



Please read all this Coaches Email update #2 it has crucial information for all coaches planning on participating.

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ALL DEADLINE DATES

- Jan 21st All teams must be registered
- Jan 21st All Schedule deposits must be submitted (This is not an extra amount a portion of your player fees)
- Feb 1st All schedule requests must be submitted
- Feb 23rd Schedules will be released
- Mar 5th First game of the season
- Mar 19th Last date to add players to your teams

REGISTER TEAM NOW!!! Deadline is Jan 21st - Only 8 days left!

Important! **All returning teams must re-register for the 2022 season.** Go to this website to “Register your Team” <http://youthspringfootball.com/register-a-team/> this process is **FREE**. Remember our system allows you to register all your teams in one go. Team administrators can choose the “Administrator” choice when registering their team, this will provide that person with the capability of logging in with a single user name and password and seeing all their clubs team information at the same time.

SCHEDULE DEPOSITS DUE BY JAN 21st – This requirement going to be strictly implemented in 2022

Due to the size of the tournament YSF requires all teams to pay a portion of their player fees down by January 21st 2022 to be eligible for a spot on the schedule. This is NOT AN EXTRA AMOUNT but rather a portion of each of your player fees for your team. EACH TEAM is required to put down \$800 of their player FEES – If a club has more than ONE team then this amount is \$600 per team. You can achieve this “deposit” by either getting each of your players to pay a portion of their fees, or the coach or club can pay this amount and then reimburse themselves once the players begin to pay. Please do not procrastinate and find yourself off the schedule due to this deadline. Call Sandy at 813 728 6747 or sandy@youthspringfootball.com if you need an extension.

IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! NEW PLAYER PORTAL PROGRAM FOR UPLOADING DOCUMENTS

YSF’s League Magic software program now has the capability for parents of NEW PLAYERS to sign and upload all required documents, upload birth certificates and photos of players online through the portal. **FIRST YOU MUST** Enter your players into your roster and then send the Player Portal website http://ysfl.league-magic.com/main_player_portal.asp to your parents for them to sign the online documents, upload pictures and birth certificates. Once done this will import documents into your players roster page. Paper forms no longer required.

YOU CAN START MAKING PLAYER PAYMENTS NOW

The ONLINE player payments portal is now open. Teams and/or Players can begin making payments now. It is ok for players to pay BEFORE you have entered them into your rosters, their payments will wait in the system until added to rosters. (All these paid player fees contribute towards your schedule deposits). Payments can be made online at <http://youthspringfootball.com/make-a-payment/>. Checks can be made out to YSF and mailed to P.O. Box 260183, Tampa FL 33685.

DIFFERENT WAYS TO HANDLE PLAYER PAYMENTS

Here are the different ways teams can manage their payments: Online payment portal <http://youthspringfootball.com/make-a-payment/>

1. Teams that choose to pay YSF with an “en-bloc” amount for a group of their players, teams should then email YSF to inform them which players to apply their “en-bloc” payments.

2. Teams can receive payments at their fields and then go to the online payment portal and pay YSF for their series of players. These payments will then be applied by YSF.
3. Individual parents/players can go direct to the online payment portal and pay for their own children themselves.
4. If you are required to pay by check, make checks out to YSF P.O. Box 260183, Tampa FL 33685

NO PLAYER THAT SHOWS UNPAID ON THE SYSTEM WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE THE FIELD PAST THE DEADLINE DATE OF GAME #2 - MARCH 12TH, 2022 REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY HAVE PAID THEIR OWN ORGANIZATION, UNLESS THIS TEAM HAS AN ARRANGEMENT WITH YSF. Call Sandy at 813 728 6747 or sandy@youthspringfootball.com if you need any extensions or a payment plan.

SEASON DATES

The season dates will be as follows:

- Regular Season Games 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26 and 4/2
- Wildcard Playoffs (all teams qualify) 4/9 Regional Championships 4/16
- State & Conference Championships 4/30 - 5/1

PLAYOFFS & TRAVEL WEEK

Remember YSF has a couple of unusual processes:

- EVERY team goes to the 1st round of the playoffs (Wildcard round). We have always done this because the tournament is so large that we have no way of guaranteeing an equal strength of schedule for all teams.
- Every team will likely have one bye week, because every team will be required to travel outside of their region to play one of their regular season weeks where they will play a *double* header game. We do this deliberately to mix up the teams. As a result of this program you may well go to play at your local regional field but end up playing a team from outside of your region. This provides for some excitement of not playing the same teams that you just finished playing in the fall. *(Please note some teams may be exempt from this travel option because they are remote)*
- The top 4 teams in every age division go to the State Championship weekend event for D1 and D2. (Final Four) The two winning teams advance to the State Championship Game and the remaining two teams play for the 3rd and 4th place game.

RANKINGS PROGRAM *New!*

YSF will operate a new ranking program this season to handle the D1/D2 determinations. YSF will release a "Top 10 Rankings" every Tuesday of every week of the regular season starting after the final jamborees. The top 6 ranked teams from the final ranking release will be carved away to compete in the D1 playoffs. YSF offers teams that had minimal success the opportunity to play in D3 regional bowl games, the remainder of the teams will compete in the D2 playoffs. The reason YSF chooses 6 teams for the D1 championships is that we provide a hybrid double elimination option for teams that loose in the first round.

