



AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEER

THE WORLD'S LARGEST YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEER ORGANIZATION

Coach,

Welcome to the 2021 American Youth Football and Cheer National Championships!

This year, AYF celebrates 26 seasons of youth football and cheer. This National Championship tournament promises to be the BIGGEST and BEST one to date, with over 190 teams competing in Division 1 6U-14U, Division 2 6U-14U, Conference All Star Divisions 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U unlimited weight divisions and over 250 Cheer, Dance, & Step Teams in 60+ age and skill level divisions.

Roster Upload

All rosters must be uploaded via the myayf.com platform by October 1, 2021. Questions or concerns can be directed to craig@americanyouthfootball.com

Live Random Draw Bracket Show

In 2020, AYF was the **FIRST** national youth football tournament to have completely random seeding-by-draw of each bracket. We will continue that process for 2021.

The Live Draw will be streamed live, on Friday, December 3, 2021, at 8:00 PM from the Omni Resort at ChampionsGate (via YouTube) presented by Varsity Media. Additional details to follow.

Team Check-In

FOOTBALL

Team Check-in is a requirement for participation at the Omni Resort at ChampionsGate – Osceola Convention Center. Check-in will run from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM on Saturday, December 4, 2021. Please make travel arrangements that get you to Orlando in time to attend Team Check-in. Please note that head coaches must attend a briefing with the Field Marshal Director during Team Check-in - this is a requirement for participation in the tournament.

Team Check-In (continued)

CHEER/DANCE/STEP

Team Check-in is a requirement for participation at the Omni Resort at ChampionsGate – Osceola Convention Center.



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Check-in will run from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM on Thursday December 9, 2021. Routine Review times will be available on check-in day, you can select a time slot when registering for nationals.

AYF Universal Studios Party

AYF will hold its annual Universal Studios party on Thursday, December 9, from 7:30 PM - 11:30 PM for all coaches, players, administrators, parents, etc. This is a ticketed event and tickets must be purchased to attend. AYF will have tickets available for pre-purchase as we near the event as well as on-site at Austin-Tindall Sports Complex.

Stay-to-Play Event

READ THIS PAGE CAREFULLY: Your eligibility to participate is subject to the following.

All teams and squads must book the required number of rooms, for the duration of the tournament, in one of the approved hotels (link below) to receive credentials to participate in the National Championships.

Details on how the stay-to-play works and most questions you have can be answered by clicking on the following link: <http://www.americanyouthfootball.com/champs/hotels.html#hotels>

National Championship Registration

National Championship registration will open on 10/15 for teams that have qualified for AYF/AYC Nationals. Once you have qualified, YOU MUST complete your registration on myayf.com and pay the \$650.00 per team registration fee within 72 hours of your qualification date or you risk being ineligible to participate. You will receive a booking code that MUST be used to book your required AYF approved hotel rooms.

If you have any questions or need to clarify any of the information provided in this packet, please contact your Regional Chairman or craig@americanyouthfootball.com.

Regards,

Craig Karahuta

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Vice President Football & Cheer Operations



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2021 AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION

WHEN: December 4, 2021 - December 10, 2021

WHERE: Austin-Tindall Sports Complex - 4100 Boggy Creek Road, Kissimmee, FL

INFORMATION WEBSITE: - www.ayfchampionships.com

REGISTRATION: Teams can begin registering as of November 1, 2021 via www.myayf.com

DIVISIONS OF PLAY: DIVISION 1 - 6U, 7U, 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U

DIVISION 2 - 6U, 7U, 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U

CONFERENCE ALL STARS – 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U

GAME DAY INFORMATION BY DIVISION: Division 1 6U-14U - Sun, Tues, Thurs

Division 2 6U-14U - Mon, Wed, Fri – All Stars 8U-14U - Sun, Tues, Thurs, Fri

LIVE RANDOM DRAW SELECTION SHOW: Live Streamed via YouTube presented by Varsity Media on Friday, December 3, 2021 at 8:00 PM from the Omni Champions Gate Resort.

TEAM CHECK-IN: Saturday, December 4, 2021 - Omni Resort at ChampionsGate from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

(All Teams Must Attend)

AYF UNIVERSAL STUDIOS PARTY (ticketed event): Thursday, December 9, 2021 from 7:30 PM - 11:30 PM

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To All AYF National Championship Head Coaches,

First of all, Congratulations! I would like to personally welcome each of you to the 2021 AYF National Championships!

