



COACHES EMAIL UPDATE # 3

This is the 3rd Coaches email update for the season. If you missed the first two go to the Documents Page on the YSF website.
PLEASE READ THESE UPDATES THEY ARE IMPORTANT!

1. PRE-SEASON CERTIFICATION DATES CALENDAR RELEASED!

All the available Certification dates in all cities and regions have now been posted on the YSF website.

<http://youthspringfootball.com/certification-dates/> Remember your teams/players can attend multiple certification events, in any area and incrementally be certified. *Use these dates, get your players certified and your first game will be pain free.* All jamborees and game fields for the first 3 weeks of the season will have certification offices. All events and offices are full service for payments, certifying players and weigh ins (if needed). Players can try to make weight as many times as they need until they achieve it.

2. SCHEDULE DEPOSITS *Deadline is PAST!*

Deadline for schedule deposits is past! If you have not paid your schedule deposit or made payments sufficient to reach your amount of schedule deposit you are in danger of not getting on the schedule. Don't delay! CALL SANDY NOW 813 728 6747. The schedule deposit of \$800 *per team* **is NOT an extra amount.** It is a portion of your players fees. Payments can be made here <http://youthspringfootball.com/make-a-payment/>. Teams can pay this amount and reimburse themselves once their players pay, or have players pay directly online. As long as the total payments made per team (online player, early payments etc) equals the required amount, then you are good. *If you need an extension you must email sandy@youthspringfootball.com*

3. YOU CAN START MAKING PAYMENTS

Teams/Coaches or Players can start paying now. Online Payments can be made here <http://youthspringfootball.com/make-a-payment/>. If you have collected checks from your players attach them to the "Coaches Disbursement Form" <http://youthspringfootball.com/docs/Coaches-Disbursement-Form.pdf> and mail them to the YSF. Address is on the form.

4. ADD YOUR PLAYERS TO YOUR TEAM CONSOLES

You do NOT have to have paid for a player to add them to your team console. Just add them! If they quit, just delete them. This way if a player pays online the YSF can apply that payment to your player who has been added to your roster. You can add/delete players but if there is money attached to a player you must email sandy@youthspringfootball.com to switch that payment to another player. By rule the YSF allows players to be added to teams up to the 3rd game of the season, which is March 3rd this season.

5. NEW TEAM CONSOLE FEATURE – Important!

YSF has added a new feature into the League Magic Team Console, allowing teams to select from their 2017 spring season players when adding a player to their team. When inside the "add players" module Coaches will now be able to choose the drop down in top right corner called "Returning Players". All "previous" season age eligible players for that age division team will be available to choose from. Returning players pictures, certificates and data will be able to be pulled forward into the 2018 season rosters. If a players status has not changed they will be automatically certified and will require no further action. If due to age change, they now are required to be weighed, all their other data will be pulled in, and their weight flag will be un-checked until it is certified for 2018. *Once you decide to choose that player for your 2018 team, you MUST change the flag that states "Is the player on the active roster" to "YES".* That player will be added to your new roster. The instructions for the Team Console is available on the Documents page of the website here <http://youthspringfootball.com/docs/Team-Console-Manual.pdf>

6. SCHEDULES RELEASE DATE & SCHEDULE REQUESTS

Schedules will be released on about Feb 7th or 8th. Teams will play as close to their home regions as possible for the first week of games. If you are wanting a specific schedule request...SEND IT IN NOW! sandy@youthspringfootball.com Once the schedule is started it is *too late!* All schedule requests must come through head coaches/administrators only please. (EXAMPLES - bye week requests, specific game times, if you are coaching multiple teams and need a break between games, kids that play multiple sports, if you want to go to a certain city for your travel week). We do not allow requests to play certain teams.

7. DO YOU WANT TO PLAY AGAINST GA, AL OR TN TEAMS FOR YOUR REGULAR SEASON GAME AND BE PAID A TRAVEL STIPEND TO DO SO?

We began a pilot program last season with Florida teams going to play in the other state tournaments. Due to the success of this pilot program, we will continue this for 2018 season. However, as an added feature we will now allow the Florida teams to use their scheduled travel week to play these other state teams and count as part of their regular season schedule games. YSF will also be offering these teams that wish to do this a very reasonable travel stipend to help with the cost of travel to these state locations (\$400 per team for GA and AL, \$600 per team for TN). *If you are interested in this program please email sandy@youthspringfootball.com as soon as possible as this program went into wait list status last season.*

8. COACHES BADGES

Teams are only allowed 7 badges per division team. A coach that is on two teams counts as one badge. Approval, issuing and printing of coaches badges is now ALL online. Coaches upload their pictures and fall badges (or do a background check) and submit badge applications through the Team Console coaches pages. Coach Badge procedure information <http://youthspringfootball.com/docs/Coach-Badge-Application-Process.pdf>.

9. INFORM YSF WHICH PLAYERS YOU WANT TO APPLY YOUR EARLY PAYMENT COUPONS TO

If you purchased Early Payment registrations, email sandy@youthspringfootball.com to inform him which players you want to apply your early registrations to. Make sure these players are on your team consoles. These coupons are generic and can be switched if a player quits on you prior to the season.

