



COACHES PLAYOFF EMAIL UPDATE MARCH 31ST, 2022 - Please read all this update it has crucial information.
IF YOU DON'T READ THIS UPDATE, IT IS YOUR FAULT IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN!

PAYMENTS !

No team will advance to the playoffs with outstanding payments. I am starting to create the playoff brackets and schedule this SUNDAY afternoon April 3rd and will simply ignore any team from the schedule and playoffs that has outstanding payments! Get your final payments in by this Saturday. **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 playoff requests, 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, your team will lose, and the other team will advance. Simple...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 4th, 2022. These schedule WILL be in your team league magic consoles and on the public League Magic website. All teams are likely to play in their local regions for the 1st round. However the D1 teams may experience some travel because of the format of the D1 playoffs. YSF will try to be as sensitive as they can to sibling and double coaching situations. D1 teams should plan on traveling.

PLAY OFF FIELDS

The playoff fields will be as follows

- NORTHEAST - Week 1 (April 9th) Orange Park - Week 2 (April 16th) TBD likely Daytona area.
- SOUTHEAST - Week 1 (April 9th) Okeechobee - Week 2 (April 16th) TBD likely Royal Palm Beach area
- NORTHWEST - Week 1 (April 9th) University High School, Orange City - Week 2 (April 16th) St Cloud Field,
- SOUTHWEST - Week 1 (April 9th) Jefferson High School - Week 2 (April 16th) TBD likely Brandon Area

FINAL FOUR YSF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

This event will be held at the Austin Tindall Sports Complex in Orlando on April 30th and May 1st, 2022. 40 teams will be attending this event made up of the following teams:

- The 4 remaining teams from the 6u playoffs (4 teams)
- The 4 remaining teams from the 8u, 10u, 12u and 14u Division 1 playoffs (16 teams)
- The 4 remaining teams from the 15u playoffs (4 teams)
- The 4 regional champions (NE, SE, NW, and SW) from the 8u, 10u, 12u and 14u Division 2 playoffs (16 teams)

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT

6u playoffs

- The top 8 teams from the weekly YSF rankings program will advance to participate in a single elimination playoffs (1 plays 8, 2 plays 7, 3 plays 6, 4 plays 5) \
- The 4 winning teams will go to the Final Four State Championships
- The remaining 6u teams will be placed into regional round robin D3 bowl games.

15u playoffs

- All six 15u teams will play in a semi double elimination round robin.
- Seed 1 plays seed 6, Seed 2 plays seed 5, the two winners of 1/6 and 2/5 go to the Final 4, the losers of 1/6 and 2/5 play again versus the 3rd and 4th seeds and the 2 winners of those games go to the Final 4.

8u, 10u, 12u and 14u DIVISION 1 playoffs

- The top 6 ranked teams from the YSF weekly ranking program will play in a semi double elimination round robin to determine the 4 teams advancing to the YSF Final 4 State Championships.
- Seed 1 plays seed 6, Seed 2 plays seed 5, the two winners of 1/6 and 2/5 go to the Final 4, the losers of 1/6 and 2/5 play again versus the 3rd and 4th seeds and the 2 winners of those games go to the Final 4.
- Due to the MULTI regional nature of the D1 teams, YSF reserves the decision on which fields each of the D1 games will be played at, along with which teams will travel and not travel. YSF's decisions are final. At all times YSF will make allowances for sibling and double coaching issues. YSF has the use of a bye week before the state in the case where it is needed to finalize a playoff game.

8u, 10u, 12u and 14u DIVISION 2 playoffs

1. The D2 playoffs are completely regionally based, using the YSF standings for seeding. Based on a 1 plays 8, 2 plays 7, 3 plays 6, 4 plays 5 format with week 1 of the playoffs reducing the regional teams in a specific age division down to two teams. Most teams will play a double header on week 1 of the playoffs. The two remaining teams will play in Week 2 for the regional D2 championship. The winners of each regional championship game (NW, SW, NE, and SE) will advance to the Final 4 YSF State Championships.
2. YSF will independently choose the teams that will participate in the Division 2 playoffs based on their record and likelihood of advancement, versus the enjoyment of a D3 bowl game against a "like-level" opponent. YSF's decisions are final.
3. The remaining teams not chosen to advance to the D2 playoffs will be placed into regional round robin D3 bowl games, that may be played on a combination of week 1 and 2.

Final 4 State Championship format

1. In Division 1 the #1 Seed will play the #4 seed and the #2 seed will play the #3 seed (The winner of the 1/6 playoff game will be designated the #1 seed, the winner of the 2/5 game the #2 seed etc.)
2. In Division 2 the NE champion will play SE and the NW champion will play the SW
3. The winners will advance to the State Championship game and the losers will play in the 3rd and 4th place championship games.

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 Final 4 YSF State Championship event. YSF will be releasing flyers, schedules, pricing, and details of the itinerary for this event shortly. Streaming Services, Video, Photo, Hype videos, Pro Bowl pictures will be available for purchase to help you memorialize this event.

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 THE 15U DIVISION.

Especially important notes – read these instructions!!!!:

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 17TH, 2022** 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 Pro Bowl teams as follows :

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

PRO BOWL FIELD

The field is still TBD, but the event will be held in the Orlando area on Saturday May 7th, 2022

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 21st, 2022** 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 these are both great awards!

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.

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 from 12u down. These trophies will be provided to the head coaches of each team after they have played their final game. Team trophies are only provided at the YSF Final 4 State Championship event.

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.