

## Italy '25 - 19U-HS US Select Team Tour



## American Football Worldwide

*JB Sports Enterprises, Inc.*

### Tour Includes:

- All Italy Overnight Accommodations (7 nights)
- Breakfast & Dinner Daily (one exception), Three Lunches
- All In-Country Transportation Between Tour Destinations
- Multiple/Daily Guided Sight-Seeing Tours (English)
- Bi-lingual Tour Manager
- 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. ITALIAN NATIONAL ALL-STAR TEAM**
- Student Medical Insurance
- Flight to Rome and Return from Milan 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.
- ✓ Various Packages - Land Only Option. Air and Land from set departure airports (see below)
- ✓ To register go to [USA-AFW \*ELITE TEAM\* Italy Tour '25](#) website **and complete registration** with deposit of \$375 which goes toward tour cost (see info below including Cancellation Policies)
- ✓ Choose most likely flight scenario. We can adjust to the best flight scenario for travelers through December 1, 2024.
- ✓ Installment payment dates and approximate amounts due are expected to be Nov. 18 (10%), Dec. 2 (15%), January 6 (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, 2025 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### **Land Only - Meet in Rome: Travel from Your Most Convenient City**

- Travelers can meet us in Rome (return from Milan). Though not required, we recommend student-athlete's fly with an adult family member if meeting us in Rome. It is the traveler's responsibility to meet us at the Rome airport the morning of arrival day (March 30, 2025) or at our hotel later the first day.
- Once meeting the group, Land Only travelers receive all land tour inclusions.

### **Fly w/ an AFW Group from NY, Chicago, Dallas or Los Angeles**

We consistently have enough registrants for group fares out of New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. This year we are hopeful to have a group flying from Dallas-Ft Worth. Ten travelers are needed from a destination to secure group airfare. If not, travelers will be able to join tour land only and we will work out best airfare possible. Though not mandatory, athletes traveling without a family member are advised to fly with AFW and our coach-chaperones out of an AFW *ELITE TEAM* group departure city. Should you fly with AFW arranged airfare, from the time you step on the plane and return from Italy practically every essential cost is taken care of except for a few 'traveler choice' meals and tour manager/driver tips. 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-chaperone and AFW *ELITE TEAM* tour group.

For purposes of registration, sign up from your desired departure airport. As needed later in the fall we can reclassify registrants to Land Only helping travelers find the most desirable airline pricing available.

### **Registration Procedure & PARENT/FAMILY MEMBER Tour Participation**

- All travelers register through the tour website.
- ***If family members to the student-athlete are also traveling it is advised that***
  - ***the Student-Athlete register for his own account*** using the S-As best email address
  - ***and there be a separate account for the family*** using a parent email address.
  - Deposits and installment payments for both accounts can be made from the same source
- Note 1 - all deposited funds are applied to final costs for the tour. All payment dates are the same.
- Note 2 - when players are practicing family members will have some additional free time to explore Italy.
- Note 3 - ***family travelers should be in good health as this tour requires the ability to walk extensive distances at times on uneven ground and go up multiple stairs or inclines.***

### **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 can be expensive (\$465 for the week).
- Pricing is based on a 1.11US\$ to 1 Euro rate. AFW will absorb two increase points, however, if US\$ rises to 1.13 or greater as of January 31, 2025 a supplement for the change in exchange rate may be required.
- 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.*** From 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 fundraising webpage link to family members, relatives, supporters in their life (teachers/coaches), past employers, 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 Italy 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 phone or mail in 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 cost.

***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 a personalized game jersey, game pants, practice shorts and jersey. Please see your high school coach to secure hard gear (helmet, shoulder pads, hip/leg pads) for the trip and game.*** This is best as you know what properly fits in regard to hard protective equipment. You will also need a travel bag that can hold your gear and other clothing items. We ask you to supply and bring cleats, a mouthpiece and socks.
- ***AFW limits its team roster to '2-deep' at each position grouping.*** Our rosters have run from 28-35 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 Italian 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.* Take and keep a photo of the passport application you submit. Every traveler should strive to be in possession of the appropriate documentation as soon as possible. A passport is a great investment in one's education and future. *If you have a passport*, please check to see that it is valid through July 7, 2025.
- **4 'Free-Time' Lunches, one Dinner, Souvenirs & Tips** – All but four 'traveler choice' lunches and one dinner are covered in your tour fee. During touring on a couple of occasions free time is allowed for you to dine and sample local fare that may be of interest to you. In addition, your second evening in Rome allows time for you and teammates or family to enjoy the bountiful variety of restaurants and pizzerias. 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** (\$20 for week), your **motor coach driver** (\$10) 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 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 consider 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 will be in place based on the dates above. *Payment by electronic mode will have transaction fees applied by the processor (credit card or ACH left on file).*
- Transaction fees can be avoided by mailing payment by check at least one week in advance of due date to American Football Worldwide at PMB #201, 4343 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Moline IL 61265.

**NCAA Eligibility:** A game of this nature and the tour **does not compromise your NCAA or NAIA eligibility.** Nearly or over 80% of our former *AFW ELITE TEAM players* (several hundred), have gone on to play college football. Please visit the website ([www.americanfootballworldwide.com](http://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 December 3 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 of position need 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 Italian Federation of American Football's National 19U All-Star Team we need student-athletes to fulfill their commitment. Personal/Registrant Cancellation terms are as such:
  - Until the earlier date of November 1, 2024 or tour confirmation, the \$375 deposit will be non-refundable.
  - Beginning November 18, 2024, \$550 will become non-refundable due to increasing deposits for air and land services.
  - Beginning December 3, 2024, all funds on account are non-refundable due to the necessity for roster finalization and non-refundable land services deposits along with airline commitments.
- Until March 1, 2025 a registered family member who cancels can substitute a traveler for a 'replacement fee' (TBD) and if one is secured part of the funds on account may be refunded or go toward the new traveler.
- Otherwise 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 November 30, 2024 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**

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