

Ireland '24 – 19U-HS US Select Team Tour



American Football Worldwide

JB Sports Enterprises, Inc.

Tour Includes:

- All Ireland Overnight Accommodations (7 nights)
- Breakfast & Dinner Daily, Two Lunches
- All In-Country Transportation Between Tour Destinations
- Multiple/Daily Guided Sight-Seeing Tours (English)
- Irish Tour Manager/Driver
- US Football Ops Coordinator
- AFW *ELITE TEAM* Practices
- Travel Apparel for Players
- Game Uniforms & Souvenir USA AFW *ELITE* Jersey
- Outstanding Coaching & Football Development
- **REPRESENT USA vs. IRELAND NATIONAL TEAM**
- Student Medical Insurance
- Flight to DUBLIN from Select Cities if needed or desired

ATHLETE Registration Procedure & Payment Schedule

- ✓ Determine if you **meet the Selection Criteria** listed below. Note that roster positions for the USA-AFW *ELITE TEAM* may close with first-to-deposit a significant consideration.
- ✓ Pricing based if Land Only and then airfare pricing based on group flight cost from particular airport (see below)
- ✓ To register go to **USA-AFW *ELITE TEAM* Ireland Tour '24 and complete registration** with deposit of \$375 which goes toward tour cost (see info below including Cancellation Policies)
- ✓ Choose most likely travel scenario and we will adjust as needed
- ✓ Installment payment dates and approximate amounts are expected to be November 20 (15%), December 11 (20%), January 11 (25%), February 12 (Remaining Balance). Final amount depends on if Land Only or if flight included and location.
- ✓ **Fund-raising streamlined** through website "Contributions" feature. All donated funds go directly to student-athlete's account and toward meeting payment deadlines. Additional fundraising ideas available upon request.

Student-Athlete Selection/Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ If 19 years of age (or younger) on January 1, 2024 a player is eligible for this international game later that spring.
- ✓ Should be a starter for your HS varsity program on O, D or as a specialist or a 1st year college player.
- ✓ Juniors should secure future HS eligibility clearance from their AD
- ✓ Must not have been subject to formal school or team discipline
- ✓ HS coach may be asked to submit a recommendation form/statement verifying the qualifying criteria and commenting on your character to be part of an international tour

Group Flight w/ AFW Staff and Team Member from Boston, NY, Chicago or San Diego

We consistently have enough registrants for group fares out of several airports. Fifteen fliers will be needed from a destination to secure group airfare. Athlete traveling without a family member is advised to fly with AFW and our coach-staff member out of one of these cities but they can meet in Dublin. Should you fly with AFW arranged airfare, from the time you step on the plane and return from Ireland practically every essential cost is taken care of except for 'traveler choice' lunches and tour manager/driver tips. The final cost of the tour package and all inclusions listed above depends on your departure location. Travelers are financially responsible to get to these airports to meet the coach and AFW *ELITE* tour group.

For purposes of registration, sign up from your desired departure airport. As needed later in the fall we can reclassify a registrant to Land Only (see below) finding the most desirable airline pricing possible.

Land Only Tour Option: Travel with Family and Book Your Own Flights from More Convenient City

- Travelers can meet us in Dublin. Generally, we recommend a student-athlete have an adult family member accompany him if going Land Only. It is the traveler's responsibility to meet us at the Dublin airport on our arrival day by a certain time in morning. If arriving later can meet in Dublin or at hotel later the first day.
- Once a Land Only traveler meets the group, they will receive all tour inclusions (except airfare).

Registration Procedure & Parent/Family Member Tour Participation

- All travelers register through the same tour website.
- ***If there is intention for the Student-Athlete to use the registration system's fund-raising feature, and family members are or may travel:***
 - ***create one account for the Student-Athlete*** using the S-As email address ***and a separate account for the family*** using a parent email address. Deposits and payment for both accounts can be made from the same source; OR
 - ***list the Student-Athlete as the Buyer*** and a parent can place their email address in the section immediately below then list other traveling family members as additional 'participants'
- All deposited funds are applied to costs for the tour. All payment dates are the same.
- Note 1 - when players are practicing family members will have some additional free time to explore.
- Note 2 - ***family travelers should be in good health as this tour requires the ability to walk extensively and at times on uneven ground and up multiple stairs.***

Tour Pricing Clarifications*

- **Tour pricing is per person in double occupancy** and based on current airfare, land costs and rate of exchange. Single accommodations may be available, but there is an additional single supplement fee that in Europe and Ireland in particular is very expensive (\$860 for the week).
- Pricing is based on a 1US\$ to 1.07 Euro rate (currently fairly favorable). If the US\$ rises to 1.09 or greater at the date of January 22, 2024 a supplement for the change in exchange rate may be expected.
- Prices are valid until reserved spacing is booked. Afterward we will attempt to book additional travelers at best rates at that time. Updated pricing will be communicated before booking.
- Pricing includes estimated air taxes and fees ***but are subject to change if increased or surcharges are raised greater than 5% above current rates*** (this has not happened in years and is not anticipated).

