

# BIG BOWL IX

June 5<sup>th</sup> – June 7<sup>th</sup> 2015

Dear flag football teams and sports fans!

The WALLDORF WANDERERS ([www.walldorf-wanderers.com](http://www.walldorf-wanderers.com)) want to invite You and Your teams to Germany's and Europe's biggest flag football tournament.

In June 2007 we held the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of this BIG BOWL which happened to be a great success. Till now we had a maximum of 58 teams from 16 different nations appeared to compete in 3 categories.

The German teams came from 11 different states. This tournament will not only see the finest teams of all Germany, but it will again also get many classy international teams to come to Walldorf (near Frankfurt/Main). Walldorf is 5 min. away from two of the main highways (A5 / A3) and just 12 min. away from Frankfurt International Airport!

The **BIG BOWL IX 2015** will be played over 3 days on the weekend of **June 5<sup>th</sup> / June 7<sup>th</sup>** on the soil of the TGS Walldorf ([www.tgs-walldorf.de](http://www.tgs-walldorf.de)), our home-club. A few games might already take place on Friday evening. We will contact teams, which might be affected directly.

**Final date of registration is MONDAY, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2015!!!**

Due to Hotel reservations and a possible end of registration due to the amount of teams, we recommend confirming your coming as early as possible!

## **NEWS:**

This year we have some changes regarding the registration process.

You can register your team, book our sleeping accommodations (for the whole team or a single player), or order the event shirt on our new designed website.

The link you should use for the mentioned above is:

**[bigbowl.walldorf-wanderers.com](http://bigbowl.walldorf-wanderers.com)**

Due to this technical enhancement we have to raise the starting fee to **75 EUR** per team.

With the new process it is possible for every counterpart to pay the amount without any charges by local banks.

You can pay with your PayPal account, by credit card or you can simply transfer the money like the years before.

Included in the starting fee are 12 bottles of water for each team.

By paying the starting fee, all teammates and representatives will receive free entry to players party on Saturday Evening.

Based on the above mentioned we will **NOT ACCEPT** teams which want to pay on tournaments day!!!

We ask you explicitly **only to make reliable announcements!**

We play 5on5 non contact. There will be 2 categories, and games will be played from Friday to Sunday.

The two categories are:

**WOMEN:** eligible are all female players, no matter what the age is

**“SENIOR”:** eligible is everyone

It is possible to play in 2 teams (but not inside the same category!). So women players can also play the senior competition.

In the case of the women the tournament management will take a special regard for those players and their teams, so that the female players WILL be able to play in 2 parallel teams! It is wanted that women from mixed teams (“Open”-competition) come together to compete in “Mixed Women Teams”.

We play by the official IFAF Rules 2013 (Perhaps we have updated Rules till then...).

Playing time will be 24 min. running time, parted in two halves (2 x 12 min.).

Metal cleats are forbidden! Teams which participate in the “OPEN”-category have to use an official size ball. Youth balls are only allowed in the woman competition! “Plop”-Flags are a must.

**Referees:** Due to various complaints about the officials of the flag football federation we decided that the games will be called by referees of participating teams (as done on the first tournament-day each year anyway). The best referees of the first day will call the playoffs & the finals

#### **Accommodation:**

If the registration comes early enough it will be possible to enable teams/players to sleep in the “TGS Walldorf” gym right next to the playing fields in sleeping bags. There is also a small area for tents. For both possibilities it’s “first come, first serve...”! Spending the night **in the gym costs 10€/person/night incl. breakfast**. For stays **in the tent the breakfast costs 5€/person and night**. The stay in the tent is for free. Hotel reservations shall be arranged by yourselves, but if wanted we can send you information regarding very nice hotels in town which have favourable rates.

Showers, bathrooms and dressing-rooms are right beside the playing fields.

During the whole Tournament food and several different cold and hot drinks will be offered to very moderate prices. Meals can be bought for breakfast (8:00-9:00), lunch (12:00-14:00) and in the evening (18:00-...; evening meal on Saturday only).

***Barbecue is forbidden on the fields. It is also prohibited to bring own alcohol to the fields. We will strengthen controls!!!***

On Saturday evening there will be the legendary players party with resident DJ Mo’E.

An Event-T-Shirt (Big Bowl IX 2015) will be for sale at our little shop, but there will be just a very limited amount! You will be able to order your shirt in advance through our new designed webpage.

**IMPORTANT:** Please note that the games will start at 8:00 a.m. both Saturday AND Sunday. We would like to remember you that it is favourable to arrive in Walldorf on Friday night when it comes to planning the overnight stay(s).

With over 45 Bowls in the last 10 years we are the Team with the most hosted tournaments in Germany by far. Each year we participate in more flag football tournaments than any other German team and we also travel to tournaments in foreign countries. For additional information in German or English please feel free to send a mail to [bigbowl@walldorf-wanderers.com](mailto:bigbowl@walldorf-wanderers.com). We will answer each question as exactly as we can and if possible on the very same day.

We hope to see you in June (or earlier),

Walldorf Wanderers

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