SUBMIT SCHEDULE REQUESTS NOW – If you procrastinate you will lose your chance!

YSF offers a flex schedule system for their tournament. This means teams are able to request certain custom schedule requests for their team. Some examples of possible schedule requests:

- If you have players in other sports or some of your players are out for holidays, you can request a schedule time change for a given date and play later or earlier as you wish.
- Do you have a specific bye week you want?
- Do you have a specific week you want to have for your travel week?
- Do you have a specific town you want to go to for your travel week?

The deadline for these Schedule requests is Tuesday Feb 1st, 2022. COACHES MUST PROVIDE THESE REQUESTS **BY EMAIL** TO THE YSF BY THIS DEADLINE, otherwise the teams' schedule will be final.

PRE-SEASON CERTIFICATION DATES

The YSF provides pre-season certification events in every city prior to the season start to allow teams to get their players certified early. Save time and don't end up in the "1st game long line nightmare" with every other team trying to get their players certified. Get some of your players certified early by attending one of the Pre-season certification

events. You can certify your players incrementally, (get some done early, others later at the field). The calendar of these certification events and locations will be released onto the website by Jan 31st, 2022 <http://youthspringfootball.com/certification-dates/> Two other ways teams can certify their players are at each of the game fields for the first 3 weeks of the season AND at the Jamborees where there are always YSF certification people.

NEW FOOTBALL SIZES

YSF has implemented new rules for the size of footballs. “The game ball must be comparative to a Wilson Traditional Youth Football. K2 for 6U & 8U, TDJ for 10U, TDY for 12U and TDS for 14U & 15U. The officials will rotate balls from each team while they are on offense. All balls must be approved by the game official prior to the start of the game”

ADDING PLAYERS TO TEAMS

Clubs can add new players to their teams up until March 19th (Game 3 of the season). Players rosters are then frozen after that date for the rest of the season.

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF NEW CLUBS FOR THIS YEAR

Once again, this season looks to be even bigger than last year in terms of team numbers. Last season many of our age groups had over 35 teams. I have had many new clubs calling to join us, and while there is no guaranteed participation until the teams actually register, the level of calls activity is very high. Teams still have time to register their teams, the deadline for team registration is Jan 21st, 2022.

DID YOU REGISTER YOUR TEAM BUT NEVER RECEIVED YOUR USER’S NAME AND PASSWORD?

If you have registered your teams for this season but cannot find or do not see your user’s name and password email, call Sandy at 813 728 6747 or sandy@youthspringfootball.com immediately.

ADDITIONAL INSURED CERTIFICATES

Teams can request “Additional Insured Certificates” for their practice fields for FREE. However take the time and ask the field ownership EXACTLY what they want on the certificate. It is usually the *legal* name of the facility AND their address. Save time and please make sure of this information and don’t make me do the certificate twice!

COMMON QUESTIONS COACHES ASK

- **Is it ok if my players have different colored helmets** - Yes
- **Do you allow younger players to play up an age group** – Yes, we allow players to play up ONE age division
Example: for the 12U division we allow 11 and 12 year old’s but a 10 year old may play up to that division
- **How long can I add players to my team** - You can add players to your team up until the 3rd week of games March 19th
- **How do I delete a player in League Magic** - The way in which you delete a player is you actually de-activate them. Click on the player, and choose “NO” for the radio button that says “Is player on active roster”
- **Instructions for coach backgrounds** - If you upload a coaches badge from the recently ended fall season, the coach traffic light will automatically turn green. However if your coach is planning on doing a background check, you MUST then manually check the “Background Check Competed” box and this will prompt the system to keep checking the background program and as soon as the person is approved then their badge will be approved. If you do not check this box your coach will remain dormant until you do.

CHEER LEADING

Teams may not realize this, but we offer a very unique cheerleading program as well. Teams ages can be combined together to make it easier to enter. Please call or email Sandy Beckett 813-728-6747 sandy@youthspringfootball.com to find out about this program. You can also read what we offer here <http://youthspringfootball.com/docs/Cheer-Program-What-We-Offer.pdf>

JAMBOREES

YSF encourages jamborees but does NOT manage or govern them with certification control. (i.e. players are NOT certified in order to play in a jamboree). Jamborees are run by the various clubs. We provide tents with YSF certification staff at jamborees for you to certify your players for the regular season games. Without YSF being completely responsible for certifications it is possible that you may play against a player that is not the correct age in a Jamboree. It is our experience that most coaches do not do this, but YSF does not vouch for every jamboree player.

JAMBOREES ARE FUN AND WORTH PARTICIPATING IN BUT PLAY IN JAMBOREES AT YOUR OWN RISK. The following jamborees are currently scheduled. More will be added as we get closer to the season.

- *Plant City Dolphins (Plant City) Sat Feb 26th Buck Chapman 813-507-9963*
- *Dover Patriots (Dover) Feb 19th Curtis Grooms 813-562-8105*
- *Okeechobee Brahmans (Okeechobee) Feb 26th Tarrance Pryor 863-801-7030*
- *Volusia Raiders Feb 19th (Dewey Booster Deltona) Jeff Walters 386-848-8835*
- *Inbound Warriors Feb 19th (St Cloud) Bri Kincaid 352-665-3179*

Any other teams that are having a jamboree should email their jamboree date information to Sandy@youthspringfootball.com and YSF will be happy to assist you with marketing.