

UNITED STATES AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

# Executive Board Annual Report 2021





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## Year in Review



The beauty and the tyranny of playing a game with an oblong ball is that you never know how it's gonna bounce. Sometimes, it goes the way you want it to, leading to a magnificent goal or continuing a long thrilling run down the wing to set up a teammate. Other times, however, it bounds away into nothing, causing absolute chaos in the process.

The whole of 2020 seemed like the former, like a Sherrin careening in ways that no one was ready for, leaving us all flummoxed. The experience of that year is much more complex than that analogy, but I think we can all agree that we were hoping for kinder metaphorical physics when this year dawned some 365 days or so ago.

There was no reason not to be optimistic for 2021. Vaccines starting to be rolled out, society was showing that it could be flexible in being as normal as possible during a pandemic, and it looked like we would be able to play footy again.

There was no football played in 2020. But there was a lot of momentum and optimism provided by the push our sport got because of increased exposure. New passion mixed with an itching to get back on the park made the league's 24th full year one of the most anticipated campaigns yet.

Our collective hope was that, much like a perfectly weighted downward push to the turf while at full sprint, we'd bounce back.



And that's exactly what happened. It was a memorable season, full of highlights and promise. This is the year that was 2021:

New interest in the sport helped grow new teams, but there were dormant teams that were stirred to life by all of the new blood flowing through the sport. Such was the case on both sides of Missouri, where the St Louis Blues and Kansas City Power rolled back to life in 2021.

The Blues hadn't appeared on their own at Nationals since 2008, having played as part of the Ohio Valley River Rats combination for more than a decade. Club stalwarts such as former National teamer Dave Zitko teamed with fresh devotees of the game, such as American Ninja Warrior contestant and super cool DJ Jake Bowling, to help bring footy back to the Lou. The Blues were competitive in their matches, made a splash at the sub-regionals, and brought a healthy contingent to Austin for Nationals.

Many miles to the west and up I-70, the Power was back on. KC last appeared at the 2015 Nationals, teaming up with Sacramento's reserves to make it to the D4 Grand Final, falling to San Diego. Then, off the map they went. But no more – Revo alumni Caleb Daugherty and company were able to put together a consistent team that tested their mettle against more established clubs around the upper midwest. The look to sustain themselves into this coming year and beyond.

### **Forging ahead and building on strengths**

With no games in 2020, opportunities abounded for those students of the game among us to learn about the finer parts of the sport. The game needs umpires and coaches, and no one can play forever. No, not even you, Seb Aguiari. Though I know you will try.

This season a continuation of resources to help develop the umpiring and coaching ranks continued. A series of virtual development seminars led to new officials within the Umpires Association ranks. The UA had a stellar year in very difficult circumstances, and that is evidenced by the leadership of new president Laurie Rupe and the board. We'd be remiss not to mention that Laurie, who has several Haydon Kennedy Medals to her name for umpiring Nationals Grand Finals, became the first woman to umpire the USAFL Men's Division 1 Grand Final in October, and the honor was well deserved.

Great minds beget great football, and the USAFL goes into next season with twenty-four AFL accredited coaches, including thirteen new ones. The Coaches Association hosted a number of well attended events, led by Paul Roos, Heath Jamieson, and Matthew Pell. The USAFL has seen a rise in smart, driven local coaches over the past several seasons, and the series hopes to achieve more and more individuals aspiring to assume roles in helming our clubs.

### **Patrons and Paying it Forward**

The USAFL was delighted to welcome the Honorable Arthur Sinodinos, Australian Ambassador to the USA, as patron. We were also honored with the presence of Australian Consul-General Benson Saulo, who came up from Houston for the Nationals and took part in the festivities.



