



CRITICAL! Please read this Coaches Email update it has crucial information for all coaches planning on participating in YSF.

FINAL CHANCE TO REGISTER YOUR TEAMS!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! The deadline for registering your teams is Jan 15th, 2023. *RETURNING* teams from last year *MUST* re-register for the 2023 season. If you know you are going to participate in the tournament for this upcoming season and you know the details of the age division, team name etc. you can "Register your Team" at <http://youthspringfootball.com/register-a-team/> this process is FREE.

VERY VERY IMPORTANT!!!!

SCHEDULE DEPOSITS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 15th, 2023

Do not procrastinate on this requirement. You may find yourself off the schedule. In order to be placed on the schedule YSF requires all teams to place a portion of their player fees down by January 15th to be eligible for a spot on the schedule. This is called the "schedule deposit". This is NOT an extra amount but rather a portion of each of your player fees for a team. If a club has one team, then this amount is \$800 if they have 2 or more teams then \$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. If you are having trouble putting this amount together, YOU MUST CALL SANDY ASAP at 813 728 6747 or sandy@youthspringfootball.com to make other arrangements. IF YOU DELAY AND MISS DEADLINES YOU WILL NOT BE ON THE SCHEDULE!

COACHES BADGES

TWO IMPORTANT COACH INSTRUCTIONS:

1. If you have a coach that is on more than one roster. Place the coach onto ONE of the rosters and then to add them to the second roster USING THE 'SELECT EXISTING COACH' button. This will ensure that you don't use up another coach badge for the same coach.
2. If one of your coaches has to do a background check, you MUST check the radio button that says "Check box now if Coach will do a Background Check". This will prompt the system to constant check for the background check result and then if "passed" it will mark your coach "certified" and then they can print their badge. If you don't mark this box, you could be waiting for nothing before printing their badge.

SCHEDULE REQUESTS ARE NOW OPEN IMPORTANT!

Teams can now submit their schedule requests. Please speak to all your team coaches and then submit them once. IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOU LET ME KNOW THESE REQUESTS. THE YSF SCHEDULE IS ENORMOUS. IT WOULD BE VERY CRUEL TO WAIT UNTIL I HAVE COMPLETED THE SCHEDULE AND THEN YOU TELL ME "sorry I forgot to let you know about this schedule request" YOU MIGHT NOT GET IT!!!

The deadline for these Schedule requests is Sunday January 29th, 2023. COACHES MUST PROVIDE THESE REQUESTS TO YSF BY **EMAIL** BY THIS DEADLINE, otherwise the teams' schedule will be final. Examples of some of these requests are:

- Coaches that coach multiple teams, and need to separate their game times for their two teams
- Specific bye weeks
- Specific geographic travel locations that a team might want to go to for their travel week, and/or specific dates that a team does NOT want to travel
- Specific games times, (good for kids/coaches that play two sports, or have a particular events)
- I normally consider club administrator requests to schedule their siblings' teams in a certain way. This is not available to all parents

DON'T FORGET YOU CAN IMPORT YOUR PLAYERS FROM LAST SPRING

Teams should use the "Existing Players" button to pull their players from last season's spring teams. This will save you huge amounts of time, all photos, BC's, and forms will come straight in. Also if your club uses League Magic for your Fall season you should see an "IMPORT PLAYERS" button as well, this will pull players from your fall season rosters. Once again saving you time!!

PLAYER PAYMENTS - Payments can be made for players in 4 different ways:

1. The ONLINE player payments portal can be used for individual player payments by parents and or clubs. <http://youthspringfootball.com/make-a-payment/> but the players must have been added to your teams' rosters for parents to be able to use this method.
2. Parents calling the YSF offices and making a credit card payment. Sandy 813-728-6747
3. Clubs can make group player payments to YSF by calling or emailing sandy@youthspringfootball.com with card or bank and then informing YSF which players to apply these group payments to.
4. Checks can be made out to YSF and mailed to P.O. Box 260183, Tampa FL 33685. If paying by check please use the "Coach Disbursement Form" to send these in, form available at the website <http://youthspringfootball.com/docs/Coaches-Disbursement-Form.pdf>

Important note: Teams can also collect payments at their fields and submit these payments in a lump sum if you wish.

1st ROUND OF PLAYOFFS/ TRAVEL GAMES & BYE WEEKS EXPLANATIONS

Remember YSF has a couple of unusual processes

- EVERY team goes to the 1st round of the playoffs regardless of their D1, D2 or D3 status. We have always done this because the tournament is so large that we have no way of guaranteeing an equal strength of schedule.
- Every team will likely have one bye week. Every team is 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. A team may go to play at your LOCAL regional field but end up playing a team from outside of your region. *(Please note some teams may be exempt from this travel option because they reside in remote areas)*

START ADDING YOUR PLAYERS

Teams can add players to their rosters up to March 18th, 2023. However to get a jump on the season start adding your players now and begin having the parents upload their paperwork.

SEND THE PLAYERS PORTAL LINK TO YOUR PARENTS TO START UPLOADING YOUR PLAYERS INFO

YSF's League Magic software program now has the capability for parents of NEW PLAYERS to sign and upload all required documents. First the players need to be added to your League Magic age team rosters, then parents can go to the "Players Portal" http://ysfl.league-magic.com/main_player_portal.asp in League Magic software and sign the online documents, upload player pictures and birth certificates, and once done League Magic will import those documents into the players roster page. Paper forms are no longer required. Parents *do not* have to log in to access the Players Portal. You can also use this portal while at your registration events or your practices to help your parents.

