



In sport the **numbers** always make the difference between winning and losing.

The numbers never lie. They are all we need to tell the story of the growth of **American football** in Italy. Just a few years ago **FIDAF** had fourteen teams. Now it has over **a hundred** with about **7,000** members representing every region in Italy and new teams eager to join.

American football is now recognized by the **Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI)** as an Associated Sport Discipline and will soon be a full-fledged National Sport Federation.

The work of the **Italian Federation of American Football** covers all aspects of the game from tackle football, the “real” football, to flag football, which is similar but has no contact between the players during the game.

Every year **FIDAF** organizes and manages the senior men’s and women’s championships and the junior championships for younger players.

Last but not least, the **Italian National Team** is the reigning European Champion!



American football in Italy

Over **100 teams** across Italy
from north to south

Over **7,000 members**





The American Football **leagues** (or national championships) in Italy are the **First** and **Second** Divisions and the Nine-Man Football Championship. The teams playing the main senior tournaments for men in **2022** were as follows:

Division I: 9 teams

Division II: 12 teams

Nine-Man Football Championship : 36 teams

FIDAF GAMEDAY is a national service that enables players, coaches and Italian fans of American football to follow the latest **results** from all games in real time every week.

FIDAF Gameday in numbers

Nearly **10 million** webpage refreshes in three years

Over **200,000 visits** every year

Over **100 countries** worldwide have visited FIDAF Gameday

Over **15,000 visits** every **weekend**

FIDAF GAMEDAY (gameday.fidaf.org) is a **web application** with a graphic interface that can be used just like any other app designed for desktops and mobile devices, such as tablets and smartphones. The service is so quick and easy to consult that it has become an invaluable tool for all the players, coaches and fans of American football in Italy in recent years.

The **Italian Federation of American Football** (fidaf.org) website also has an entire section dedicated to statistics that is constantly updated throughout the season.

Numbers and **statistics** for American football teams and individual players are immensely important not just for those involved in the sport, but also for the fans who devotedly follow every move the players make out on the field.



American football fans can now watch live games from the comfort of their homes on **FIDAF TV** that streams on the **YouTube** platform. This project was set up by the Italian Federation of American Football to ensure better media coverage for the sport.





American football is a fun, spectacular sport both to watch and play. It delivers a level of **emotions**, competition and unpredictability that transforms the show on the field into a real passion that's impossible to resist.

The Italian teams

The **Italian Football League** (IFL) is the main tackle senior tournament in Italy and in 2023 the competing teams will be nine, each of them based in some of the most beautiful cities of the country, rich in history and culture.

- Guelfi Firenze (Florence)
- Lazio Ducks (Rome)
- Rhinos Milano (Milan)
- Dolphins Ancona (Ancona)
- Panthers Parma (Parma)
- Warriors/Vipers (Bologna)
- Mastini Verona (Verona)
- Skorpions Varese (Varese)
- Frogs Legnano (Milan)

IFL Teams can also select foreign players (up to 3 per team), and these are often American. This gives the game an added edge. **The season starts in March.** The teams face each other in a preliminary phase of rounds (regular season), at the end of which the six top finishers go through the playoffs in a single-elimination tournament. The IFL championship bowl is known as the Italian Bowl and in **2023** it will be played in **Toledo, Ohio**, on July 1st, for the very first time in the history of European sport.



ITALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Second Division

LIONS Bergamo
GIAGUARI Torino
PIRATES Savona
DAEMONS Cernusco
AQUILE Ferrara
SAINTS Padova
REAPERS Torino
SENTINELS Isonzo
HOGS Reggio Emilia
REDSKINS Verona



Nine-Man Football Championship

ROOSTERS Romagna
BENGALS Brescia
CAVALIERS Castelfranco
PRETORIANI Roma
EAGLES UNITED Palermo
BLUE STORMS Busto Arsizio
RAMS Milano
LEONI Basiliano
RAIDERS West Coast Toscana
THUNDERS Trento
ACHEI Crotone
DOVES Bologna
HURRICANES Vicenza
GORILLAS Varese
MAD BULLS Barletta
BLITZ Balangero
ELEPHANTS Catania
WOLVERINES Piacenza
TRAPPERS Cecina
GIANTS Bolzano
PREDATORI Golfo del Tigullio
CRUSADERS Cagliari
MULI Trieste
ANGELS Pesaro
LEGIO XIII Roma
BRAVES Bologna
LANCIERI Novara
EAGLES Salerno
HONEY BADGERS Formigine
VENEZIA Football
GUELF NERI Firenze
MEXICANS Pederobba
HAMMERS Monza Brianza
SIRBONS Cagliari
ALFIERI Asti
RAVENS Imola





The Blue Team: The Italian national American football team

On 31 October 2021, in Malmö, the Italian National Team Italian became the **European Champion** for the third time in its history. By beating the Swedish Team 41 to 14, the European Championships trophy finally returned to Italy after 34 years.

The Blue Team is a sport and social miracle. It is a model of inclusion that perfectly encapsulates the modern, multifaceted Italian reality: with a mixture of non-professional coaches and players unified by the love of Football from all walks of life. They range from students, architects, engineers, university professors, managers, entrepreneurs, workers, and the unemployed. They represent every region of Italy but also Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, and the United States; some are ex-pats or second/third-generation Italians with one thing in common: they are all immensely proud of their roots and ready to give everything for "maglia azzurra."

Flag Football

Flag Football has been growing exponentially in Italy and the rest of the world. The Men Italian National Team obtained an outstanding **silver medal** at the **World Games** in Birmingham in July 2022. They were honorably defeated only by the United States. The Women's team was ranked sixth worldwide, confirming its climb to the world stage. Furthermore, **both male and female Italian Junior Teams are European Champions** in the U15 and U17 categories.



ITALIA



**The Italian national
flag football team**





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