



**4<sup>th</sup> COACHES EMAIL UPDATE March 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2021** - Please read all this update it has crucial information.

## **PAYMENTS !**

This is the last week for teams to get their payments made. Do not risk your advancement to the post season due to these balances. If you need help with a payment plan you need to call Sandy 813-728-6747 and have a payment plan in place as to how you plan on settling these amounts. **DO NOT PROCRASTINATE DO IT NOW!**  
**NO TEAM WILL ADVANCE TO THE PLAYOFFS WITH BALANCES DUE**

## **PLAYERS OR PARENTS GOING ONTO THE GAME FIELD**

All coaches were informed by the YSF of the rule this year that is being strictly enforced. Any parent or player that steps onto the game field in the event of a dispute **WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR 1 GAME IMMEDIATELY**. Have a conversation with your players and let them know there are no excuses. **NO ONE APART FROM THE 8 PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD. PERIOD!! NO EXCEPTIONS!! NO IFS, AND OR BUTS!!**

## **EXTRA POINT MERCY RULE**

If your team is more than 24 points ahead and you score, you may not pass the ball for the extra point try.

## **GAME JERSEYS**

YSF Referees are experiencing challenges with some jersey issues, with immediate effect the following applies:

1. Teams must have the same color jersey, or at least close to the same colors.
2. The YSF is no longer allowing players with the same numbers among the 8 players on the field. This is a rule change. Call Sandy if this is a problem with jerseys you have already purchased, and custom made.

## **COACHES ON THE FIELD**

The only coaches that are now allowed on the field are for the 6u division.

## **OVERTIME RULES FOR PLAYOFFS**

There are **NO** overtimes for the regular season games. For the playoffs, the overtime will be governed by Kansas Tie Breaker Rules starting from the 10-yard line, teams will be given 4 downs to score. For Kansas Tie Breaker rules please refer to the YSF website Referee's page.

## **COACHES BADGES**

All coaches that are involved with a team in the tournament **MUST** have a YSF coach's badge. These badges also allow coaches into the game fields free. Obtaining a coach's badges is explained here. Speak to your team administrator or head coach to obtain a badge. <http://youthspringfootball.com/docs/Coach-Badge-Application-Process.pdf>

## **LAST WEEK TO ADD PLAYERS**

This is the last week that you can add players to your teams. If your team is on a **BYE** week you must call Sandy 813-728-6747 ASAP to make sure you are able to get your player into your roster. Due to the fact that the game calendar ended up making this week the large spring break bye week, we can help you to resolve your issue with adding a player. But you must call Sandy 813-728-6747

## **REGIONS HAVE CHANGED FOR THIS SEASON**

Do not forget that in order to balance our playoff brackets a little more we have made a fundamental change to the regions. The entire Orlando/Deltona/Deland/Ocala areas have now become the Northwest Region. Brandon area teams have been added to Tampa and St Pete to make up the Southwest Region. The NE Region (Jax, St Augustine, Daytona) and SE Region (PSL, Ft Lauderdale, Palm Beach and Miami) are still the same. The state championships for the D2 division will still be East versus West regions.

## **2021 NEW STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT!!**

Another reminder that we have decided to create a new format for our state championships. The Conference AND State championship games will now be on the SAME weekend at a large event at the Austin Tindall Sports Complex in Orlando. It will now be billed as the “YSF State Championship Weekend” event. Both the Conference Championship and State Championship games will be held on the weekend of May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. All the Regional champions of each division (i.e. the LAST remaining team for each of the age divisions, D1 and D2, following the first 2 weeks of the playoffs for SE, NE, SW and MW) will play in the Conference championship games which will be on the Saturday and the State games (East Champion vs West champion) will be on the Sunday. All 40 teams from the 10 age divisions qualifying for the conference championship games will now attend this event and compete on 4 fields, and the winners will play the next day at the stadium on the Sunday. We will also hold the 3<sup>d</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place competition on Sunday concurrently while the State games are being played. THEREFORE every team that makes the YSF State Championship Weekend event will play a minimum of 2 games during this weekend. So if you are a Regional champion plan on a two day stay on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Orlando.

## **2021 PRO BOWL**

YSF will be conducting a Pro Bowl event for this year. Details of how to nominate and the rules governing the games etc. will be released shortly. All pro bowl players will be required to attend the YSF State Championship Event, where they will be presented on the trophy stage with their Pro Bowl jerseys and to practice with their respective teams. Every team is allowed to submit 3 nominations and every team will get one automatic selection. NOT EVERY PERSON NOMINATED IS SELECTED. Teams that make it further into the playoffs likely will receive more selections, but this varies per team. But if you participated in the YSF tournament your team will automatically receive ONE player selection onto the Pro Bowl regardless. There is generally a Pro Bowl team for each region (NE, SE, NW, SW), but on the smaller divisions we combine the teams to be East and West. Please start to think about who you will nominate. Nominations will be opened soon, and the final Pro Bowl selections will be released on Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

## **PRO BOWL COACHES**

If you would like to be a Pro Bowl coach send an email to [sandy@youthspringfootball.com](mailto:sandy@youthspringfootball.com) These positions are very much in demand and will fill up fast. You are requesting an age group, and a region. (i.e. “I want to be the Pro Bowl coach for the 10U South West Region”)

## **COMPLAINING ABOUT REFEREES OR THEIR CALLS**

The YSF does their absolute best with training and ongoing reviews to obtain and use well trained referees. They are however human and make mistakes. *We never overturn game results.* If you have a complaint about a referee’s calls, please send the film to Sandy Beckett and we will be glad to review it within reason to determine if there was just cause for complaint and then we will take appropriate action. This will never include overturning a game result, as we have way too many teams to spend huge hours litigating a game result.