## USAFL Member Clubs

Club	Founded	Club	Founded
Arizona Hawks	1999	Los Angeles Dragons	2010
Arizona Outlaws	2018	Louisville Kings	1996
Atlanta Kookaburras	1998	Little Rock Coyotes	2016
Austin Crows	2002	Maine Cats	2018
Baltimore Dockers	2017	Milwaukee Bombers	1998
Baton Rouge Tigers	2004	Minnesota Freeze	2005
Birmingham Bushrangers	2020	Nashville Kangaroos	1997
Boston Demons	1997	New York Magpies	1998
Chicago Swans	1998	North Carolina Tigers	1997
Cincinnati Dockers	1996	North Star Blue Ox	2017
Centennial Tigers	2019	North Texas Devils	2020
Cleveland Cannons	2014	Oklahoma FC	2017
Columbus ARFC	2008	Orange County Giants	1998
Dallas Magpies	1998	Philadelphia Hawks	1998
DC Eagles	2017	Portland Steelheads	1998
Denver Bulldogs	1998	Rome Redbacks	2018
Des Moines Roosters	2010	RVA Lions	2019
Ft. Lauderdale Fighting Squids	2005	Sacramento Suns	2009
Golden Gate AFL	1998	San Diego Lions	1997
Hawaii Eagles	2019	Savannah Hurricane	2019
Houston Lonestars	2005	Seattle Grizzlies	1998
Indianapolis Giants	2013	St. Louis Blues	1997
Jacksonville Saints	2018	Tampa Bay Tiger Sharks	2019
Kansas City Power	1999	Wasatch War Gulls	2019
Las Vegas Gamblers	2005	Wisconsin Wombats	2017



## Executive Board Members - 2021

• Seb Aguiari, President	• Steve Arnott, Secretary
• Christina Sobral, Eastern Vice President	• Heath Moore, Treasurer
• David Bryant, Central Vice President	• Nana Coleman, Member At Large
• Makenzie Adamo, Western Vice President	

## USAFL Staff

• Doren James, Executive Director	• Brian Barrish, Media Manager
• Kathryn Hogg, Webmaster	• Horacio Gutierrez, Accountant

## USAFL Umpires Association

• Laurie Rupe, President	• Toby Persson, Tournament Director
• Steve Arnott, Vice President	• Jeff Persson, Field Umpire Coach
• Sid Caesar, Treasurer	• William Conway, Member at Large
• Seth McElvaney, Secretary	• Jon Mills, Member at Large

## USAFL Women's Association

• Jessica Taylor, President	• Alexa Roncancio, Vice President
• Lara Musser, East Representative	• Laure Kwoka, West Representative
• Anna Thexton, Central Representative	• Anna Thexton, Member At Large

## USA Revolution Coaching Staff

• Tom Ellis, Head Coach	• Matt Dainauski, Assistant Coach
• Jason Becker, Assistant Coach	• Brad Anderson, Team Manager
• Dan Sarbacker, Assistant Coach	• Steve Budrick, Head Trainer

## USA Freedom Coaching Staff

• Christina Licata, Head Coach	• Lucy Parrington, Assistant Coach, Development
• Martin Coventry, Assistant Coach	• Brandon Snider, Strength & Conditioning Coach
• Kathryn Hogg, Assistant Coach, Talent	• Brianne Theisen, Development Manager



## 2021 Sub Regionals



### A Summer of Footy Love

Aussie Rules football officially returned to the States in May, with the Florida Cup carnival marking the first recorded league matches in fifteen months. More and more teams got involved by June and July, and even from behind a computer screen, one could smell the grass and sunblock through the game reports and pictures trickling in from around the country.

With COVID restrictions and effects still prevalent through the summer, the Regional Championships series were scaled down into the USAFL Summer Series – six tournaments in half-a-dozen cities, played over three weekends. It was a footy lovers' dream, and brought with it valuable game experience for some legs that were still shaking off the long break.


The traveling roadshow saw the New York Magpies men go to Philadelphia and dethrone the hometown Hawks as kings of the East, Golden Gate and Orange County top their western foes in Sacramento, Austin stay unbeatable in Arlington, Nashville bring home their first ever league trophy in a Cincinnati sweep, Minnesota manhandle their competition in Madison, and Atlanta and North Carolina team up to take out proceedings in Savannah. The women's divisions were won by San Francisco, Denver, and the DC Eagles, three teams who would be on a collision course come Nationals weekend.

### Western Regional – Davis, CA

#### Men's Division 1

Division I										
TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	GOALS	PF	PA	%	POINTS	H2H
POOL A										
Golden Gate Roos	3	3	0	0	19	134	66	203	12	0
Los Angeles Dragons	3	2	1	0	18	115	66	174	8	0
Denver Bulldogs	3	1	2	0	15	108	84	128	4	0
San Diego Lions	3	0	3	0	4	34	175	19	0	0




