



COACHES PLAYOFF EMAIL UPDATE APRIL 1ST, 2021 - Please read all this update it has crucial information.

***** CORRECTIONS TO THIS UPDATE *****

- The NW playoffs will be Week 1 (April 10th) St Cloud, Week 2 (April 17th) Orange City Valentine Park
- On the D1 playoffs the loser of #1 vs #6 plays #4, and loser of #2 vs #5 plays 3. (switched in original update)

PAYMENTS !

No team will advance to the playoffs with outstanding payments. I am creating the brackets this SUNDAY! Get your final payments in. **DO NOT PROCRASTINATE DO IT NOW! NO TEAM WILL ADVANCE TO THE PLAYOFFS WITH BALANCES DUE**

PLAY OFF SCHEDULE REQUESTS

All schedule requests sent it before the season will still be honored for the playoffs. If you have additional ones you had better send them in NOW. NOT TOMMOROW BUT NOW! Email Sandy@youthspringfootball.com Once I release the playoff bracket schedules, and you forgot to submit a schedule request and your team will lose and the other team advances. No exceptions!

PLAYOFF BRACKETS AND GAME TIMES

The YSF will do their best to release the playoff brackets and game times by end of day on Monday April 5th, 2021. All teams play in their local regions for the 1st round. However the D1 teams may experience some travel because of the limited teams. YSF will try and be as sensitive as they can to sibling and double coaching situations. D1 teams should plan on travel.

PLAY OFF FIELDS

The playoff fields will be as follows

- NORTHEAST - Week 1 (April 10th) St Augustine, Week 2 (April 17th) Orange Park, Jacksonville
- SOUTHEAST - Week 1 (April 10th) Okeechobee, Week 2 (April 17th) Royal Palm Beach
- NORTHWEST - Week 1 (April 10th) St Cloud, Week 2 (April 17th) Orange City Valentine Park,
- SOUTHWEST - Week 1 (April 10th) Lithia Pinecrest, Week 2 (April 17th) Brandon (Brandon Broncos)

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS WEEKEND

This event will be held at the Austin Tindall Sports Complex in Orlando on May 1st and 2nd, 2021. 40 teams will be attending this event (Every Regional Champion from each Region, NE, SE, NW, and SW for each age division, along with all the Pro Bowl player selections and coaches.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT

Each of the 4 regional champions for each age division will attend the Conference/State Championship weekend. On Saturday May 1, the conference games will be played. For each age division...NE regional Champions vs SE Regional Champions and the NW Regional Champions vs the SW Regional Champions. The winners will go to the State games on Sunday May 2nd, and the losers will play the 3rd/4th place games on Sunday May 2nd, as well.

COACHES EMAILS

All teams MUST put their coach's emails into the Team Console system. All communications during this busy playoff season will be sent by email. If your coaches have either bogus email and/or no contact information in League Magic they will simply not hear the good news.

VARSITY MEDIA PRODUCTION COMPANY

YSF has signed the services of a large production company from New York to manage the entire production, marketing, and media for the State Conference weekend. This company will be sending you multiple media emails to inform you of the amazing variety of options for this event. Streaming Services, Video, Photo, Hype videos, Pro Bowl pictures will be available for purchase to help you remember this event.

D1, D2 and D3 EXPLANATIONS (Slight changes from original email update on the D1 criteria)

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 dropped the D1 classification for the 10u and 14u divisions during the regular season games this season we will still be having a D1 State championship. YSF will carve out the best 6 teams out of the 8u, 10u, 12u and 14u divisions to create a D1 bracket for the playoffs. 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 to D1 will have a second chance should they lose their first playoff game. Therefore your team has to lose TWICE to go home. The 4 winners will all advance to the State Championship event, to compete for a state spot. YSF will have the final say on these teams.

VERY IMPORTANT - The selection process of these teams has already been in operation since the first jamboree with a committee of 3 people, some not involved in the tournament. A 10-metric program has been created that will rank the teams to choose the top 6. **D1 teams will be ranked using this 10-metric program. D2 teams will be ranked according to the YSF standings page and tie breakers.** The 10 metrics that will be used to adjudicate the D1 teams only, will be: Points against <20, beat 3 teams by >14 points, Beat a top 10 ranked team, initially chose D1, 70% of your players are in top age, film/site review, # of players on roster, undefeated record bonus, 1 loss bonus, achieving 7 of the metrics bonus. The YSF president will have the final veto approval in the event the "committee of 3" is not unanimous.

PLEASE DO NOT WASTE YOUR TIME CALLING, COMPLAINING OR LOBBYING FOR/ABOUT THIS RESULT, YSF'S DECISION IS FINAL, WE HAVE TAKEN GREAT PAINS TO CREATE A REASONABLE PROGRAM TO ISOLATE THESE 6 TEAMS AND ONCE DECIDE WE MUST MOVE ON.

The D1 playoffs will be conducted as follows:

Week #1

- Seed #1 plays Seed #6, Winner advances to Conference State weekend, loser goes to week 2
- Seed #2 plays Seed #5, Winner advances to Conference State weekend, loser goes to week 2

Week #2

- Loser of the #1 and #6 game plays Seed # 3, Winner advances to Conference/State weekend
- Loser of the #2 and #5 game plays Seed # 4, Winner advances to Conference/State weekend

D2 Explanations for 6u, 8u, 10u, 12u, 14u and 15u

The teams not selected to play in the D1 playoffs and not opting to play a D3 bowl will play in the D2 playoffs. 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 from 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.

