

North American Team Competition Proposal
by
Western US Blood Bowl Community

Organizing Team

The Organizing team is a group of dedicated and experienced coaches and tournament organizers representing all regions of the western United States.

Jeff Ridenour, (Zootsuitjeff, Oakland, CA): Jeff first started playing Blood Bowl with second edition back in High School, and only recently became active in the NAF and tournament scene at the start of 2010. Since then he has played regularly in local leagues, and traveled to and attended multiple regional (West Coast Quake, Orcland SBC, Rat City Rumble), national (Chaos Cup, Orctoberfest, Zlurpee Bowl), and international (Spike!, World Cup) tournaments. Additionally he has been supportive of the tournament scene, assisting the organization of several tournaments (Celesticon Rumble, OSBC), signing up and renewing NAF memberships, and creating and administrating the West Coast Grand Prix competition. He also co-captained the US team & won best dressed coach at the 2011 World Cup, as well as organizing the Team USA World Cup Team Dice.

Shawn Banskon, (Sierrakilobravo, Oakland, CA): Shawn first found Blood Bowl in the late 80s during middle school, played it a bit, then ignored the game altogether until 2002. Since that time, he has been involved in the Oakland Blood Bowl League. He participated in league Blood Bowl exclusively until 2010, at which point he discovered that tournament Blood Bowl allows him to better satisfy his Blood Bowl fix while juggling the rest of life. In October 2010 and November 2011, he organized and administered the Oakland Slaughter & Block Challenge, the San Francisco Bay Area's largest Blood Bowl tournament. He is 36 years old, married, and the father of a 4 year old Dodge/Thick Skull/Leap son.

Michael Green, (fe2mike, Spokane, WA): Started playing with the release of Second Edition. Have been playing mostly league play, but has participated in multiple NAF events that include The Three Kingdoms Challenge II, GenCon Bowl 04 & 06, Spike! 2011 and Chaos Cup 2011. Mike managed a comic and game shop for 5+ years and during that time ran, judged and organized hundreds of events (3-5 a week) including everything from Magic the Gathering, Hero Clix, to Warhammer Fantasy and 40k.

Brian Tew, (grither, Utah): Avid Blood Bowl and Tournament Organizer who has traveled to multiple regional tournaments, including West Coast Quake, Chaos Cup, Avatar Open, etc. Organizer of Rocky Mountain Rampage in Utah in May '12.

Dennis Bolin, (daloonieshaman, Pasadena, CA): Blood Bowl Event Organizer for 6 years, commissioner of FABBL 2000-2009, principal organizer of West Coast Quake, organized 4 events, worked on 5 NAF 2-day events and 4 1-day events with two more scheduled this year. Sponsored & given prize support to dozens of other tournaments. Organized the development of many high quality event materials. NAF Registration event coordinator since 2009. Commissioned play test data for LRB 6. Dennis' interest is to promote Events around North America, (and the world) to find not only new players but to bring those players out of the wood work who either "Have a Blood Bowl Team somewhere" or "I used to play Blood Bowl." Come to the Quake, go to Zlurpee, go to any one day event doesn't matter as long as we grow by bringing in old and new members.

Doug Saunders, (daht, Las Vegas, NV): Doug has been playing blood bowl since first edition. Ran a league from 1994-1999 and kind of dropped out for a decade. He has been active in the southwest BB community since 2009. Planning on regular bi-annual events in Vegas. First Vegas Inferno tourney coming late summer 2012. Organizer of the Avatar Open in December 2011.

Date: April 2013. We are proposing the third or fourth weekend in April. This is not a peak period for accommodations, and the weather in Las Vegas should be ideal. It does not conflict with any other major blood bowl events, and should be after both spring break & Easter.

Location: Las Vegas, NV

Las Vegas is an internationally renowned major resort city for gambling, shopping, and fine dining. The city bills itself as The Entertainment Capital of the World, and is famous for its casino resorts and associated entertainment. A wide range of theatrical and cultural events are available for coaches in off hours and for family members accompanying the players. A large number of direct & connecting flights are available from major cities to Las Vegas, including many late flights on Sunday evening after the tournament concludes. Check your favorite airline for discounts and special pricing.

Cost & Travel Time (using example of 4/12/12-4/15/12 on Expedia.com)		
City	Flight Time (one way in hours)	Price (US\$ Round Trip)
New York (JFK)	6	400
Los Angeles (LAX)	1	150
Chicago (ORD)	4	325
Dallas (DFW)	5	325
Miami (MIA)	5	500
Toronto (YVZ)	7	600
Montreal (YUL)	7.5	600
Vancouver (YVR)	5	450
London (LHR)	15	1100
Sydney (SYD)	25	2000
Paris (CDG)	16	1000
Berlin (TXL)	21	1100
Rome (FCO)	19	1000
Madrid (MAD)	20	1300

Venue

We are basing details of our bid on quotes from Alexis Park, the same venue used for the 2012 West Coast Quake. Before final decisions are made we will obtain quotes and explore multiple possible locations. To obtain the best value for the tournament attendees, focusing on resorts within walking distance, but not on the Las Vegas Strip. “The Alexis Park All Suite Resort is the premiere all-suite, non-gaming resort in Las Vegas.” It is within walking distance of the Strip, across the street from the Hard Rock Hotel, and just a few blocks from the Las Vegas airport.

Accommodations

Each team ticket will include one room for Friday & Saturday nights which can be used for quad occupancy for the four coaches. All of the rooms at Alexis Park are suites with two queen beds, 4 can sleep comfortably, in their own bed including a pull out couch & rollaway bed. If desired a team may reserve additional rooms or night for an additional price, we can also obtain a discounted price for Thursday or Sunday.

Price & Budget

Each team ticket for four coaches will be priced at \$500 and include:

Admission to the tournament for four coaches

A suite with two queen size beds for Friday & Saturday evening

Lunch for Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, either catered on site, or at a nearby restaurant (eg Hard Rock Cafe)

4 Giveaway Packages

Tickets will be purchased online via a mechanism like Kickstarter or IndieGoGo, and will be funded at an early enough stage for giveaway items like figures to be produced ahead of time, likely 6 months before the event. The level of giveaways possible will be based on the number of registrations. Late registrations may be possible, but early registrations will benefit from bonus gifts and/or the best possible pricing. The goal of including the room with the ticket is to make it an all inclusive price and to leverage the room commitment to reduce catering and/or hall costs.

Giveaways

This will include a set of dice as well as counters and/or custom dugouts. The centerpiece will be specially created figures to commemorate the event. For the minimum number of teams this may be a single big guy, but ideally with more attendees this could be an entire team. More attendees and a larger budget should allow for a greater number of greens sculpted. Different heads or limbs could also allow for enough variation to create a full team with a minimum number of sculpts. Current ideas include a Skaven team based on the "Rat Pack."



	48 Attendees, 12 Teams, \$6000 Budget (Minimum)	80 Attendees, 20 Teams, \$10000 Budget	160 Attendees, 40 Teams, \$20000 Budget
Lodging (Quad Occupancy)	1920	3200	6400
Hall Rental	900	900	900
Catering	1500 (2x Lunch)	1200 (1 x Lunch)	3100 (1 x Lunch)
Outside Food	720 (1xLunch)	2400 (2x Lunch)	4800 (2x Lunch)
Printing, Admin	100	160	320
Giveaways	720 (~15 pp)	2000 (25 pp)	4160 (26 pp)
Trophies	140	180	320
Total Costs	6000	10000	20000