August 07, 2021					
	Golden Gate Roos 4.7.31	10:00am PDT 1 Men's Division I Pool A	Los Angeles Dragons 3.4.22		
Nugget Fields 					
	Denver Bulldogs 7.7.49	10:00am PDT 2 Men's Division I Pool A	San Diego Lions 2.2.14		
Nugget Fields					
	Golden Gate Roos 10.4.64	1:00pm PDT 1 Men's Division I Pool A	San Diego Lions 2.3.15		
Nugget Fields 					
	Denver Bulldogs 4.6.30	1:00pm PDT 2 Men's Division I Pool A	Los Angeles Dragons 5.1.31		
Nugget Fields					
	Denver Bulldogs 4.5.29	3:00pm PDT 1 Men's Division I Pool A	Golden Gate Roos 5.9.39		
Nugget Fields 					
	Los Angeles Dragons 10.2.62	3:00pm PDT 2 Men's Division I Pool A	San Diego Lions 0.5.5		
Nugget Fields					





## WOMEN'S DIVISION


Women's											
TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	GOALS	PF	PA	%	POINTS	H2H	
POOL A											
San Francisco Iron Maidens	1	1	0	0	14	97	17	570	4	0	
Sacramento Lady Suns	1	0	1	0	2	17	97	17	0	0	



Sacramento Lady Suns  
2.5.17

August 07, 2021  
11:00am PDT 1  
Women's D-I Pool A  
Nugget Fields

San Francisco Iron Maidens  
14.13.97







## MEN'S DIVISION 2


Division II											
TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	GOALS	PF	PA	%	POINTS	H2H	
POOL A											
Orange County Giants	3	3	0	0	17	115	60	191	12	0	
Sacramento Suns	3	2	1	0	17	123	46	267	8	0	
Seattle Grizzlies	3	1	2	0	16	105	103	101	4	0	
Arizona Hawks	3	0	3	0	4	31	165	18	0	0	

August 07, 2021					
9:00am PDT 1					
	Sacramento Suns	8.5.53	Men's Division II Pool A	Seattle Grizzlies	2.1.13 
Nugget Fields 					
9:00am PDT 2					
	Orange County Giants	8.6.54	Men's Division II Pool A	Arizona Hawks	1.3.9 
Nugget Fields					
11:00am PDT 2					
	Orange County Giants	5.5.35	Men's Division II Pool A	Seattle Grizzlies	5.3.33 
Nugget Fields					
12:00pm PDT 2					
	Sacramento Suns	7.10.52	Men's Division II Pool A	Arizona Hawks	1.1.7 
Nugget Fields					
2:00pm PDT 1					
	Orange County Giants	4.2.26	Men's Division II Pool A	Sacramento Suns	2.6.18 
Nugget Fields 					
2:00pm PDT 2					
	Arizona Hawks	2.3.15	Men's Division II Pool A	Seattle Grizzlies	9.5.59 
Nugget Fields					



## Central Regional – Cincinnati, OH

Division I											
TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	GOALS	PF	PA	%	POINTS	H2H	
POOL A											
Nashville Kangaroos	2	2	0	0	21	162	0	∞	8	0	
Columbus Cats	2	1	1	0	5	33	106	31	4	0	
Cincinnati Dockers	2	0	2	0	4	25	114	21	0	0	





August 07, 2021						
	Cincinnati Dockers	4.1.25	Men's Division I Pool A	Columbus Cats	5.3.33	
Miami Meadows						
	Columbus Cats	0.0.0	Men's Division I Pool A	Nashville Kangaroos	12.9.81	
Miami Meadows						
	Nashville Kangaroos	9.9.81	Men's Division I Pool A	Cincinnati Dockers	0.0.0	
Miami Meadows						

## Midwest Regional – Madison, WI

### Men's Division 1

Division I											
TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	GOALS	PF	PA	%	POINTS	H2H	
POOL A											
Minnesota Freeze	3	3	0	0	22	144	46	313	12	0	
Denver Bulldogs	3	2	1	0	11	89	59	150	8	0	
Chicago Swans	3	1	2	0	10	71	85	83	4	0	
Saint Louis Blues	3	0	3	0	6	42	156	26	0	0	



August 14, 2021			
	Minnesota Freeze 12.1.73	11:00am CDT 1 Men's Division I Pool A Reindahl Park	Saint Louis Blues 2.1.13 
	Denver Bulldogs 3.6.24	12:00pm CDT 1 Men's Division I Pool A Reindahl Park	Chicago Swans 3.2.20 
	Minnesota Freeze 6.6.42	2:00pm CDT 1 Men's Division I Pool A Reindahl Park	Chicago Swans 1.4.10 
	Denver Bulldogs 5.12.42	2:00pm CDT 2 Men's Division I Pool A Reindahl Park	Saint Louis Blues 1.4.10 
	Minnesota Freeze 4.5.29	3:30pm CDT 1 Men's Division I Pool A Reindahl Park	Denver Bulldogs 3.5.23 
	Chicago Swans 6.5.41	3:30pm CDT 2 Men's Division I Pool A Reindahl Park	Saint Louis Blues 3.1.19 







