



# AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEER

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Coach,

Welcome to the 2020 American Youth Football National Championships!

This year, AYF celebrates 25 seasons of youth football and this National Championship tournament promises to be the BIGGEST and BEST one to date, with over 240 teams competing in Division 1 6U-14U and Division 2 8U-14U unlimited weight divisions.

Brackets have been expanded to accommodate 16 teams per division of play for 2020. Due to COVID-19, we have suspended Regional tournaments and teams will qualify via state championships. Each bracket will require 4 days of play instead of the traditional 3 days (details on next page).

## **Roster Upload**

All rosters must be uploaded via the myayf.com platform by October 1, 2020. Questions or concerns can be directed to [craig@americanyouthfootball.com](mailto:craig@americanyouthfootball.com)

## **Live Random Draw Bracket Show**

AYF will be the **FIRST** national youth football tournament to have completely random seeding-by-draw of each bracket.

We will stream the draw live, on Friday, December 4, 2020, at 8:00 PM from the stadium at Austin-Tindall Sports Complex, (via YouTube) presented by Varsity Media. Additional details to follow.

## **Team Check-In**

Team Check-in is a requirement for participation at the AYF National Championships. Check-in will run from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM on Saturday, December 5, 2020, at Austin-Tindall Sports Complex in Kissimmee, FL. Having check-in outdoors versus inside at the Omni Resort at ChampionsGate convention center allows us to social distance in an open air environment for the 2020 event. 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.

## **COVID-19**

AYF and Austin-Tindall Sports Complex will institute a number of COVID-19 measures during check-in and during the tournament. These will be evident as you check-in and further information about the tournament will be provided during check-in for coaches to share with staff, parents, players, and fans.



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## AYF Universal Studios Party

AYF will hold its annual Universal Studios party on Thursday, December 10, from 7:00 PM - 11:00 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 to pre-purchase as we near the event as well as on-site at Austin-Tindall Sports Complex.

## Stay-to-Play

Due to COVID-19, our friends at the County (Experience Kissimmee) have granted us a waiver from our stay-to-play requirement, exclusively for 2020. This means your teams are permitted stay at houses, hotels, timeshares, etc. of your choice for 2020. For your convenience, AYF has negotiated group discounts and will publish a list of preferred hotels and home rental providers on ayfchampionships.com.

## Game Time

All games are governed by NFHS rules and regulations, except for AYF specific rules (see 2020 AYF National Rulebook for details). Each team is guaranteed 2 games. If you go 0-2 in your first 2 games, you will be eliminated from the tournament. If you go 1-1 in your first 2 games, you will get 3 games. To play for 3rd Place or the coveted AYF National Championship, you will play 4 games.

The visiting team is required to provide 3 volunteers/parents to be the chain crew during each game played. Due to COVID-19 and taking social distancing into account, we have waived the MPR requirement for the 2020 tournament (see memo). Each team is required to use a Wilson football while playing at the AYF National Championships and one will be provided compliments of Wilson at Team Check-in or you can bring your own, however it must be a Wilson Football.

Each player participating in the event will receive a commemorative AYF drawstring bag, AYF water bottle, AYF helmet sticker, a mouth piece, and an AYF National Championship medal. Each team placing 1st thru 5th place will receive a trophy. National Champion teams will receive medals, a trophy, rings, a banner, and jackets for all participants.

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](mailto:craig@americanyouthfootball.com).

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## 2020 AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION

**WHEN:** December 5, 2020 - December 12, 2020

**WHERE:** Austin-Tindall Sports Complex - 4200 Boggy Creek Road, Kissimmee, FL

**INFORMATION WEBSITE:** Discounted Hotel & Vacation Homes/Brackets - [www.ayfchampionships.com](http://www.ayfchampionships.com)

**REGISTRATION:** Teams can begin registering as of October 1, 2020 via [www.myayf.com](http://www.myayf.com)

**ROSTER UPLOAD (due by October 1, 2020):** [www.myayf.com](http://www.myayf.com)

**DIVISIONS OF PLAY:** DIVISION 1 - 6U, 7U, 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U  
DIVISION 2 - 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U

**GAME DAY INFORMATION BY DIVISION:** Division 1 7U-14U - Sun, Tues, Thurs, Fri  
Division 1 6U - Mon, Wed, Fri, (Championship Game Only 6U Sat) Division 2 8U-14U - Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat

**LIVE RANDOM DRAW SELECTION SHOW:** Live Streamed via YouTube presented by Varsity Media on Friday, December 4, 2020 at 8:00 PM from the stadium at Austin-Tindall Sports Complex

**TEAM CHECK-IN:** Saturday, December 5, 2020 - Austin-Tindall Sports Complex from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
(All Teams Must Attend)

**AYF UNIVERSAL STUDIOS PARTY (ticketed event):** Thursday, December 10, 2020 from 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

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To All AYF National Championship Head Coaches,

From the time my organization joined AYF when I was a coach in 2005, I embraced the 3 ideals that set the foundation for the organization, Sportsmanship, Safety, and Full Participation.

We won a National Championship that season and every single one of our players, coaches, and family members felt that they were a part of it and we celebrate still today as I see those players in jobs, some with families, and some still pursuing higher education. We embrace those lifelong memories that the great game of football produced.

As you all know, this year has been a challenge for everyone. We have all had to make adjustments, stay informed, and make some tough decisions. You have all taken on the responsibility to continue coaching during this time and have shown great leadership and we thank you for that!

AYF has decided to offer our National Championship tournament for 2020. We will be successful with your partnership, dedication, and attention to detail as we do our part to minimize risk.

With that said, we will be asking each Head Coach and team to ensure that they show sportsmanship by adhering to the AYF ideal of Full Participation. As a safety measure, we will not be requiring MPR monitors for both teams at the 2020 AYF National Championships.

The players on your rosters put you in a position to be able to participate by meeting the minimum roster requirements and we fully expect each of our teams to have the integrity and the commitment to ensure that every player on the team plays the minimum play requirement per AYF rules. While this will not be enforced by the Field Marshals nor the opposing team, each game will be filmed by Varsity Media.

So, please do your part to ensure that you will be able to share these life long memories regardless of winning or losing a football game. The AYF National Championships are about more than the title, it's all about the journey, teamwork, and the lessons learned.

We know that you will all compete with class and trust that you will make the right decisions for your organization, your players, and your families.

Thank you!

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National Football Commissioner



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## 2020 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 4, 2020 - 8:00 PM**  
**AUSTIN-TINDALL SPORTS COMPLEX STADIUM**

**STREAMED LIVE ON YouTube**

**ALL TEAMS IN EACH BRACKET WILL BE ASSIGNED A NUMBER FROM 1-16. 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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