## **D1 VS D2 EXPLANATIONS**

***In YSF every single team in the tournament gets an automatic berth into the playoffs.***

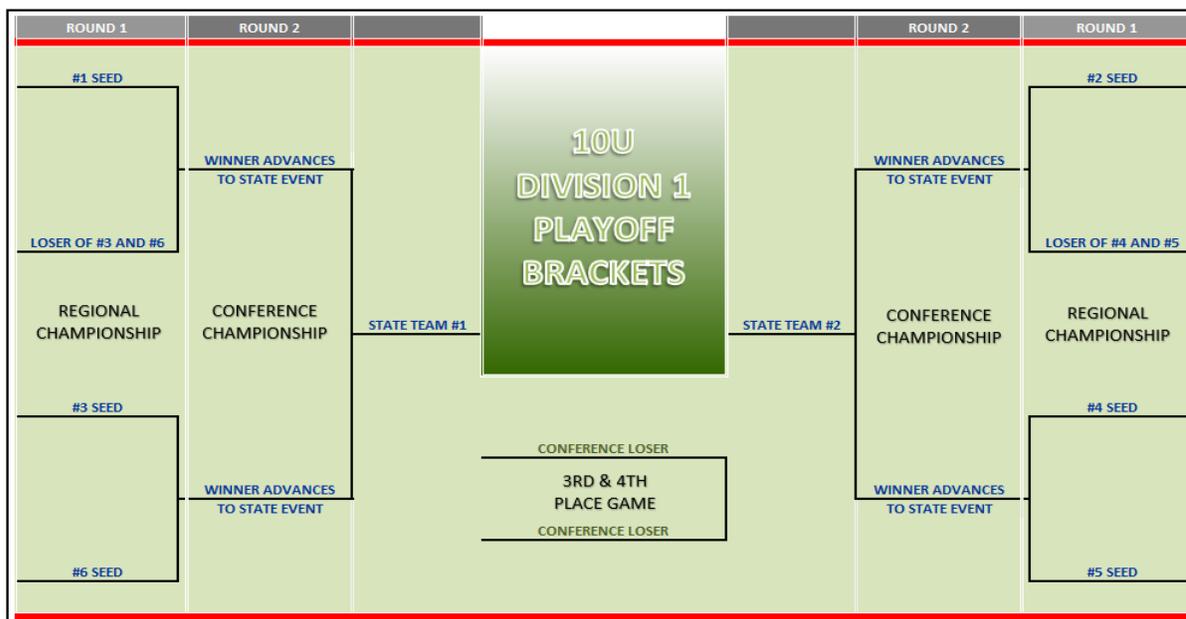
### **D1 Explanations for 8u, 10u, 12u and 14u**

While we have dropped the D1 classification for the 10u and 14u divisions during the regular season games we will still be having a D1 State championship. YSF will carve the best 6 teams out of the 8u, 10u, 12u and 14u divisions to create a D1 bracket for the playoffs. (In an extreme situation we may choose 8 teams) The D1 bracket will NOT be regionally selected, we will simply choose the top 6 teams and create the D1 brackets. As an incentive for the D1 playoffs every team in the final 6 selected will have a second chance should they lose their first playoff game. The 4 winners will advance to the State Championship event, to compete for a state spot. YSF will have the final say on these teams. The selection process of these teams has already been in operation since the first jamboree, and a 3-tier watch list has been created and determined by a committee of 3 folks all who have college, high school, and youth experience. The YSF president will have the final veto approval. Tools used to adjudicate will be the

jamborees, regular season games, head-to-head match ups, game film, scores, standings, points for and against, games against both other D1 and D2 classified teams, # of players on a team, among other items.

*Please Note: Throwing games or any sandbagging is a misplaced endeavor. The YSF team of selectors are far too experienced and if necessary, will analyze each and every player to definitively determine the real level of your team, D1 or D2. We have already begun the process from the very first jamborees.*

The D1 playoffs will be conducted as follows:



### D1 Explanations for 6u and 15u

All teams in these two age divisions will participate in the playoffs regionally in a one-time knock out process to end with the remaining team for each region (Regional Champion). Teams will be seeded and played in a regular 1 plays 8, 2 plays 7 type post season bracket. The 4 regional champions (SE, SW, NW, NE) will advance to the State Championship event. If there are enough teams to create a D3 bowl, YSF is open to creating one of these out of the 6u age division ONLY.

### D2 Explanations for 8u, 10u, 12u and 14u

The teams not selected to play in D1 playoffs and not opting to play a D3 bowl will play in the D2 playoffs. YSF only provides for 8 spots in the D2 playoffs for each region. In most cases this is adequate. However should there be more than 8 teams in a particular region then the lowest seed will be required to play in the D3 bowl games. All D2 teams in these four age divisions will participate in the playoffs regionally in a one-time knock out process to end with the remaining team for each region (Regional Champion). Teams will be seeded and played in a regular 1 plays 8, 2 plays 7 type post season bracket. Please note: These 8 teams will almost definitely play double headers for the first week of the playoffs, to enable YSF to have only 2 teams left for Round 2 of the playoffs the following week, to determine the Regional Champion. The 4 regional champions (SE, SW, NW, NE) will advance to the State Championship event.

### D3 Explanations

For teams that do not have great success in the regular season, YSF offers these teams a D3 bowl option. This is a choice option not a forced situation. Teams who wish to stay in the D2 playoffs are welcome to do so. These are predominantly regionally based, and winners DO NOT advance further than their regional bowl round robins. Depending on the number of teams these bowl games can be a one-on-one game or a mini round robin of 1 plays 3 and winner plays 2.