The journey continues and it is an exciting time. Whether you are a returning or a first-time team, the experience and memories made this week will last forever – for you, your players, your families, and your community.

You have made it this far due to your dedication. Please continue that by being proactive and utilize the resources provided. AYFChampionships.com is your friend and has all the information that you need. This is not a secret, please feel free to share the link and resources.

As you embark upon your trip to Florida, embrace the original AYF ideals, Sportsmanship, Safety, and Full Participation. Every player is a key part of your team, regardless of their skill level. Be excited for each of them to get the opportunity to learn and compete in every game.

As my late friend, George Montgomery said, “Enjoy the Process of Greatness!”

Thank you for your volunteerism and I look forward to meeting each one of you personally.

Thank you!

Dee Grayer

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National Football Commissioner



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2021 AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 6U AND 7U

6U and 7U are National Championship Divisions. This is **not** Instructional Play.

- **The games will be played by NFHS and AYF rules with the following Special Teams modifications:**
 - No punts. There will be a 30 yard walk-off.
 - No kickoffs. Ball will be placed on the 40 yard line at the beginning of each half and after scores.
 - No rush on field goals or extra points
- **Optional**
 - Each team can have 1 (one) coach on the field - This is **not** mandatory.
 - The on field coach is allowed to only call plays and not make adjustments.

If there are violations of this, the coach will lose the on field opportunity and be removed from the field for the remainder of the game - zero tolerance.



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LIVE
RANDOM SEEDING DRAW
& PREVIEW SHOW



DECEMBER 3, 2021 - 8:00 PM
OMNI RESORT AT CHAMPIONSGATE

STREAMED LIVE ON YouTube

ALL TEAMS IN EACH BRACKET WILL BE ASSIGNED A NUMBER FROM 1-8. WE WILL RANDOMLY DRAW BALLS FROM THE HOPPER. TEAM NUMBER 1 WILL GET THE BALL NUMBER THAT COMES OUT FIRST.

EXAMPLE: TEAM NUMBER 1: BALL NUMBER 6 COMES OUT FIRST, THEY WILL BE ASSIGNED THE 6TH SPOT IN BRACKET.

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2021 AMERICAN YOUTH CHEER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION

WHEN: December 9, 2021 - December 12, 2021

WHERE: Silver Spurs Arena - 1875 Silver Spur Ln, Kissimmee, FL 34744

INFORMATION WEBSITE: - www.aycchampionships.com

REGISTRATION: Teams can begin registering as of November 1, 2021 via www.myayf.com

TEAM CHECK-IN: Thursday, December 9, 2021 - Omni Resort at ChampionsGate from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
(All Teams Must Attend)

HEAD COACHES MEETING: Thursday, December 9, 2021 - Omni Resort at ChampionsGate at 4:00 PM
(Head Coach From All Teams Must Attend)

ROUTINE REVIEW: Thursday, December 9, 2021 - Omni Resort at ChampionsGate from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday, December 10, 2021 - Omni Resort at ChampionsGate from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
(Teams Must Register to Attend - Sign-up Date TBA)

MAT RENTAL: Teams will have an opportunity to rent mat space on a first come first serve basis. Additional information regarding fee, time slots, and registration will be announced in November.

AYF UNIVERSAL STUDIOS PARTY (ticketed event): Thursday, December 9, 2021 from 7:30 PM - 11:30 PM

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Dear Dedicated Coordinators & Coaches,

2021 is an extremely exciting competitive year as we can host our AYC National Championships! Your Region Cheer Directors and National Staff have been diligently working on gearing up for the LARGEST AYC event to date!

I know the past year and a half have been quite a difficult time for so many of you. From the start of this insane pandemic, you continued to communicate with your teams. Through all the craziness, you maintained leadership and kept your participants engaged. Never forget you are SIMPLY THE BEST and born to be a leader to so many young, aspiring children!

While attending Nationals and for continued safety precautions, please remember to abide by the local health guidelines to minimize any risks. Remind your organization to display positive sportsmanship and allow the message to trickle down to your participants and fans. Of course, we all want that 1st place trophy but remember to instill teamwork, dedication, and life skills to your teams. A coach can have such a tremendous, positive impact on a child and this journey can be such a wonderful experience.

Again, we are so excited and thrilled you will be part of the 2021 National journey. I can't wait to see all of your creative choreography! I look forward to meeting all of the head coaches at our Head Coaches Meeting on Thursday, December 9, 2021 beginning at 4:00 PM.

Safe travels, continue to stay well & best of luck to each one of you!

With cheer,

Tara L. Rachele

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