## WOMEN'S DIVISION

Women's											
TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	GOALS	PF	PA	%	POINTS	H2H	
POOL A											
Denver Lady Bulldogs	2	2	0	0	13	87	45	193	8	0	
Minnesota Freeze Women	2	0	2	0	6	45	87	51	0	0	

August 14, 2021											
11:00am CDT 2											
	Minnesota Freeze Women	Women's D-I	Pool A	Denver Lady Bulldogs							
	3.5.23			7.5.47							
Reindahl Park											
1:00pm CDT 1											
	Minnesota Freeze Women	Women's D-I	Pool A	Denver Lady Bulldogs							
	3.4.22			6.4.40							
Reindahl Park											















## Eastern Regional – Philadelphia, PA

### Men's Division 1


Division I											
TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	GOALS	PF	PA	%	POINTS	H2H	
New York Magpies Men	3	3	0	0	24	158	33	478	12	0	
Philadelphia Hawks	3	2	1	0	11	74	108	68	8	0	
Baltimore Dockers	2	0	2	0	6	39	83	46	0	0	
DC Eagles	2	0	2	0	5	39	86	45	0	0	

August 14, 2021						
10:00am EDT 1						
	DC Eagles	3.6.24	Men's Division I	Philadelphia Hawks	4.5.29	
Lower Perkiomen Valley Park						
11:00am EDT 1						
	New York Magpies Men	6.8.44	Men's Division I	Baltimore Dockers	2.0.12	
Lower Perkiomen Valley Park						
2:00pm EDT 1						
	Philadelphia Hawks	6.3.39	Men's Division I	Baltimore Dockers	4.3.27	
Lower Perkiomen Valley Park						
3:00pm EDT 1						
	New York Magpies Men	9.3.57	Men's Division I	DC Eagles	2.3.15	
Lower Perkiomen Valley Park						
4:30pm EDT 1						
	Philadelphia Hawks	1.0.6	Men's Division I	New York Magpies Men	9.3.57	
Lower Perkiomen Valley Park						



## WOMEN'S DIVISION

Women's											
TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	GOALS	PF	PA	%	POINTS	H2H	
DC Eagles Women	1	1	0	0	13	86	6	1433	4	0	
Philadelphia Lady Hawks	1	0	1	0	1	6	86	6	0	0	



August 14, 2021

12:00pm EDT 1

DC Eagles Women


13.8.86

Philadelphia Lady Hawks

1.0.6

Women's D-I

Lower Perkiomen Valley Park










## South Central Regional – Arlington, TX

### Men's Division 1

Division I											
TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	GOALS	PF	PA	%	POINTS	H2H	
Austin Crows	2	2	0	0	22	158	0	∞	8	0	
Dallas Dingoes	2	2	0	0	13	86	26	330	8	0	
Houston Lonestars	2	0	2	0	2	16	113	14	0	0	
North Texas Devils	2	0	2	0	1	10	131	7	0	0	



August 21, 2021					
9:30am CDT 1					
	Austin Crows	Men's Division I		North Texas Devils	
	12.12.84			0.0.0	
Harold Patterson Park					
9:30am CDT 2					
	Houston Lonestars	Men's Division I		Dallas Dingoes	
	2.4.16			6.3.39	
Harold Patterson Park					
11:15am CDT 1					
	North Texas Devils	Men's Division I		Dallas Dingoes	
	1.4.10			7.5.47	
Harold Patterson Park					
12:30pm CDT 1					
	Austin Crows	Men's Division I		Houston Lonestars	
	10.14.74			0.0.0	
Harold Patterson Park					





## WOMEN'S DIVISION

Women's										
TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	GOALS	PF	PA	%	POINTS	H2H
Houston Lonestars Women	1	1	0	0	6	38	18	211	4	0
Austin Crows Women	1	0	1	0	3	18	38	47	0	0




August 21, 2021				
11:15am CDT 2				
	Houston Lonestars Women		Austin Crows Women	
	6.2.38	Women's D-I	3.0.18	
Harold Patterson Park				



