



## **Information about the foundation of the Swiss American Football Academy (SAFAC) and start of the Coaches Clinics series**

Dear Team Presidents, Teams, SAFV and Football Friends

As it already has been mentioned in the previous Presidents Corner of the President of the Swiss American Football Association, Bernd Lapp, Karl Nussbaumer and I (Dominic Baumgartner) founded the SWISS AMERICAN FOOTBALL ACADEMY or SAFAC for short on 11.04.2019 in Zug, where it is also centrally located.

With the fundamental goal of advancing American Football in Switzerland and offering a uniform platform for a certifiable coach and player education, we have created SAFAC. SAFAC's offer is open to all Football enthusiasts and covers all parts of Switzerland. SAFAC's offer includes the following areas in particular:

- Coaches education in the form of a Coaches Clinics series, as well as further Coaches education series (Coordinator Course, Head Coach Course, Coaches Conventions are under construction);
- Player Camps and Combines
- further subareas.

### First Coaches Clinics Series

SAFAC is currently in a constant state of expansion, although we have already started with a part of our offering, namely a first Coaches Clinic, which is designed as a series. The first event took place last Tuesday in the Waldmannhalle, Sports Inn, in Baar ZG with a pleasing number of participants. Among other things, this served the purpose of receiving initial feedback on the SAFAC offer. We were delighted by the many positive feedbacks and it shows that we follow the right way.

The started Coaches Clinics series takes place **every 2nd Tuesday of every month** in the **Waldmannhalle, Sports Inn, Sonnackerstrasse 3, in Baar ZG, at 19.30 - 21.30** and is open for all interested coaches and those who would like to become coaches. The in advance announced topics are taught, covered and interactively discussed.

*"These Coaches Clinics series offer the optimal opportunity for already experienced coaches to refresh their knowledge and for new coaches to receive the basics correctly from the beginning", as the head of the clinics describes it best.*

The clinics are led by **Bernd Lapp**, who designed one of the best quality coaches' training courses in Europe, namely Germany. Bernd Lapp has more than 11 years of experience as a former employee for the NFL Europe, where he helped well-known German players admitting to colleges in the USA and finally to the NFL. He completes his profile with many years of player and coach experience (various positions) in the German Bundesliga.

**The next Clinic will take place on 11.06.2019.** Everything else concerning registration etc. you will find soon on our homepage ([www.safac.ch](http://www.safac.ch)). We would be happy to welcome your coaches!

## Why a SAFAC?

American Football in Europe is growing and thriving all over the world. Switzerland, also known for excellent sports education and athlete support, should not be left behind in Europe, like our strong neighbours (France, Austria and Germany).

Over the years, the Swiss American Football community has been calling for coaches education, professionalisation and the development of the sport. Topics that we will now address and advance with all Football enthusiasts in this country. The aim is to jointly improve the sport in Switzerland and to create opportunities for coaches and players to be successful in this sport beyond national borders and to be able to complete appropriate training and further education in Switzerland. Under the motto „Nägel mit Köpfen machen“, we are making progress and creating a uniform platform for basic and advanced education in American Football. We are convinced that SAFAC is thus a benefit for Swiss American Football and that we can make a difference together with you.

We would be very happy heading towards a successful future with you!

Sporty regards

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