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### **The American Flag Football League (AFFL) Announces New Professional Flag Football League**

*The AFFL men's division transitions to a professional football format.*

#### **NEW YORK, NY, (March 25, 2022):**

The American Flag Football League (AFFL) announces the creation of a professional flag football league. Starting in 2023, the men's division will transition to a professional format, where players will be paid and play for teams in select cities. This will provide the flag football world with its first true professional organization.

"Professional sports needs this; flag football players deserve this," said Christopher Harris, Vice President of the AFFL. "In flag football, there is now a direct path from amateur to the pros. Like many other professional sports, players will be paid, and teams will be cemented in various cities across the country.

- Tryouts start in 2022, with competition starting in the spring of 2023
- The 2023 season will include five teams. Cities will be announced in the coming weeks.
- Players will be paid \$1,000 a week for the duration of a ten-week season. Travel and transportation will be paid as well.

The AFFL's 7 on 7 style women's and men's amateur competition will continue to operate with strategic partners in the flag football world. "Our transition to a professional format doesn't mean we will abandon the amateur tournament ranks. In fact, we will engage that level more because it is the heartbeat of flag football." Christopher Harris continues, "When the amateur ranks win, we all win."

**About The American Flag Football League:** The American Flag Football League (AFFL) is the preeminent professional flag football organization in the United States. The AFFL taps into the energy of one of the fastest-growing sports in America. Visit us at [www.affl.com](http://www.affl.com) to learn more.

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