## South East Regional – Savannah, GA

### Men's Division 1

Division I											
TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	GOALS	PF	PA	%	POINTS	H2H	
Atlanta Kookaburras	2	1	1	0	15	104	44	236	4	4	
Jacksonville Saints	2	1	1	0	9	65	76	85	4	4	
Fort Lauderdale Fighting Squids	2	1	1	0	8	55	104	52	4	4	

August 21, 2021					
12:00pm EDT 1					
	Jacksonville Saints	4.6.30	Men's Division I	Fort Lauderdale Fighting Squids	7.4.46
			Daffin Park		
1:30pm EDT 1					
	Atlanta Kookaburras	11.8.74	Men's Division I	Fort Lauderdale Fighting Squids	1.3.9
			Daffin Park		
3:00pm EDT 1					
	Jacksonville Saints	5.5.35	Men's Division I	Atlanta Kookaburras	4.6.30
			Daffin Park		





## 2021 National Championships

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And so it came to pass that, after two long years, there would once again be a Nationals carnival, and a return of the big dance to Austin. The Music Capital of the World welcomed in the best of American Aussie Rules for the fourth time, and the 750+ players who attended gave all and sundry a welcome and memorable weekend.

Nationals are a funny beast. All of the work and preparation that goes into the season manifests itself in three or four games played over two days. Sometimes, an unknown and heretofore unrecognized challenger lifts the cup at the end of Sunday. But sometimes it's an old friend for whom winning never gets old, no matter how difficult the road becomes.



In Men's Division 1, the Austin Crows and Denver Bulldogs were expected to be on a collision course for a 2019 GF rematch, and the Bulldogs were licking their chops after upending a 34-game Crows winning streak just three weeks before. But the funny beast roared its roar. Golden Gate knocked off the Bulldogs in group play, meaning the Crows and Dogs would meet in the semi-final. Austin stiff-armed their way into the final, then made mince-meat out of upstart New York in the big game, cementing their sixth title in eight years, and celebrating at home as if it was their first.

On the women's side, a reduced field still produced the competitive and closely fought tournament we always see from the queens of the oval. San Francisco came in favored to win their fifth straight flag, but four other teams stood in the way. Denver and DC had recruited heavily during the break and came equipped with deep rosters, and two combination outfits came together with talent and drive to upset the apple cart. The Maidens and Bulldogs would be the two left standing come Sunday afternoon, dinged and bruised by the three matches they played on the way. An arm wrestle between the two teams that had claimed every D1 championship since 2010 gave way to another winning performance by the Bay Area gals.

DC's women did their club proud, having finished third in their first year fielding a full side. Their men's team, however, played nearly flawless football over their four games, and bowled over fancied Boston in the D2 men's final, kicking eight straight goals and winning their first title as an independent club. The league's two Hawks teams, Arizona and Philadelphia, used height and skill to outplay Oklahoma to take out men's D3, while Nashville finally erased a 21-year drought at Nationals and lifted their first premiership as winners of D4.

Nationals always gets more and more attention from abroad. And this year it seemed to bring in even more, with AFL.com.au, AFL Women's, and news outlets from both sides of the Pacific keying in on the tournament. Much of it was due to Mason Cox's presence, but in the end, it was our players who took center stage, and brought us all home to enjoy the game we love once again.





## Division I Results

### New York Magpies



	Goals	Behinds	Totals
Final	2	2	14

#### Paul Roos Medal for Best & Fairest

*Bradley Jordan, Golden Gate & Stefan Barr, Austin*

#### Coopers Medal for Most Consistent

*Jake Spiteri, New York*

### Austin Crows



	Goals	Behinds	Totals
Final	10	8	68

#### Geoff Cann Medal for MVP in Final

*Nolan Cox, Austin*

#### Hayden Kennedy Medal for Grand Final

#### Umpiring

*Stephen Arnott, Laurie Ruper & Ross McLaren*



	<b>AUSTIN CROWS</b>	10.8	<b>68</b>
	<b>NEW YORK MAGPIES</b>	2.2	<b>14</b>
<b>MENS DIVISION 1 GRAND FINAL</b>			



## Women's Division I Results

### Denver Bulldogs



	Goals	Behinds	Totals
Final	2	5	17

#### Paul Roos Medal for Best & Fairest

*Katie Klatt, San Francisco*

#### Coopers Medal for Most Consistent

*Kendall Jennings, DC & Hallie Kastanek, Denver*

### San Francisco Iron Maidens



	Goals	Behinds	Totals
Final	5	4	34

#### Geoff Cann Medal for MVP in Final

*Margaret Leone, San Francisco Iron Maidens*

#### Hayden Kennedy Medal for Grand Final Umpiring

*Anthony Hendrie & Ryan Minmier*



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	<b>SAN FRANCISCO IRON MAIDENS</b>	<b>5.4 34</b>
	<b>DENVER BULLDOGS</b>	<b>2.5 17</b>