10. CUSTOM JERSEYS

YSF has their own uniform company called Meta Sports Gear and we make custom sublimated or tackle twill uniforms. We have great pricing and can deliver in under 3 weeks. Many YSF teams are now buying our uniforms call Chris Smith chrissmith1934@gmail.com 863-241-1861 for info.

11. SINGLE COLOR YSF JERSEYS

If you are wanting to use the single color non-custom YSF game jerseys that are \$15 per player, you MUST have the “Use YSF jerseys” box checked and select the color on your team consoles. These jerseys will be ordered on January 31st and delivered to you by Feb 5th. Remember the standard jerseys are delivered BLANK, you must make arrangements in your local area to get the numbers placed on your jerseys.

12. GAME FILM

YSF has contracted the services of QUICKCUT a film production company that has many years of experience in filming youth football games. The price is \$265 per team - includes the qwickcut platform to view the games, this price also includes playoffs. For information Call Todd Denoyer on 386.717.8061 todd@quickcut.com

13. TEXTING & MESSENGER

I don't do texts or messenger for critical information. If you text me and I forget your request it is on you. If you want a quick answer on a subject that's fine, if you want me to do something, you MUST email me. I do not track texts. Emails are almost always answered quickly.

14. YSF FACEBOOK FORUM

If you are not on this forum you are missing out! Go to Facebook and search “YSF Facebook Forum” There are over 3,400 folks on this forum sharing and talking. Activity is now starting to heat up. Please realize there is some smack talk. We do monitor it and delete inappropriate language etc but allow for a little bit of fun. We do not endorse all comments, and also I would turn off the automatic alert unless you *want* to be pestered! But it has some really helpful information for jamborees, season operational information and YSF posts many updates there.

15. JAMBOREES

The YSF allows teams to run their own jamborees but we do not endorse any particular event. These events are covered under the YSF insurance policies, however the YSF does NOT MANAGE OR VERIFY THE CERTIFICATION OF ALL PLAYERS FOR THESE EVENTS. You attend them at your own risk and discretion. We absolutely discourage our coaches from doing this but, UNCERTIFIED and OVER AGE players could be playing in these events. Inform your parents of these possibilities! Teams typically advertise these events on the YSF Facebook Forum.

16. INTER STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

YSF will provide the inter-state championship game between the Florida D1 champions and the combined GA, AL, TN and SC champions for each age division. (*This feature is only available to D1 teams*) These games will take place at the Pro Bowl games on the week following the State Championships. D2 teams will not be eligible to play in these games, if you want to get the chance to play in the inter-state bowl championship games your team will need to compete in the D1 tournament.

17. YSF HAS A NEW WEBSITE

We have released a new website that now provides a single site web portal for all the state tournaments. www.YouthSpringFootball.com can now be used for all the tournament activity and included in this new website is a page for each of the state tournaments. All documents are available in the Document Library on the website.

18. YSF GROUP OF COMAPNIES

Following the tremendous growth of the YSF, we have now re-branded ourselves into a new entity called Youth Spring Football (YSF). YSF has formed and acquired additional entities to support our endeavors. While operating the 5 tournaments in FL, GA, AL, SC and TN, we also operate a sports equipment company META Sports Gear www.metasportsgear.com, our software management company League Magic www.League-Magic.com and our sports training company, Olympus Sports Academy www.OlympusSportsAcademy.com.

19. NEW PLAYOFF PROCESS

During the off season the YSF management advisors considered various options to solve the D1/D2 conundrum. While there appears to be no solution to the core problem of forcing teams to play either D1 or D2, we will be implementing a new playoff system that we feel will add to the overall satisfaction of the tournament. The following changes will take place:

- The district formations will be cancelled, with the first round of the playoffs now being called “Regional Playoffs”
- The original 4 regions (NE, SE, NW and SW) will remain. However while these regions will still be essentially geographically designed, in order to create a reasonably balanced amount of teams in each region the YSF will balance the counts by moving teams into adjoining regions, prior to the release of the schedules. This balancing will likely affect the teams that are geographically down the middle of the state.
- YSF will still make some post season decisions to move D2 teams that are considered D1 quality to the D1 playoffs. This process will remain the exception not the rule, and will still be submitted to the independent committee of 3 members who will be required to vote unanimously for a team to be moved.
- D2 teams now must achieve a minimum of 3 wins to remain in the D2 playoffs.
- Teams with 2 or less wins, will be placed into the D3 playoffs. The D3 playoffs will be played to a final but will not advance to the state championship game weekend. The final D3 championship games will take place at the Conference championship week.
- The first round of the playoffs for D1 and D2 will now be the Regional’s. There will no longer be any double headers in the 1st round of the playoffs. Depending on the amount of teams in each region there may be higher seeded teams that will receive a bye to the following week. (The standard playoff seeding process will apply 1 plays 4, 2 plays 3)

Good luck for the season!

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