



# LOS ANGELES RAMS AND LOS ANGELES CHARGERS HOST LOS ANGELES GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE OF CHAMPIONS SUPER BOWL

### WHAT:

The Los Angeles Rams and Los Angeles Chargers will host the Los Angeles Girls Flag Football League of Champions Super Bowl, supported by <u>USA Football</u> and <u>Nike</u>, and fueled by <u>Gatorade</u>, to culminate the second season of the girls' flag league. The 14 participating teams will compete in a 7-on-7 single-game elimination tournament.

The event will feature an opening ceremony with welcoming remarks from Rams Coordinator of Social Justice and Football Development NOEL GRIGSBY, Chargers Manager of Football Development ANGELLICA GRAYSON and California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Southern Section Executive Committee President-Elect and Monrovia Unified School District Director of Secondary Educational Services DR. PAULA HART RODAS. In addition, a captain nominated by coaches from each team will be awarded a trophy during the ceremony. To conclude the tournament, the champions and their MVP will be awarded during a trophy presentation at 4:30 p.m. PT. Rams Cheerleaders and mascot Rampage will be in attendance to interact with attendees from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. PT and Little Caesars will be provided to participants.

The Rams and Chargers cosponsor the League of Champions and provide players with uniforms (courtesy of Nike), stipends for coaches, coaching manuals, officials, athletic trainers, as well as equipment and transportation for the seven-week season. The league is made up of 14 teams. Each team has up to 25 players and two coaches. The league features teams from Crenshaw High School, Hamilton High School, Hawthorne High School, Inglewood High School, Junípero Serra High School in Gardena, King Drew High School, Lawndale High School, Long Beach Poly High School, Morningside High School, Redondo Union High School, Rise Kohyang High School, Sierra Vista High School, St. Bernard High School and YULA Girls High School. Earlier this season, the Rams and Chargers hosted their second annual jersey unveiling for the League of Champions at SoFi Stadium. The teams were given their jerseys and received USA Football flag kits and Gatorade products.

Last year, the Rams and Chargers partnered to launch the Los Angeles Girls Flag Football League of Champions for eight local high schools. The first season kicked off in January 2022 and the championship match was hosted at the official Super Bowl Experience. Additionally, select League of Champions players participated as Super Bowl LVI coin toss captains.

On Thursday, September 29, the <u>California Interscholastic Federation (CIF)</u>
<u>Southern Section</u> voted to make girls flag football an official sport beginning in the 2023-24 school year. The goal of the Los Angeles Girls Flag Football League of Champions is to create more opportunities for young women to engage in the game of football and eventually sanction the sport of girls high school flag at the state level to open the door for scholarship opportunities and much more. On Friday, February 3, the <u>California Interscholastic Federation (CIF)</u> will decide whether to sanction girls flag football in high schools across California.

The Rams and Chargers believe football is a game that develops transferrable life skills and strong character, promotes health and wellness, enhances opportunities to further education, and broadens perspectives while building a sense of community. The Rams and Chargers view girls flag football as a vehicle to create more pathways for young women in sports.

# WHO:

Dr. Paula Hart Rodas, CIF Southern Section Executive Committee President-Elect and Monrovia Unified School District Director of Secondary Educational Services

Zac Emde, Chargers Director of Football Development

Angellica Grayson, Chargers Manager of Football Development

Johnathan Franklin, Rams Director of Social Justice and Football Development

Noel Grigsby, Rams Coordinator of Social Justice and Football Development

Rams Cheerleaders

Rams mascot Rampage

Los Angeles Girls Flag Football League of Champions teams

## WHEN & WHERE:

Sunday, January 29 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. PT

Redondo Union High School located at 1 Sea Hawk Way, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

(Note: Media are recommended to attend from 10:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. PT.)

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