**WOMENS DIVISION GRAND FINAL**

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## Division II Results

### San Diego Lions



	Goals	Behinds	Totals
Final	1	5	11

**Paul Roos Medal for Best & Fairest**

*Samuel Rowley, DC*

**Coopers Medal for Most Consistent**

*Christian Knebel, Dallas*

### Baltimore Dockers



	Goals	Behinds	Totals
Final	8	0	48

**Geoff Cann Medal for MVP in Final**

*Brodie Murdoch, DC*

**Hayden Kennedy Medal for**

**Grand Final Umpiring**

*Jonathan Mills & Matthew O'Leary*



	<b>D.C. EAGLES</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>48</b>
	<b>BOSTON DEMONS</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>MENS DIVISION 2 GRAND FINAL</b>			



## Division III Results

### Arizona Hawks



	Goals	Behinds	Totals
Final	6	6	42

**Paul Roos Medal for Best & Fairest**

*Declan Stimson, Columbus*

**Coopers Medal for Most Consistent**

*Byron Fisher, Oklahoma*

### Oklahoma FC



	Goals	Behinds	Totals
Final	2	1	13

**Geoff Cann Medal for MVP in Final**

*Chris Gough, Arizona*

**Hayden Kennedy Medal for**

**Grand Final Umpiring**

*Anthony Hendrie & Craig Pearce*



USAFL NATIONALS 2021	USAFL NATIONALS 2021	USAFL NATIONALS 2021	USAFL NATIONALS 2021	USAFL NATIONALS 2021	USAFL NATIONALS 2021	USAFL NATIONALS 2021	USAFL NATIONALS 2021	USAFL NATIONALS 2021	USAFL NATIONALS 2021
ARIZONA HAWKS	ARIZONA	/PHILADELPHIA/RVA	6.6	42	OKLAHOMA FC	OKIES	2.1	13	USAFL NATIONALS 2021
MENS DIVISION 3 GRAND FINAL									



## Division IV Results

### North Carolina/NY/Golden Gate/Atlanta



	Goals	Behinds	Totals
Final	3	4	22

#### Paul Roos Medal for Best & Fairest

*Simon Ansell, Los Angeles*

#### Coopers Medal for Most Consistent

*Tim Dunn, Nashville & Craig Scott, Des Moines & Matthew Anderson, Las Vegas*

### Des Moines/Ohio Valley/North Texas



	Goals	Behinds	Totals
Final	6	4	40

#### Geoff Cann Medal for MVP in Final

*Logan Monday, Nashville*

#### Hayden Kennedy Medal for Grand Final Umpiring

*Steve Arnott & Ross McLaren*



USAFL NATIONALS 2021	USAFL NATIONALS 2021	USAFL NATIONALS 2021	USAFL NATIONALS 2021
NASHVILLE/NTH TEXAS*/LOUISVILLE/CINCY	6.4	40	
NTH CAROLINA/NY*/GG*/ATLANTA	3.4	22	
MENS DIVISION 4 GRAND FINAL			





## Administration Excellence Awards

Each year selected USAFL leaders are recognized for their contributions to the overall development of the league. The awards are named in honor of USAFL Founder and Hall of Fame member, Paul “Plugger” O’Keeffe.

Congratulations to **Sherri Nolan, Houston Lonestars** who was awarded for her role on the Safety Task Force. Sherri played an instrumental role in guiding the league’s health and safety protocols to ensure a safe season, Sub Regionals and Nationals.

Congratulations also go to **Seth Sternberg, DC Eagles** who was awarded and recognized for his leadership and efforts in the continued growth and development of the DC Eagles. The Eagles saw significant growth in 2021 and their men’s team were Division 2 Champions and their women’s team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.





## Financial Management

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The USAFL is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that maintains its books on a cash basis. The primary sources of revenue are from the annual grant provided by the AFL, dues from member clubs, individual player memberships, and several sponsorships in relation to the National Championships. The primary expenses each year are a mix of training, supporting, and educating functions, all in accordance with the League's core programs and mission. Each year at the USAFL Annual General Meeting the Treasurer outlines the financial report of the prior year, and the status of the year at hand at the time.

