



### YSF Corona Virus Update #3

Herewith our 3<sup>rd</sup> update on where our thinking is at regarding the continuation of the tournament. I apologize for the delay in this update but I am sure you all understand that these are unprecedented times, every day brings a new change that is difficult to keep up with.

Our challenge with regard to finalizing the tournament remains the same. #1 - Fields our teams use for practices and games are shut down. #2 – Current rulings prohibit groupings of any number of 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.

It does appear however that the situation is slowly improving with regard to going back to some type of normality. A high percentage of county/city/private parks are still closed. There are about 25% that are allowing sport type activities, without any contact and with limited #'s of people. An additional good sign is that the closed counties are having update meetings every week now, thereby indicating they are looking for ways to open. For obvious reasons, in order for us to proceed we must have the liberty to have contact between players. We can come up with solutions for distancing of fans and other safety measures, but obviously, with our activities being with children it is unrealistic for us to do what the professional sports are doing of holding events without fans.

One additional challenge we face is that the closer we get to mid July the time will not be on our side as fall sports will try and start as well, effectively crowding us out. Also proving difficult is that fall programs need to start equipment refurbishments and planning, thereby making our efforts untenable.

Having said all this we already have a developed plan if things allow us to move forward. We will run a mini “double elimination” tournament all at one field on each side of the coast over a period of 2 weekends. A state championship type event is not possible, 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.

For the reasons above, it is my view that we will have run out of options if we are unable to do anything by the end of June. Therefore I will continue to wait until then, being prepared to start this mini tournament at very short notice up until that date.

I have received replies from about 60% of the teams informing me of their intention to participate if we do the mini tournament, with a very large percentage saying they will participate. If you have not informed me of your decision yet 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!