Week #1 – Knock out rounds (to achieve 2 remaining teams in each age division)

Week #2 – Regional Championships (two remaining teams play for a berth in the State Championships)

D3 Explanations

There will be no D3 bowls for 6u. Teams that have zero wins will be automatically placed into a D3 bowl option. Teams who have an 0-5 record but still wish to stay in the D2 playoffs are welcome to do so but **MUST INFORM SANDY BY FRIDAY APRIL 3RD**. If more than 2 teams are in D3 then we will create a "#1 plays #3 and the winner plays #2" scenario.

OVERTIME RULES FOR PLAYOFFS

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.

PRO BOWL INFORMATION

Pro Bowl nominations are now open. WE DO NOT DO A PRO BOWL FOR 15U.

Especially important notes:

1. **VERY IMPORTANT RULE, NO EXCEPTIONS** - EVERY PLAYER THAT IS **SELECTED** MUST ATTEND THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION AGE GAME IN ORLANDO AT THE STATE GAME TO BE PRESENTED ON THE STAGE AND RECEIVE THEIR JERSEY AND HAVE A FIRST GET TOGETHER WITH THEIR PRO BOWL TEAM. **Do not** nominate a player who cannot attend this event, you are wasting your time. We will have alternates and replace your player if they cannot make it. Speak to your players first and only nominate those players whose parents can attend the State Championships.
2. All Pro Bowl nominations MUST come from the head coach of the teams. How coaches determine who to nominate is up to each team, but nominations MUST come from Head Coaches.
3. Each team may NOMINATE 3 players. NOT EVERY PLAYER YOU NOMINATE WILL BE SELECTED...PLEASE EXPLAIN THIS TO YOUR PARENTS. Do NOT submit more than 3 names, if the committee needs more names they will ask.
4. EVERY TEAM no matter their season record, will receive **ONE AUTOMATIC SELECTION**. Typically, teams that advance further in the playoffs could, based on spots available, receive more selections.
5. Nominate your players in order of your preference for selection. Example: If your team receives only 1 selection the committee will automatically take your #1 pick. Because every team gets an automatic selection please make sure your #1 pick is the player you want should you receive only one pick.
6. All nominations MUST be submitted by email to sandy@youthspringfootball.com **BY SUNDAY APRIL 18TH, 2021** Late nominations will be ignored. DO NOT TEXT THEM...EMAIL THEM
7. Try to provide us with One Offensive player, One Defensive player, and One Lineman. This is a guideline NOT a requirement. Emails MUST CONTAIN - Team Name, Team Division, with player name and position in order of priority for selection. (i.e. Orlando Jets, Peewee D1, #1 John Doe/LB, #2 Robert Jones/RB, #3 Jim Fish/QB) Emails that do not have a priority order and/or names and positions will be returned.
8. This is a trophy free event. It is for bragging rights only.

PRO BOWL TEAMS

D1 and D2 teams will be combined into ONE grouping. There will be 18 teams as follows :

- 6U – EAST and WEST
- 8U through 14U – NE, NW, SE, and SW

PRO BOWL FIELD

The Pro Bowl games will be held at the Dover field on May 8th, 2021

SPIRIT AWARD AND COACHES AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the two "YSF Coach of the Year" awards and the two "YSF Spirit Awards" are now open. The coach of the year is self-explanatory. The Spirit award is for ANYONE participating in the YSF or NOT that has shown exemplary inspiration in education, life, or dedication to others. These nominees can be any age either old or young, but they must have displayed *more than* sporting ability. This award is about dedication to others over and above themselves. This is not only for football players but can be for anyone, even someone who just helped your team, or is showing out in educational arenas. Nominations must be submitted by email to sandy@youthspringfootball.com by **Thursday April 22nd, 2021** with a paragraph explaining why the nominee is worthy of the award. Winners will be presented with their personalized award at the YSF State Championships.

Nominate now this is a great award!

WE NEED PRO BOWL COACHES!!!

This is a really fun opportunity, and all coaches should try and be part of this. There is something really special about coaching a bunch of players from all different locales. Call Sandy 813-728-6747 or sandy@youthspringfootball.com and tell us what team you would like to coach. We always have spots available. You then create your own staff.

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, *ESPECIALLY IN THE PLAYOFFS*. 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!!**

COMPLAINING ABOUT REFEREES OR THEIR CALLS IN PLAYOFFS

During the playoffs YSF does not have time to review referee complaints, our program simply does not allow for this type of flexibility. *We never overturn game results.*

TROPHIES

YSF provides a small participation trophy for every player that participates in the tournament. These trophies will be provided to the head coaches of each team after they have failed to advance to the next round. In addition we provide a team trophy of the Conference Champions and a 3rd and 4th place trophy for the losers of the conference games.

EJECTIONS FROM PLAYOFF GAMES

The protocols for ejections will remain the same for the playoffs. Warn your players that should they be ejected they are highly likely to endure an additional game suspension. Playoff game or not.