

# WR/DB MADISON FULFORD #5



**HOMETOWN:** Charlotte, N.C.

**RESIDENCE:** Round Rock, Texas

**AGE:** 30

**HEIGHT:** 5-8

**YEAR ON U.S. NATIONAL TEAM:** 3rd

## REPPING THE FLAG (MULTIPLE WAYS)

In addition to representing the USA as part of the U.S. National Team, Fulford is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, having served as a mental health counselor.



**U.S. AIR FORCE**

Formerly stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, Fulford received her first exposure to flag football through the military. She started playing flag football in January 2022 in an intramural league on an U.S. Air Force base in Virginia where a women's flag coach saw her playing and introduced her to competitive flag football.

## "INSPIRATION TO MY DAUGHTERS"

In February 2024, Fulford, along with U.S. Men's National Team QB Housh Doucette, attended the NFL Pro Bowl practices and game to interact with NFL all-stars and share the nuances of the flag discipline. There were some incredible moments, including a postgame jersey swap with Philadelphia Eagles center Jason Kelce.

Kelce, who has three young daughters inscribed this message to Fulford on the jersey: "To Madison: Keep balling. Best of luck! Thank you for being an inspiration to my daughters!"



## ON TRACK (AND FIELD)

Before becoming an elite flag football player, Fulford was a decorated collegiate track and field athlete at Division II Limestone University in Gaffney, S.C. from 2013-17. At Limestone, Fulford won conference championships in the javelin, indoor high jump and 4x100 relay.

"My background in track helps me immensely with my speed and body control for route running," said Fulford.

Before competing collegiately in track, Fulford was part of her high school basketball and track and field teams in Concord, N.C., where she placed in the top four in the state in hurdles as a sophomore, junior and senior.

## INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

In her international competition debut at the IFAF Americas Continental Flag Football Championship held in her hometown of Charlotte, N.C. in July 2023, Fulford authored one of the best performances in the history of international flag football.

In six games, Fulford recorded 33 receptions for 578 yards and 14 touchdowns, including all four scores in the gold medal game, to lead the U.S. to a first-place finish in front of a sold-out international crowd on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

"Winning gold against Mexico is my greatest flag football achievement," Fulford said. "It was amazing to help bring the USA back to the top in the flag football world."

Fulford's international dominance continued at the 2024 IFAF Flag Football World Championships in Lahti, Finland as she led all U.S. National Team receivers with 48 catches for 709 yards and 20 touchdowns. In Finland, the U.S. went 8-0 and finished the tournament with a 31-18 win against Mexico in the gold medal match.

The victory marked the U.S. National Team's third consecutive world championship. The World Championships featured 32 men's and 23 women's national teams from six continents, making it the largest event in IFAF history.

