

MIDNIGHT SUN BOWL 2026

Team Information Packet

The Midnight Sun Bowl is a summer flag football tournament held in northern Finland, designed around a rare natural experience: competitive games played late into the night while the sun never sets. The event focuses on developing women's and youth girls' flag football in Finland while welcoming international teams interested in a unique Nordic football experience.

DATE & DAILY SCHEDULE

Date: Saturday, July 18, 2026

Time: 15:00 – 01:00

Championship Games: Played at midnight

Event Format: Single-day tournament

All games are played on the same day. Teams should plan to be available for the full event window.

LOCATION & VENUE

City: Oulu, Finland

Venue: Castrén Kenttä

Surface: Outdoor artificial grass

Fields: 3

Due to the northern summer season, daylight is present throughout the entire event. Games will be played late into the evening without darkness.

COMPETITION FORMAT

Game Format: 5v5 Flag Football

Divisions

- **Women**
- **U17 Girls**

Team Capacity

- Women: up to 8 teams
- U17 Girls: up to 4 teams

Guaranteed Games

- Minimum of **4 games per team**

Game Rules

- 15-minute halves
- Running clock
- 1 timeout per team per game
- Rules governed by [AFF Flag Rules](#)

OFFICIATING

- Referees are primarily **tournament-appointed**
- Women's teams may be required to assist with **player referee duties**
- All games will be **live streamed**

REGISTRATION & FEES

Team Entry Fees

- **Women:** 200 € per team
- **U17 Girls:** 175 € per team

Free Agent Registration

- **20 € per player**

Free agents may be placed on teams or combined into new teams depending on numbers.

Payment Policy

- No deposits
- No refunds

Registration is confirmed only after full payment.

PLAYER EXPERIENCE & AMENITIES

- Player-first competition focus
- Water available on-site
- Concessions offering snacks and food
- Alcohol is **not permitted**

MEDIA & COVERAGE

- Full games streamed live on **YouTube**
- Event coverage via AFF Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn
- Photo content released within a few days after the event

SPECTATORS

- Free entry
- No ticketing.

LEGAL & SAFETY

- All participants must complete **digital and physical waivers**
- Media rights granted to AFF

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