



## YSF Corona Virus Update #2

Hello All:

Herewith a new update on where my thinking is at regarding the tournament. I am sure you all understand that these are unprecedented times, and hence my trepidation regarding making final decisions is a result of my having to rely on the latest information from folks that are not too sure either.

Our challenge with regard to finalizing the tournament is essentially four fold. #1 - 90% of the fields our teams use for practices and games are shut down. We can't play football without fields #2 – The current rulings prohibit groupings of any number of people. We can't run a tournament without people. #3 – Playing football and Social distancing is an impossible conundrum. We can't play football without contact, and #4 – Will parents of our football players even allow their children to participate once the federal/state institutions lift the current restrictions. We cannot play football without players.

Having said this I have not given up. We have already formulated some ideas for finalizing the tournament with a condensed, mini, reconfigured two weekend double/triple elimination playoff type finish. A state championship type event is almost undoable, due to the fact that I am unable to obtain any willing stadium/field facility. A YSF state championship requires a massive amount of time and planning and if we are shut down or inhibited along the way it could be costly and a disaster.

In summary, for now we will wait until May 9<sup>th</sup> to make final decisions. With all high school spring sports cancelled we have a small window of opportunity to extend something into the end of May. Should we be pushed into June I fear we will be without options as the fall football seasons are almost certainly going to ramp up their efforts in that time period. The virus situation is currently still a huge problem with disagreements as to whether we have reached the apex even, and given the four challenges I am faced with, detailed above, I am at the mercy of the federal and state governments, and certainly do not want to even slightly risk the safety of any of our families.

In the interim can every team/organization please text/email me one of the following choices detailed below (assuming we are allowed to) so that I can gain an understanding of where all teams/clubs are at should we decide on doing something to finalize the season.

#1 We will not be able to participate in a final tournament

#2 – We will be willing to participate in the final tournament.

Thank you all and be safe!