The organization is the financial record keeper of all the events organized by the League, including the National Championships and training courses. The financial philosophy of the League is for events to be self-funding where possible. Consistent with past years, the League continues to maintain a part-time accountant for enhanced internal controls, compliance, and bookkeeping purposes.

The financial results, as presented, demonstrate the League is in sound financial condition, subject to the continuation of funding by the AFL. To comply with US tax requirements, each year the League submits reviewed financials to an external accounting firm, which provides the USAFL with annual audit and accounting services and assists with federal tax compliance and reporting to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). The following pages present the USAFL's balance sheet as of Dec. 31, 2021 and income statement for the calendar year 2021. At the time of printing, the 2021 tax return is not yet complete, and the figures presented below have not yet been submitted to the IRS.

**Heath Moore**

**Treasurer**

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## 2021 USAFL Balance Sheet

	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
BofA, Missouri	207,925.59
Petty Cash	80.00
TD Ameritrade	28,249.67
USBank - 1813	39.95
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 236,295.21</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 236,295.21</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 236,295.21</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	
Accounts Payable	0.00
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Credit Cards</b>	
Credit Card	6,612.22
<b>Total Credit Cards</b>	<b>\$ 6,612.22</b>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Payroll Liabilities</b>	
Federal Taxes (941/944)	6,086.33
TN Quarterly Taxes	900.00
<b>Total Payroll Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 6,986.33</b>
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 6,986.33</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 13,598.55</b>
<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>	
SBA Loan #6429717910	143,300.00
<b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 143,300.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 156,898.55</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Balance Equity	13,166.47
Retained Earnings	30,350.29
Net Income	35,879.90
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 79,396.66</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 236,295.21</b>



## 2021 USAFL Profit and Loss Statement

	<u>Total</u>
<b>Income</b>	
1050 Capital Donations	83,875.00
1250 Donations	34.32
1260 Foundation	21,158.01
1370 Tournament Player Fees	17,100.00
1375 Membership Dues - Clubs	650.00
1380 Membership Dues - Players	
1380-01 Unknown - Club	100.00
1380-02 Arizona Hawks Football Club	2,025.00
1380-03 Atlanta Kookaburras Inc	775.00
1380-04 Austin Crows	6,625.00
1380-05 Baltimore/Washington Eagles FC	3,075.00
1380-06 Baton Rouge FC	150.00
1380-07 Boston Australian Rules FC	2,300.00
1380-08 Chicago United	1,850.00
1380-09 Cincinnati Australian Football Club	25.00
1380-10 Columbus Jackaroos	2,650.00
1380-11 Dallas Magpies AFC	2,675.00
1380-12 Denver Bulldogs AFC	10,450.00
1380-13 Florida United	200.00
1380-14 Golden Gate Roos	6,275.00
1380-15 Kansas City Power FC	875.00
1380-16 Las Vegas Gamblers	1,575.00
1380-18 Milwaukee Bombers ARFC	150.00
1380-19 Minnesota Freeze	3,050.00
1380-20 Nashville Kangaroos	1,950.00
1380-21 New York Magpies	4,275.00
1380-22 North Carolina Tigers FC	1,300.00
1380-23 OC Bombers	3,800.00
1380-24 Philly Hawks ARFC	1,525.00
1380-25 Phoenix AFC	25.00
1380-26 Portland Power AFC	150.00
1380-27 San Diego Lions FC	3,500.00
1380-28 Seattle Grizzlies	4,150.00
1380-30 St. Louis Blues FC	1,500.00
1380-33 Sacramento	4,415.00



