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### FOUR CHAMPIONS CROWNED ON FINAL DAY OF THE 2011 FLAG FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2011 Flag Football National Championships (FFNC) concluded its third and final day at the campus of Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The FFNC is an annual event which brings together the best youth flag football players to represent their province on a national level.

This year, in accordance with the growth of flag football and the development of Football Canada's Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) program, the FFNC modified its previous under-15 co-ed division to separate male and female under-16 divisions. The under- 16 (U16) divisions supplement the pre-existing U18 female and male divisions.

Quebec won a pair of gold medals in the female U16 and U18 divisions against P.E.I. and Ontario respectively. Manitoba captured the female U16 bronze medal with a 31-20 win against Saskatchewan.

On the male side of the draw, British Columbia captured gold in the U16 division with a 48-12 win against Alberta while Manitoba won bronze after defeating Saskatchewan 42-32. Host Nova Scotia edged Quebec 16-15 to capture the U18 male gold medal while Manitoba beat British Columbia 27-20 to win bronze.

The 2011 edition of the Flag Football National Championships hosted over 160 athletes representing seven provinces and one territory in Halifax. It also marked the first entry of a team from the Northwest Territories into the event.

Richard MacLean, President of Football Nova Scotia believes, "This weekend's competition will only spur more development and an even more competitive tournament next year and I can't wait to see it."

A member of the Host Organizing Committee added, "This year's event showcased the growth of flag-football across Canada, highlighted by participants' skill and competitive levels."

For and information about the 2011 FFNC, please visit [www.footballcanada.com](http://www.footballcanada.com) under the domestic section.

#### 2011 Flag Football National Championship Awards:

##### Defensive MVPs

U16 Women- Lydia Schurman, Prince Edward Island  
U16 Men- Spencer Mahura, Alberta  
U18 Women- Mariah Wright, Nova Scotia  
U18 Men- Alex Pilon, Quebec

##### Offensive MVPs

U16 Women- Katherine Turbide, Quebec  
U16 Men- Chase Malcolm, British Columbia  
U18 Women- Gabrielle Lecleve, Quebec  
U18 Men- Ian Melanson, Nova Scotia

##### Most Sportsmanlike Team

U16 Male Division: Saskatchewan  
U16 Female Division: Nova Scotia



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