



## **COACHES EMAIL UPDATE # 3 – Issued January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

### **READ THIS EMAIL UPDATE PLEASE!!!!**

I am constantly asked questions that are answered in these email updates or by a document on the YSF Documents Library on the website. Calling me wastes both my time and yours if you don't take a few minutes to review the online documents and/or read this email update.

### **\*\*\*\*THIS IS A CRITICAL NEW RULE\*\*\*\***

**PAYMENTS MUST HAVE BEEN PAID TO YSF FOR A PLAYER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE FIELD, EVEN IF THE TEAM IS COLLECTING PLAYER PAYMENTS AT THEIR OWN FIELDS** *Important NEW rule for the 2019.*

YSF will require teams that are collecting player payments at their own fields/clubs to pay those fees immediately to YSF for that player to participate in a game. ***Players will NO LONGER be able to take the field ON WEEK 2 without being marked as paid in the team console.***

Here are the new rules:

1. Teams that choose to pay YSF with "en-bloc" amounts for their teams must have sent that money to the YSF and informed YSF (by email or a call) which players those en-bloc amounts should be applied to PRIOR to that week's games. YSF will then apply those en-bloc payments to each of the players in the console accordingly.
2. Teams can still receive payments at their fields and then go online as administrators and pay YSF for a series of individual players through the online payment portal by allocating the total amount to each of their players. The YSF online payment system allows for you to keep "adding a player" prior to submitting the total amount.
3. Individual parents/players can go direct to the online payment portal and pay for their players themselves.  
<http://youthspringfootball.com/make-a-payment/>
4. If a team has purchased a set of early payment coupons coaches should email YSF prior to that week's games to inform YSF which players they want those coupons applied to and YSF will mark those players as paid.

*No player that shows unpaid on the Team Console will be allowed to take the field past the deadline date of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, regardless of whether they have paid their organization or not.*

*If a team does not have enough players to play a game due to this rule, the team will still be allowed to play the game with those ineligible players, but the team will forfeit the game.*

### **SCHEDULE DEPOSITS ARE STILL DUE**

Your schedule deposits were supposed to be in by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. If you have not completed this task, or spoken to Sandy about your plans, you are at risk of losing your spot. This is NOT AN EXTRA AMOUNT but rather a portion of your player fees for a 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 x each team. Call Sandy at 813 728 6747 or [sandy@youthspringfootball.com](mailto:sandy@youthspringfootball.com) to make other payment arrangements.

### **START ADDING YOUR PLAYERS TO TEAM CONSOLE**

Players DO NOT have to be paid in order to add them to the Console. Just simply add all your players. If you need to delete them if they decide not to play, then simply choose "delete player".

### **START MAKING YOUR PLAYER PAYMENTS NOW!**

The ONLINE player payments portal is now open. Payments for players 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. Use the "Coach Disbursement Form" to send these in, this form is available at the website <http://youthspringfootball.com/docs/Coaches-Disbursement-Form.pdf>

## **CERTIFICATION SCHEDULE**

The YSF certification schedule is now posted on the front page of the YSF website AND under the coach's menu. This provides pre-season certification events in every city to allow teams to get their players certified early. Remember teams can also certify their players AT THE GAMES for the first 2 weeks of the season.

## **CHECK YOUR REGISTERED TEAMS IN THE TEAM CONSOLE NOW!**

By now everyone who is registered should have received a user name and password to their console. **PLEASE GO IN AND CHECK WHAT TEAMS YOU HAVE.** You are going to be scheduled based on the teams in the console. Check the age division (i.e. Peewee or supers) and check the tournament division (i.e. D1 or D2). I have already started scheduling and if you do not verify that the teams you have in the Team Console are correct, you could create massive delays in the release of the schedule, by making me change multiple weeks on the schedule for a wrong team. **PLEASE!!!!!!**

## **DEADLINE FOR SCHEDULE REQUESTS HAS ENDED**

Everyone got multiple alerts to submit their schedule requests, but the deadline has now passed. I will allow teams who forgot to at least call me if they have a desperate need for a request and I will see if I can accommodate you. But bear in mind the schedule is 30% done and I am going to be pretty picky on which ones I now accept. Call Sandy or email [sandy@youthspringfootball.com](mailto:sandy@youthspringfootball.com)

## **PARENT PORTAL FOR STANDINGS/SCORES ETC**

Coaches should inform their parents and players that they are able to see all the updated schedules, standings and scores for the tournament by just going to the YSF website. <http://youthspringfootball.com/resultsschedules/>. This is an open portal available to everyone to see. Let families also join the fun and show them how to see this information!

## **CHEERLEADING PROGRAM**

YSF now offers a great cheerleading program. Go to the YSF website <http://youthspringfootball.com/cheerleading/> to view what is included in this terrific program. We run an end of season cheer competition operated together with our 3<sup>rd</sup> party partner. Call Denasa 813-315-0795 or [heavenlyangels474@gmail.com](mailto:heavenlyangels474@gmail.com) for more information.

