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NFL AND USA FOOTBALL SELECT MORE THAN 150 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHES AND YOUTH ADMINISTRATORS TO ATTEND YOUTH FOOTBALL SUMMIT

Player Health and Safety Among Primary Topics At Twelfth Annual Gathering In Canton, Ohio

Fifty-one top high school football coaches, one from each state and Washington, DC, have been selected by the NFL to participate in the eleventh annual NFL-USA Football Youth Football Summit July 20-21 during the lead up to the 2011 Hall of Fame Weekend in Canton.

In addition to these coaches, more than 50 other supporters of youth and high school football, including former NFL players now coaching, will attend the Summit, which is held at Kent State Stark Professional Education & Conference Center. The event is funded by the NFL Youth Football Fund (YFF).

DR. MARGOT PUTUKIAN, Director of Athletic Medicine at Princeton University and member of the NFL Head, Neck & Spine Committee, will address coaches on the importance of concussion treatment and prevention. Earlier this year, Dr. Putukian presented the NFL's new sideline concussion protocol, available to teams for the 2011 season. (Available for download: <http://nflhealthandsafety.com/resources/nfl-player-health-safety-resources/>)

Coaches also will learn about the Lystedt Law, legislation aimed at protecting youth athletes from returning to play after suspected head injuries. The law has already been passed in 26 states. The NFL has been an active advocate in these states and others around the country to make youth sports safer.

Steelers great **MERRIL HOGE** will speak with Summit participants on the vital role coaches play in the lives of young athletes, while former player, NFL Vice President of Player Engagement **TROY VINCENT** will discuss the value of education. Throughout the Summit, they also will hear from former NFL coach **TOM BASS**, former NFL team executive and current NFL.com contributor **GIL BRANDT**, Super Bowl XXXI MVP **DESMOND HOWARD**, and NFL YFF Board Member & USA Football Chairman **CARL PETERSON**.

Leaders in the fields of sports medicine and sports psychology will present on various topics facing youth sports. **DR. LINN GOLDBERG** of Oregon Health & Science University will lead a steroid and supplement education session and discuss the NFL's ATLAS & ATHENA Anti-Steroid Education program. The Gatorade Sports Science Institute will address the important issues of heat and hydration, and participants also will learn about injury prevention in youth sports.

Other topics at the Summit include an NCAA session on eligibility and recruiting, interactive demonstrations by Riddell on proper equipment fitting, an overview of the NFL's High School Player Development program, the importance of a feeder system, helping youth players to achieve their potential and handling coach-player-parent relationships.

USA Football, the sport's national governing body on youth and amateur levels, will lend expertise in a variety of areas for Summit participants. USA Football Executive Director **SCOTT HALLENBECK** will share the non-profit organization's on-going work and accomplishments in leading the game's grassroots development as well as USA Football's concussion education resources. USA Football also will host a National Leadership Forum as part of the Summit to discuss best practices on coaching education and successful youth league operations.

USA Football conducted 38 State Leadership Forums involving hundreds of youth league commissioners throughout the United States this winter and spring. More than 70 delegates from the 38 state forums were selected to take part in the NFL-USA Football Youth Summit to contribute to football's continued innovation and USA Football's educational resources. More than 3.0 million youngsters aged 6-14 play tackle football and more than 1.1 million boys play high school football.

High school football coaches registered for an opportunity to attend the Summit by entering a nomination and essay contest conducted by the NFL and USA Football. Coaches submitted online essays in which they wrote about their coaching careers, commitment to youth and coaching philosophies. A blue-ribbon panel, consisting of local state representatives, reviewed the essays, and coaches were chosen to serve as their state's delegate at the Summit. (See below for complete list of delegates)

About the NFL Youth Football Fund

Established in 1998 by the NFL and the NFL Players Association, the NFL Youth Football Fund seeks to use football as a catalyst to promote positive youth development, support youth and high school football needs nationwide and also ensure the health of grassroots football in future generations. Through the YFF's youth football initiatives and support programs, youngsters are provided with opportunities to learn the game of football, get physically fit and stay involved in productive after-school activities with adult mentors. For more information, visit <http://www.nflyff.org/>.

STATE DELEGATES FOR 2011 NFL YOUTH FOOTBALL COACHING SUMMIT

STATE	NAME	HIGH SCHOOL
Alabama	Drew Noles	Boaz High School
Alaska	Galen Brantley Jr.	Soldotna High School
Arizona	James Carter	Sunrise Mountain High School
Arkansas	Doug Loughridge	Charleston High School
California	Philip Ferrigno	Abraham Lincoln High School
Colorado	Rich Martinez	John F. Kennedy High School
Connecticut	Brian Crudden	Windham High School
Delaware	Bill Collick	Cape Henlopen High School
District of Columbia	Aaron Brady	Gonzaga College High School
Florida	Chris Merritt	Christopher Columbus High School
Georgia	Roger Holmes	Dublin High School
Hawaii	Reggie Torres	Kahuku High School
Idaho	Judd Benedick	Mountain View High School
Illinois	D'Angelo Dereef	Al Raby High School
Indiana	Emil Ekiyor	Arsenal Technical High School
Iowa	Randy Calvert	Interstate 35 School
Kansas	Jeff Gourley	Olathe South High School
Kentucky	Oliver Lucas	DuPont Manual High School
Louisiana	Wayde Keiser	Jesuit High School
Maine	Kevin Cooper	Bonny Eagle High School
Maryland	Elijah Brooks	DeMatha Catholic High School
Massachusetts	Roosevelt Robinson	Madison Park High School
Michigan	Jeff Wood	Bedford High School
Minnesota	Ron Stolski	Brainerd High School
Mississippi	Joe Rocconi	St. Patrick Catholic High School