FUND-RAISING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

Once a player registers and deposits for this trip, they can use the website's [Contribution Page](#) feature to raise funds in a streamlined fashion whereby donations go directly to their account. They can create a personal webpage introducing this special opportunity in which they will ***represent the USA in international competition*** followed by the other information on the website - then politely seek financial donations supporting their participation. Student-athletes can email their webpage link to family members, relatives, supporters in their life (teachers/coaches), high school boosters, members of their church community, professional friends of parents, local businesses that their family frequents, etc. They can also post it to their social media. This is a very effective fundraising tool.

AFW can also provide an 'AFW Ireland Competition Tour Sponsorship Form'. Address and distribute this document to those who would possibly support you or direct them to contact AFW where they can make a contribution to your tour costs.

In addition, local Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs have been known to support these ventures.

All of these opportunities can significantly reduce a student-athlete's tour costs.

***Get excited to represent the USA in international competition - a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!
Put these fund-raising opportunities to work to help make this dream come true!***

Football Equipment/Supplies, Position and Medical Coverage:

- ***AFW will supply practice shorts, practice jersey, game jersey and game pants. Please see your high school coach to secure hard gear (helmet, shoulder pads, hip/leg pads) for the trip and game.*** You will also need a travel bag that can hold your gear and other clothing items. We ask you to supply and bring socks, cleats and a mouthpiece.
- AFW limits its team roster to '2-deep' at each position grouping. Our rosters have run from 28-33 players so everyone plays a great deal in this special international game. We will do all that we can to have you play a position with which you are most familiar. Wherever you play we know you will perform like a football player trained in the USA - Play Quick, Play Decisive, Play Physical & Finish!
- A certified athletic trainer will be on tour with us and attend all practices and the game. In addition, the game will be staffed with a licensed Ireland physician and appropriate emergency medical crew.

Additional Preparation & Potential Expenses

- **Passports** – *If you do not have one, please apply for this document immediately after registration.* Keep a copy of photo of your application form. Every traveler should be in possession of the appropriate documentation by January 1, 2024. A passport is a great investment in one's personal education future. **If you have a passport**, please check to see that it is valid through July 31, 2024.
- **5 'Traveler Choice' Lunches, Souvenirs & Tips** – All meals but five lunches are covered in your tour fee. During daily touring free time is allowed for you to dine and sample local fare that may be of interest to you. You may wish to budget for souvenirs you wish to purchase. Lastly, tipping at group meals is not necessary. However, **tipping for services offered by tour managers** (\$30 for week), your **motor coach driver** (\$20) and **daily guides** (1 Euro) are customary, and travelers must contribute.
- **Additional Baggage Information:** You will be informed of a typical travel 'packing list' and how to bring all that you need with one checked bag (athletic duffle bag for player) and allowable carry-on items which are covered in your flight fees. Going outside this allowance – which is not at all necessary - may cause extra charges that will be incurred at traveler's expense.

Limited Medical Insurance for Players; Travel Insurance is Traveler Option:

- **Student-Athletes:** will have some medical insurance coverage. Information will be provided.
- **Travel Insurance:** Beyond the student-athlete insurance mentioned above, medical insurance for family and 'travel insurance' are NOT a part of the tour price. Family members are advised to research the applicability and procedures for your own personal medical insurance when overseas. Also, based on your individual circumstances and interests you may want to give consideration to purchasing travel insurance with your agent or on-line. AFW can offer guidance, but this decision and purchase is a traveler choice.

Tour Modes of Payment

- Tour payment can be made through the tour website where travelers register. An auto-payment system is in place based on the dates above. Payment by electronic mode will have transaction fees applied.
- Transaction fees can be avoided by mailing payment by check to American Football Worldwide at PMB #201, 4343 16th Street, Moline IL 61265.

NCAA Eligibility: A game of this nature and the tour does not compromise your NCAA or NAIA eligibility. Over three-quarters of our former *AFW ELITE* players (several hundred), have gone on to play college football. Please visit the website (www.americanfootballworldwide.com) or contact AFW for further clarification.

Cancellation Policy & Penalties*:

- First, if a team is not adequately secured and the tour cancels due to this reason ALL funds on account will be returned to registered travelers. The tour will stay 'alive' until at least November 30 with a determination, if not made by then, shortly thereafter. Note AFW has had their *ELITE TEAMS* come together every year we have attempted to organize and field a team.
- Roster positions will be largely determined on a first-to-register basis, but in some instances other factors will be considered.
- When the roster comes together and the tour is confirmed, registration and installment funds on account will be considered non-refundable per the terms below. To fulfill our commitment to all on this USA roster and to the American Football Ireland National Team we need student-athletes to stay with their commitment. Personal/Registrant Cancellation terms are as such:
 - Until the earlier date of November 10, 2023 or tour confirmation, the \$375 deposit will be non-refundable.
 - November 11, 2023 \$500 will become non-refundable due to increasing deposits for land services.
 - Beginning December 10, 2023 all funds on account are non-refundable due to the necessity for roster finalization and non-refundable land services deposits along with airline commitments.
- A registered family member who cancels can attempt to substitute a traveler for a 'replacement fee' (TBD) and if one is secured part of the funds on account may be refunded.
- To qualify for a 'refundable' cancellation, a written/e-mail request must be made in accordance with the terms above to Jim Barnes prior to December 9, 2023 by dated email or postmarked letter.

** If the trip does not occur because of insufficient enrollment (see above), ALL funds will be refunded to payees and donors.*

Contact Info

Jim Barnes, American Football Worldwide; jb@americanfootballworldwide.com; 309-781-7274

