	KW Tidal Wave	Florida	1 (kw)	1 (dif - 7)
12	Marathon dolphins	Florida	1 (kw)	1 (dif - 95)

**Beginner**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>City / Country</b>	<b>Tournaments</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
1	Gothenburg Angels	Sweden	11(kw) + 8(Oslo) + 5 (Gothenburg)	24
2	Norway Loose / No Fear	Norway	11 (Oslo)	11
3	Republicans	Sweden	10 (Gothenburg)	10 (dif +62)
4	Oslo Panthers	Norway	5 (Oslo) + 5 (Gothenburg)	10 (dif +1)
5	Kelly's Loose Loose Women	USA	6 (kw)	6
6	Oslo Lynx	Norway	5 (Oslo)	5 (dif +25)
7	Malmo Flat Liners	Sweden	1 (Oslo) + 4 (Gothenburg)	5 (dif -4)
8	Scandinavian Devils	Denmark/Norway	4 (Gothenburg)	4
9	Mexico Vaqueros	Mexico	2 (kw)	2 (dif -8)
10	Fairvilla Loose Women	USA	2 (kw)	2 (dif - 36)
11	Stavanger	Norway	1 (Oslo)	1 (dif -25)
12	Oslo City Tigers	Norway	1 (Gothenburg)	1 (dif - 106)

**Girls**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Tournaments</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
1	West Palm Acreage Gators	Florida	kw (12)	12
2	Jax Lady Midget Jaguars	Florida	Kw (5)	5
3	At Home in Key West	Florida	Kw ( 3)	3
4	Key West Girls & Boys Club	Florida	Kw (1)	1

**Scandinavian Region – Final Ranking of teams for 2003**

The IWFFA introduced the sport of Flag Football in these countries since 1997 and has continued promotions and trainings (clinics to them mean hospital) each year. With the exception of the Republicans and Oslo Lynx, the IWFFA had started all the Scandinavian teams

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
1	Gothenburg Angels	Sweden	24
2	Norway Loose	Norway	11
3	Republicans	Sweden	10 (dif +62)
4	Oslo Panthers	Norway	10 (dif +1)
5	Oslo Lynx	Norway	5 (dif +25)
6	Malmo Flat Liners	Sweden	5 (dif -4)
7	Scandinavian Devils	Denmark/Norway	4
8	Stavanger	Norway	1 (dif -25)
9	Oslo city Tigers	Norway	1 (dif -106)

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## Letter from the President

You are a member, of the International Women's Flag Football Association (IWFFA) for year 2003.

Our organization that was started by women?? for women?. and is run by women. Besides having FUN, our goal is to offer girls and women the opportunity to participate in flag football, to teach skills on the field so players can take off the field and transfer to other areas of their lives. We call these " life skills". For this reason, we do not exclude any female, regardless of race, color, religion, sexual orientation, financial status or skill level. Basically we open our doors and encourage any female who has a desire to play flag football.

We operate as the Central Office for girls and women's flag football, offering information (and clinics) to those interested in their areas to help to start teams and leagues. We also offer officiating and coaching clinics to leagues to train players so that they can help support their own leagues.

We encourage all skill levels to participate in the sport, as we have broken down divisions during competitions to create a more fair playing field for all teams. We offer any individual the opportunity to play by offering the Loose Women's Team for all our tournaments. We promote the sport thru: national and international television, magazine, newspaper, radio and web coverage. We introduce the sport in countries where it does not exist, sponsor girls, women's and international teams so that they may compete and basically, work in all areas to help the sport grow.

It is not enough to offer competitions, but rather, to address the concerns our sport suffers today as we need to nurture our sport, allow it to grow, develop and mature into the women's game it is. We need to be compassionate for all our players, all our skill levels, and to unite as one. This is what your membership dues has supported during year 2003. I hope you will once again support our efforts for 2004 to help us continue our efforts, for the sake of our sport.

Why don't we offer prize money for our tournaments?

We use to offer prize money in our tournaments: As much as \$2,000. We would give \$1,000 to first place team, \$500 to second, \$300 third and \$200 fourth. But then problems arose:

... Players complained that they did not receive monies, and would ask that each be paid separately.

... Players explained that the money would go to the team?.. but they never saw where it went.

... The type of game it created was very aggressive, physical, underhanded (lot's of cheap shots) and our officials had a tough time keeping up with the penalties.

... The weaker teams, who had no chance of winning the prize money and complained that there were more of them and few of the top teams, and that their team registration money should be spent on them.

... And by the time you figure out what exactly each player would win (prize money that is) it really was not much anyway:

... First place team with a full roster (in those days, rosters were allowed 30 players - not counting coaches = \$ 33.00

for each player / 2nd place team with a full roster = \$16 / 3rd place = \$10 and 4th place = \$5.00. Now we realize we are using the maximum number of players, but most of the top teams would have full rosters, and if they did not, then of course each player would get more money.

So we changed. We saw where we were headed, which was not the direction we wanted to go to. There are plenty of teams out there who are not number one, but who need to play to develop their skills to maybe one day become the number one team. We were alienating those teams, who were the majority and placing emphasis on the tougher teams. We want to develop the sport, not knock out teams on the bottom and so today, we spend this "prize money" , during our largest tournament - Kelly McGillis Classic - on special awards that each player receives: championship hats, special printed shirts, etc. In this way, all the divisions can receive the recognition they deserve and no one division receives special attention or awards. And for all our tournaments, each championship team receives a free team registration (which divided by a full roster (today of 22) = \$11.36 per player).

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