1380-34 Des Moines Roosters		1,725.00
1380-37 Fort Lauderdale Fighting Squids		475.00
1380-38 Houston Lonestars		5,550.00
1380-40 Los Angeles Dragons		4,850.00
1380-44 Indianapolis Giants		600.00
1380-49 Oklahoma City Flyers		2,875.00
1380-50 Tampa Bay ARFC		175.00
1380-51 Wisconsin Wombats		550.00
1380-52 North Star Blue Ox		100.00
1380-54 Hawaii Eagles		25.00
1380-55 Arizona Outlaws		150.00
1380-56 DC Eagles		6,475.00
1380-57 Rome RedBacks		50.00
1380-58 Ohio Valley River Rats		1,225.00
1380-59 Centennial Tigers		900.00
1380-60 RVA Lions		275.00
1380-61 North Texas Devils		3,415.00
1380-62 Jacksonville Saints		550.00
1380-63 Maine Cats		250.00
1380-64 Savannah Hurricane		150.00
1380-65 Wasatch War Gulls		1,000.00
Total 1380 Membership Dues - Players	\$	<b>102,780.00</b>
1400 Sales of Merchandise Clothing		13,156.93
1600 Sales of Merchandise - Other		13,391.56
1700 Sales of Merchandise - Footballs		2,236.62
1800 Sponsorships		27,541.65
1800-01 Sales Beer		13,997.08
1800-10 Eastern Regional		200.00
Total 1800 Sponsorships	\$	<b>41,738.73</b>
Total Income	\$	<b>296,121.17</b>
Cost of Goods Sold		
3750 Costs of Merchandise - Clothing		3,396.00
3750-01 Costs of Merchandise - Clothing Nationals		10,519.62
Total 3750 Costs of Merchandise - Clothing	\$	<b>13,915.62</b>
3800 Costs of Merchandise - Footballs		
3800-01 Costs of Merchandise - Footballs Nationals		2,730.33
Total 3800 Costs of Merchandise - Footballs	\$	<b>2,730.33</b>
3825 Costs of Merchandise - Food and Beverage		17,760.00
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$	<b>34,405.95</b>
Gross Profit	\$	<b>261,715.22</b>



Expenses

3150 Bank Charges - Fees		3,668.15
3250 Board Retreat		2,273.73
3950 Dues & Subscriptions		3,197.89
4350 Travel		69.39
4400 Insurance		5,837.39
4450 Legal & Professional Fees		1,191.25
4650 Office Expenses & Supplies		1,794.23
4660 Web Hosting		1,087.17
4700 Postage & Shipping		454.26
5000 Storage		610.00
5200 Umpires & Officials (Hrs.)		7,260.00
5205 Umpires & Officials Expenses		2,346.37
Total 5200 Umpires & Officials (Hrs.)	\$	9,606.37
5225 Western Regional Tournament		
5225-02 Rent or Lease		1,707.88
5225-03 Awards		903.75
5225-04 Hotel / Meals		2,287.00
5225-05 Supplies		2,213.39
5225-06 Airfare		685.92
5225-08 Athletic Trainers		1,785.19
Total 5225 Western Regional Tournament	\$	9,583.13
5226 Central Regional Tournament		81.84
5226-02 Rent or Lease		453.94
5226-03 Awards		451.87
5226-04 Hotel / Meals		1,426.98
5226-05 Supplies		822.01
5226-06 Airfare		308.96
5226-08 Athletic Trainers		1,785.20
Total 5226 Central Regional Tournament	\$	5,330.80
5227 Eastern Regional Tournament		312.88
5227-02 Rent or Lease		3,187.63
5227-04 Hotel / Meals		1,818.47
5227-05 Supplies		1,246.13
5227-06 Airfare		249.59
5227-08 Athletic Trainers		358.40
Total 5227 Eastern Regional Tournament	\$	7,173.10
5250 Visa Transaction Costs		300.00
5300 Wages & Commissions		22,818.05
5400 Nationals		
5400-01 Airfare		2,461.29



5400-02 Hotel/Meals		14,513.54
5400-03 Rent or Lease		25,645.67
5400-04 Trophies		3,133.72
5400-05 Supplies & Materials		3,175.46
5400-07 Tournament Contractors		10,651.74
5400-08 Office Supplies & Shipping		931.17
5400-09 VIP		1,295.00
5400-10 Fees & Expenses		316.63
5400-11 Tournament Labor		2,500.00
5400-12 Storage		4,697.31
5400-13 Umpires		15,772.79
5400-14 Streaming / Video Production		8,482.53
Total 5400 Nationals	\$	93,331.06
5475 49th Cup		
5475-02 Hotel / Meals		245.79
Total 5475 49 th Cup	\$	245.79
5483 Revolution Expenses		942.00
5486 Umpires Grant		325.00
Board Expense		2,175.12
Payroll Expenses		
Taxes		5,202.00
Wages		67,999.92
Total Payroll Expenses	\$	73,201.92
QuickBooks Payments Fees		166.10
Travel Meals		70.53
Total Expenses	\$	245,452.43
Net Operating Income	\$	16,262.79
Other Income		
Other Income		19,617.11
Total Other Income	\$	19,617.11
Net Other Income	\$	19,617.11
Net Income	\$	35,879.90



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