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Team USA Football Coaches Named For NFL Global Junior Championship; Canada & Japan Staff Unveiled

HEAD COACH **Mark Guandolo** has named his Team USA Football coaching staff for the NFL Global Junior Championship XI.

The Chaminade-Madonna Preparatory School coach, who will guide the United States against Canada, France, Japan, Mexico and Panama during the week of Super Bowl XLI, has enlisted the expertise of six high school coaches from both Broward and Miami-Dade Counties.

Guandolo will also be Team USA Football's Offensive Coordinator, while joining him from Broward County are Defensive Coordinator **Marcello Rodriguez** (Chaminade-Madonna), Linebackers coach **Art Taylor** (Head Coach Deerfield Beach), Defensive Ends coach **Dan Marguriet** (Head Coach Coconut Creek), Defensive Tackles coach **Mark James** (Head Coach Boyd Anderson) and Outside Linebackers coach **Alan Jackson** (Head Coach Monarch).

Miami-Dade county will be represented by Defensive Line coach **Steve Smith** (Head Coach Hialeah), Special Teams and Quarterbacks coach **Frank Ponce** (Head Coach Miami High), Running Backs coach **Clark Eakes** (Head Coach Varela), Wide Receivers coach **Tim Harris** (Head Coach Booker T Washington), Defensive Backs coach **Billy Rolle** (Head Coach Killian) and Offensive Line coach **Alex Mirabal** (Offensive Coordinator Columbus). The team's Head Trainer will be **Vinny Scavo** (Coral Gables).

"We will have a wealth of experience on the sidelines and I'm pleased with the staff we have assembled," said Guandolo. "It will be a challenge to put a team together and have them practice and ready to go in a relatively short space of time, but we're looking forward to it."

Coach Guandolo plans to reveal his full 40-man Team USA Football roster on Tuesday, December 19. Graduating seniors from Broward and Miami-Dade counties who posted a minimum 2.5 GPA through their junior year are eligible to represent the United States with a maximum of three players allowed per school.

The NFL Global Junior Championship will be played on Wednesday January 31 and Saturday February 3 between Canada, France, Japan, Mexico, Panama and Team USA Football at Lockhart Stadium, Fort Lauderdale, as part of the Super Bowl XLI festivities.



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Four of the nine Team Canada assistants named by new head coach **Glen Constantin** come from Canadian universities. In his first year since taking over from two-time NFL GJC champion Danny Maciocia, Constantin has selected four offensive coaches, four defensive coaches and one special teams coach.

Justin Éthier, offensive coordinator at Université Laval, takes on that role for Canada and is also responsible for quarterbacks. **Greg Marshall**, head coach at the University of Western Ontario is the offensive line coach; **Stefan Ptaszek**, head coach at McMaster University, is the receivers coach; and **Marco Iadaluca**, offensive coordinator for the St-Léonard Cougars (CJFL), is the running backs coach.

Defensively **Warren Craney**, defensive coordinator at Concordia University, fills the same role with Canada; **Blake Nill**, head coach at the University of Calgary, handles the secondary; **Marc Santerre**, head coach at the Université de Montréal, is the defensive backs coach; and **Randy Fournier**, defensive line coach at the University of Ottawa, fills the same function with Canada. **Pat Tracey**, defensive coordinator at Queen's University, is the special teams coach.

"I am very pleased to have such an experienced staff who have left their mark on Canadian football," said Constantin. "We had more than 50 applications for the positions."

Japan has named former Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Amsterdam Admirals linebacker **Shinzo Yamada** as head coach. Yamada played for the Buccaneers in the 2003 American Bowl in Toyko and in addition to his spell in NFL Europe also played in the Arena League.

As a player Yamada helped lead his college team Kwansai-Gakuin University to the Japanese national title during his sophomore season. He also earned the College All-Star game Most Valuable Player Award while at Kwansai.

Japan recorded a third place finish at the NFL Global Junior Championship X in Michigan, beating Mexico 8-6, having tied with Team USA and beaten Europe's representatives Germany during the group stages.

Tickets for the NFL Global Junior Championship cost \$5 and are available from local schools Cardinal Gibbons, Pine Crest, North Broward Prep, Western High, University High and Chaminade-Madonna Preparatory, with all proceeds benefiting those schools.

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