## **TEAMS MUST UPLOAD THEIR OWN PLAYERS DOCUMENTS**

You must have all your documents uploaded yourself. YSF will no longer allow players to certify without their documents ALREADY uploaded. *We will only certify players that have a photo and BC uploaded, the 2 liability/medical forms filled out and ready to be given to the clerk, Original BC and ID of player or parent available to show the clerk.* If you don't have these items don't bother to come to the certification, you will be turned away!

## **# OF COACHES PER TEAM**

There seems to be some confusion over the number of coaches allowed per team. The correct number is SIX (6). This includes All Coaches, Team moms, Junior Coaches etc.

## **OUT OF STATE GAMES**

Out of state game spots still available! YSF now operates their tournament in 3 other states. Teams from Florida can request their travel date to be at one of these out of state fields. YSF pays a travel stipend of between \$200-300 per team to assist and encourage teams to travel to these games. Teams will play a double header on those days. If you are interested in one of these games email [sandy@youthspringfootball.com](mailto:sandy@youthspringfootball.com) immediately as they are popular and are on a "first come first served" basis. We already have a list of interested teams.

## **EXTRA POINTS**

Last season we had some issues arise where teams fumbled or threw an interception from an extra point try and then the opposing team tried to return the ball for a touchdown. This is NOT a high school rule. In the YSF we play under National High School Federation rules. If an extra point try is fumbled, intercepted or any other lost ball situation occurs, the ball is immediately DEAD, and the extra point try fails.

## **GAME JERSEYS**

YSF provides simple dual colored game jerseys that can be used by teams if they wish. \$15 per player. Email [sandy@youthspringfootball.com](mailto:sandy@youthspringfootball.com) for instructions on how to obtain these.

## **COACHES BADGES**

The instructions for receiving a coach badge are on the YSF website in the document's library.

<http://youthspringfootball.com/docs/Coach-Badge-Application-Process.pdf> If you are unsure of the procedure, then go read this document.

*Very Important* – If a coach is already in the system as an admin or on another one of your club's teams and you want to add them to a different team, you MUST choose the "Select Existing Coach button" and then "change the button to "YES" for "Is the coach on active roster" flag. This will add them into that additional team and bring forward all their documents. NO need to add a coach twice. If you use the correct button their pictures and badge will be in BOTH places.

## **DID YOU PURCHASE EARLY REGISTRATIONS?**

If you purchased Early registrations, please inform Sandy asap who you want those applied to. You can choose to just have YSF apply them from the top of your teams down until they are used up or send me an email specifying by name who you want those coupons applied to.

## **FSYFL FACEBOOK FORUM & YOUTH SPRING FOOTBALL FORUM?**

In keeping with our re-branding operation from FSYFL to YSF we now have a duplicate forum called "Youth Spring Football Forum". Both the FSYFL and YSF forums will continue for this season but go and request your membership to the YSF one now before we close the FSYFL one, so you don't miss out on some news. New teams go search your Facebook for these forums, and get yourself approved, there is a lot of information disseminated there.

## **RETURNING PLAYERS FEATURE**

Remember the new feature we added last year that allows RETURNING teams to pull their previous players into their NEW season teams saving time on repeated paperwork etc. Unsure of how this works? Go read the Team Console instruction manual. <http://youthspringfootball.com/docs/Team-Console-Manual.pdf>

## **JAMBOREES**

*Very Important:* YSF encourages jamborees but does NOT govern them with certification control. i.e. players are not certified before they play in a jamboree. It is entirely likely that you may be playing against a player that is still trying to get down to the correct weight but plays in the jamboree. Hopefully coaches do not "cheat" by playing players in a Jamboree that are too old for that particular age division, but YSF does not vouch for jamboree players. PLAY IN JAMBOREES AT YOUR OWN RISK.

The following jamborees are scheduled:

1. Bayside Bears (Liberty Park, Palm Bay, FL) Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, Justin Machell 896-529-4661
2. Plant City Dolphins (Otis Andrews Sports Complex, FL) Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, Cynthia Clemann 813-507-9963
3. Bradford Tornadoes (Wrigley Field, Ocala FL) Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, Braxton Britt 904-364-7185
4. Pine County All Stars (JC Turner Field, St Petersburg, FL) Fred Jenkins 727-365-3939
5. Okeechobee Brahmans (Okeechobee Sports Complex, Okeechobee FL) Tarrance Pryor 863-801-7030
6. Inbound Warriors (Hickory tree Community Park, St Cloud FL) David Rivette 407-319-5110

## **LEAGUE MAGIC**

Two years ago, YSF re-wrote the spring tournaments Team Console into a program that can be used also by fall associations. This product called LEAGUE MAGIC and is very similar to Team Console but with some added features suitable for use in the fall. We have already sold this product to multiple fall associations and they are using it with great success. If you know your league associations Presidents or leadership team and would like to see them use League Magic in your Fall program, email [sandy@youthspringfootball.com](mailto:sandy@youthspringfootball.com) and we will do our best to offer it to them. Don't keep Team Console a secret get it out to your own fall programs!