



PLAYOFF EMAIL UPDATE – 2020 SEASON

Division 1 Playoffs (Divisions that will be run according to D1 Playoff rules - 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U)

1. D1 playoffs will now NOT be based on a regional process.
2. The objective of D1 playoffs will be to play to the TWO best remaining teams for the State Championships. (Not East vs. West)
3. The 6U division will be run using the D1 playoff rules format detailed here.
4. All D1 teams will be seeded at the end of the regular season and teams will play to a final TWO.
5. In some cases where there may be a small amount of teams competing in D1, that we create a double elimination process to resolve to the best teams.
6. D1 teams should be prepared to travel to whatever field we place their game as the playoffs will not be regionalized.
7. Field placement will NOT be based on a “top seed plays home” process. But rather the YSF will determine the fields based on what works best for the teams and their other teams from their clubs. We will likely have some situations which will be a coin flip, but the YSF decision will be final.
8. There **could be** some teams that the YSF will move from D2 up to D1. Once again these decisions will be final. We put a lot of effort into that decision, and it would have been decided by a process that we have been running for the past 5 weeks, watching teams’ results and play. **IT WILL BE A WASTE OF TIME FOR TEAMS CURRENTLY ON THE CUSP TO SIT STARTERS OR MESS WITH THEIR LINE UPS TO TRY AND AFFECT CHANGED DECISIONS. WE ARE SMARTER THAN THAT! WE ALREADY KNOW YOUR STARTERS. TRYING TO FOOL US WILL LIKELY RESULT IN YOUR BEING MOVED ANYWAY BECAUSE YOU TRIED SOME ‘FUNNY BUSINESS’ DO NOT DO IT. PLAY YOUR GAME AND LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY.**
9. We have a multiple layered tracking system that will help us decide. But our overriding determining factor to moving a team is “can the team make it to the conference championship round and have a chance at winning that game”.

Division 2 Playoffs (Divisions that will be run according to D2 Playoff rules - 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 15U)

1. The YSF will carve away teams that effectively have less than 1 or 2 wins among the D2 division teams and create a D3 playoff bracket (see the “D3 Division playoffs” rules below)
2. 15U division will be run using the D2 playoff rules format detail here.
3. D2 playoffs WILL BE operated as a regional process. (SW, NW, NE,SE) Teams must win out of Round 1 wildcard, then win their regional championship then their conference championship, to get to the State Championship.
4. If there are more than 4 teams in a region, then this may entail teams playing double headers on week 1 wildcard round to resolve to two teams
5. The YSF reserves the final decision on which teams remain in D2. But the likelihood is that we will obviously choose the teams to remain in D2 that have a legitimate chance of advancing.

Division 3 Playoffs (Divisions that will be run according to D3 Playoff rules - 8U, 10U, 12U)

1. For the first time the YSF will provide a playoff bracket for the D3 division
2. We will utilize both the regional and NON regional seeding process to allow teams to limit travel.
3. D3 playoffs will NOT advance to the State Championships
4. D3 teams will ONLY play to the remaining 2 best teams on each coast.
5. Should teams want to play the opposing coast champion, they can arrange that game themselves.

SCHEDULES CHANGES

With immediate effect there will be NO MORE SCHEDULE CHANGES ALLOWED. Any team needing a schedule change will understand that their team will be terminated out of the tournament if they do not show up to their scheduled game. I have to move on to Trophies, playoffs, state championships etc. NO MORE TIME FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES!!!

SCHEDULE REQUESTS

I have all of the schedule requests that teams sent me that were used for the regular season games. If you have additional schedule requests GET THEM TO ME RIGHT NOW!!!!!! If you fail to send those to me, you will be out of luck and forfeit your playoff game.

D1 or D2 or D3?

The YSF reserves the right to make ALL final decisions without appeal on D1 to D2 to D3 movements. If you do not like the decision you can withdraw from the playoffs. I do not have the time to get into massive appeals on our decisions. If you would like to lobby for your case you better do it before we get to week 5.

RELEASE OF THE PLAYOFF BRACKETS

The playoff brackets will be released by Monday 23rd at the latest. While we release a set of graphic brackets for ease of viewing the playoff schedules are posted in League Magic in exactly the same way as the regular season. As you win your playoff game and the score is recorded in League Magic it will build you next scheduled game immediately.

NO REPLAYS OF PLAYOFF GAMES...PERIOD!

The YSF does their very best with training and ongoing reviews to obtain and use well trained referees. They are however human and make mistakes. With this said we NEVER overturn playoff game results. With limited assets to deploy to research a game, we simply do not have the time to overturn AND replay games. We must live with results as they are scored.

MOVING PLAYERS

We do not allow movement of players at all. Any team found playing a player from a team that has been eliminated will risk termination from the playoffs. The entire team will pay the penalty.

PLAYER SUSPENSIONS

The best way to avoid player suspensions in the playoffs is to tell your players not to fight. Our player suspension policies remain in effect in the same way in the playoffs. The discipline for players who run onto the field during a fight is the same as the players that are fighting. STAY ON THE SIDELINES!!!!!!

STANDINGS, SCHEDULES, SCORES AND PLAYOFF BRACKETS

Remember YSF provides a public view of all of all these results and schedules in real time on the <http://youthspringfootball.com/resultsschedules/> website.