Missouri	Frederick L. Bouchard	Staley High School
Montana	Dan Lucier	Superior High School
Nebraska	TBD	
Nevada	Art Plunkett	Las Vegas High School
New Hampshire	Ed Kiley	New Hampton School
New Jersey	William Straub	Fort Lee High School
New Mexico	Aaron Ocampo	Manzano High School
New York	Kevin DeParde	East Syracuse Minoa High School
North Carolina	Richard Bailey	Jack Britt High School
North Dakota	Larry Sandy	Velva High School
Ohio	Wade Bartholomew	Huntington High School
Oklahoma	Darrell Hall	Booker T. Washington High School
Oregon	Tony Smith	St. Paul High School
Pennsylvania	Tim Lucci	Coastesville High School
Rhode Island	Generro Ferraro	Burrillville High School
South Carolina	J. Leonard Johnson	Scotts Branch High School
South Dakota	Jason Jund	Dakota Valley High School
Tennessee	John V. Downtin IV	Cordova High School
Texas	Milton Wynn	Langham Creek High School
Utah	J. Ryan Bishop	Davis High School
Vermont	Tom Perry	Colchester High School
Virginia	TBD	
Washington	Juan Cotto	Highline High School
West Virginia	Brad Jett	South Harrison High School
Wisconsin	Ray Baranczyk	Roncalli High School
Wyoming	Wade Sanford	Worland High School

FORMER PLAYERS ATTENDING 2011 NFL YOUTH FOOTBALL COACHING SUMMIT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FORMER NFL TEAM</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL/YOUTH FOOTBALL ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>
Kenny Blair	Philadelphia Eagles	Oklahoma City Northeast Academy	Oklahoma City, Ok
Jeff Dellenbach	Seattle Seahawks, Philadelphia Eagles, Green Bay Packers, New England Patriots, Miami Dolphins	American Heritage School	Weston, FL
James Harrell	Kansas City Chiefs, Detroit Lions	Jesuit High School	Tampa, FL
Kenny King	Baltimore Ravens, Arizona Cardinals	Mesa Kings Youth Football	Chandler, AZ
Damon S. Watts	Indianapolis Colts	Arsenal Technical High School	Indianapolis, IN
Evan Cooper	Atlanta Falcons, Philadelphia Eagles	Champagnat Catholic School	Deerfield Beach, FL
Emil Ekiyor	Oakland Raiders, Atlanta Falcons, Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Arsenal Technical High School	Indianapolis, IN
Dennis Fowlkes	Miami Dolphins, Minnesota Vikings	Columbus East High School	Columbus, OH
Bryan Gilmore	San Francisco 49ers, Miami Dolphins, Arizona Cardinals	Aysa Kings High School	Gilbert, AZ
Mark Keel	Green Bay Packers, Seattle Seahawks	Central Kitsap High School	Bremerton, WA
Geneo Riley	Detroit Lions, Indianapolis Colts	Arsenal Technical High School	Indianapolis, IN

Ricardo McDonald	Denver Broncos, Chicago Bears, Cincinnati Bengals	All Pro Sports Training Academy	Richmond, TX
Todd Johnson	Buffalo Bills, St. Louis Rams, Chicago Bears	Riverview High School	Sarasota, FL
Brian Kinchen	New England Patriots, Carolina Panthers, Baltimore Ravens, Cleveland Browns, Miami Dolphins	Ascension Christian High School	Gonzalez, LA
Lonnie Marts	Jacksonville Jaguars, Tennessee Oilers, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Kansas City Chiefs	Harvest Community School	Jacksonville, FL
John Swain	Miami Dolphins, Pittsburgh Steelers, Minnesota Vikings	Patrick Henry High School	Burnsville, MN
Art Plunkett	New England Patriots, St. Louis Cardinals, Los Angeles Rams	Las Vegas High School	Las Vegas, NV
Brian Rimpf	Baltimore Ravens	Harnett Central High School	Willow Spring, NC
Marcus Wimberly	Philadelphia Eagles, Atlanta Falcons	Memphis East High School	Memphis, TN
Milton Wynn	Baltimore Ravens, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, St. Louis Rams	Langham Creek High School	Houston, TX
Paul Zukauskas	San Francisco 49ers, Cleveland Browns	Lawrence Academy	Quincy, MA

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