



COACHES EMAIL UPDATE # 4 – February 20th, 2019

IF YOU DO NOT READ THIS EMAIL YOU WILL MISS KEY INFORMATION

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 – PLAYERS MUST BE PAID BY WEEK 2******
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 2nd, 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 CHANGES ON FIRST WEEKS

For the first couple of weeks it is inevitable that there will be schedule changes. We try our best to keep these to a minimum, and ALWAYS email you if there are changes made. **HOWEVER, PLEASE REVIEW YOUR SCHEDULES EVERY WEEK ON ABOUT WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE GAMES JUST IN CASE.** The schedules are on the www.youthspringfootball.com website under Results/Schedule menu, so **DO NOT** give your parents a hard copy that will likely be out of date very quickly, rather tell them to go to the website, that way they have accurate information.

YOU CAN MAKE PAYMENTS AT THE FIELDS

The ONLINE player payments portal is STILL open. Payments for players can be made online at <http://youthspringfootball.com/make-a-payment/>. **YOU CAN MAKE PAYMENTS AT FIELD.** 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 CLERKS AT FIELD

They are certification clerks at the fields every week to certify your players. However, you can only add new players and certify them up to the 3rd week of games – March 30th.

PLAYERS MUST BE IN TEAM CONSOLE

Put all your players in your console NOW! If you don't and arrive at the field, you will be asked to do this anyway...so do it NOW! Also, it is *YOUR JOB TO UPLOAD PHOTOS AND BIRTH CERTIFICATES, MY CERTIFICATION STAFF ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DO THIS.*

COACHES CAN ADD PLAYERS TO THEIR TEAMS UP TO THE 3RD WEEK OF GAMES – MARCH 9TH.

YSF will be certifying players right up to the 3rd week of games. If you have a new player, you can add them to your team, but they must play on the March 9th week of games to be eligible for the playoffs.

PLAYER WEIGH INS

If a player misses weight, they can try as many times as they want to make the weight on that same day and right up until the 3 weeks of games on March 30th. Players may NOT play until there are fully certified.

HAVE YOU INFORMED YSF WHO TO ALLOCATE YOUR SCHEDULE DEPOSIT AND EARLY PAYMENTS TO?

You should have already informed YSF which players to allocate your early purchases coupons and schedule deposit \$ to. If you want specific player allocations or you just want YSF to randomly apply these coupons or \$ amounts just email sandy@youthspringfootball.com the names.

FORFEITS OR NO SHOWS

The YSF hates forfeits. Don't show for your game or be more the 20 minutes late and you will lose your spot in the tournament and forfeit all your fees. Do whatever it takes to be on time and show up PERIOD!

COMPLAINING ABOUT REFEREES OR THEIR CALLS

The YSF does their very best with training and ongoing reviews to obtain and use well trained referees. They are however human and make mistakes. We never overturn game results. If you have a complaint about a referee's calls, please send the film to Sandy Beckett and we will be glad to review it to determine if there was just cause for complaint and then we will take appropriate action. This will never include overturning a game result.

DO NOT TEXT CRITICAL INFORMATION TO SANDY

If you have some critical info and you text or call me, I will automatically tell you to email that information to me. I generally answer email within 48 hours, so don't waste your time EMAIL!!!!

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, immediately after a game 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 3rd party partner. Call Denasa 813-315-0795 or heavenlyangels474@gmail.com for more information.

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 for Tiny, Mitey and Pee wee teams. 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 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.

ALL TEAMS PLAY IN THE 1ST ROUND OF PLAYOFFS NO MATTER THEIR RECORD – MARCH 30TH

Your team should plan on playing on March 30th week of games. This is the first round of the playoffs. For teams that did not do well they can opt for a single D3 bowl game that YSF will arrange with the closest team. *This is a single game.* If you opt to go into the playoffs you may play a double header game on that day between ONLY your division rivals (i.e. SW, NW, SE and NE) as the YSF must get to a final 2 two teams for your region, those two teams will play the following week for the Regional championships. Remember in the playoffs you only play your tournament division teams (i.e. D1 vs D1, D2 vs D2)

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.

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.

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 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!