PRE-SEASON CERTIFICATION DATES

The YSF provides pre-season certification events in every city to allow teams to get their players certified early before the start of the season. The calendar of these certification events and locations will be released onto the website by Jan 18th, 2023, <http://youthspringfootball.com/certification-dates/>

There are multiple ways to certify your players:

1. At YSF pre-season certification events held in each region starting in Feb 2023
2. At all Jamborees. YSF will provide certification staff at all jamborees
3. At the first 3 weeks of games. There are always YSF staff at games and can certify players prior to games

Important Note: Remember teams can add players to their rosters up to the 3rd week of games i.e. 3/18/23.

PANAMA CITY REGION

YSF has added teams and opened up the Panama city region for 2023. If Florida teams would like to take the opportunity to go to Panama City to play some different teams during the regular season as part of their travel week call Sandy at 813 728 6747 or sandy@youthspringfootball.com. YSF will be providing the team/s that go a very reasonable travel stipend to cover some costs to help a team make this trip. Panama City is on the beach and is a fun place to go. Call or email asap because it will be on a first come first served basis.

CHANGES TO THE REGIONS

YSF will make some changes to the teams allocated to the regions this season as we have grown to such a large amount of teams we have to restructure to balance the teams. These changes are implemented as a YSF final decision.

ADDITIONAL INSURED CERTIFICATES

YSF covers and pays for all teams liability insurance for their fields. Teams can request “Additional Insured Certificates” for their practice fields for FREE. Ask the field ownership EXACTLY what they want on the certificate and email that information to sandy@youthspringfootball.com Please don’t make me apply for the certificates twice!

SEASON DATES

- Regular Season Games 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 and 4/1
- Playoff Games 4/8 (Wildcard playoffs), 4/15 (Regional Championships)
- State Championship Event 4/29 & 4/30 (Final 4 & State Championships)

CAN’T FIND YOUR USER’S NAME AND PASSWORD BUT YOU REGISTERED YOUR TEAM?

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

D1, D2 AND D3 SELECTION PROCESS *New for 2023!*

While teams register answering the question of whether they want to participate as a D1 or D2 team. This however if for YSF informational purpose only. **ALL TEAMS PLAY UNDER ONE CATEGORIZATION.** After the *regular* season YSF separates all teams into Division 1, 2 and 3 based on their performance in the 5 regular season games.

- D1 - YSF operates an official “Top 10 ranking “ program that begins during the jamborees. From this program the top 6 teams in the state for each age division (regardless of region) will go to the D1 playoffs. These 6 teams play in a unique semi-double elimination playoffs, and the best four of those teams go to the final four State Championship event.
- D2 - The next 8 highest seeded teams from each age division AND each region go to the D2 playoffs. However to qualify for the D2 playoffs teams must have both won a minimum of 2 games, as well as be one of the top 8 seeds. These teams play in the OWN regions until we are left with the best team from that age division for that region and these 4 teams (NW, NE, SW, SE) for each age division go to the final four State Championship event.
- The remaining teams that did not make it to the D1 or D2 playoffs will play in their own regions for the D3 playoffs, until we are left with the best team from that age division for that region. These 4 teams will go to the final four State Championship event and play in a “round robin bowl” tournament (e.g. NW v SW, NE v SE).

Please note: The Final Four State Championships take place over a Saturday and Sunday April 29 – 30th at Austin Tindall Sports Complex in Kissimmee. The two winning teams for D1 and D2 on Saturday advance to the State Championship games on Sunday. The remaining two teams play for the 3rd & 4th place championship games on Sunday. The four D3 teams play in a round robin bowl tournament on Saturday and Sunday. There is no official state championship game for D3, but the 4 teams still go to the Final Four event and play in a round robin tournament.

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 allows any teams to organize jamborees but does NOT manage or govern them with certification control. (i.e. players do not have to be certified to play in a jamboree). Each jamboree is run by the various clubs (with approval from YSF). While YSF does not do official player check ins for jamborees we do provide YSF certification staff at jamborees for you to certify your players for the regular season start. Without YSF being completely responsible for player check ins at jamborees 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.** So far, the following dates have been set for Jamborees, further details will be released shortly, and these clubs typically advertise their jamborees on the YSF Facebook Forum:

- Inbound Warriors Feb 18, 2023, Jennifer 321-624-6109
- Volusia Raiders Feb 18, 2023, Jeff 386-848-8835
- Plant City Dolphins Feb 25, 2023, Van Paulk 813-919-8729
- Okeechobee Feb 25, 2023, Tarrance 863-801-7030

GAME BALL SIZES

The game ball must be comparative to a Wilson Traditional Youth Football. K2 for 6U & 8U, TDJ for 10U & 11U, 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.

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- Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/youthspringfootball/>
- YSF Facebook Forum <https://www.facebook.com/groups/322497554618413/>

THE "EQUIPMENT FOR PURCHASE" CORNER *New!*

YSF will be including this section in all email updates as a service to our teams that might be looking for equipment. These vendors are NOT related to YSF in any way so calls must be placed directly to the contact name provided if you are interested in their products. If you know of other vendors that you might have used send them to YSF and we will include them too.

FIVE STAR ATHLETICS – Chuck Mcleod 813-892-0797

Helmets \$135, Pads \$40, Adult Pads \$85, Integrated Pants \$18, Numbered Game Jerseys \$15