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Coach,

Welcome to the 2025 American Youth Football National Championships!

This year, AYF celebrates 30 seasons of youth football and cheer. This National Championship tournament promises to be the BIGGEST and BEST one to date, with over 200 teams competing in Division 1 6U-14U, Division 2 6U-14U, Conference All Star Divisions 9U/10U, 11U/12U, 13U/14U, and Division 3 10U-13U unlimited weight divisions.

Roster Upload

All rosters must be uploaded via the myayf.com platform by September 19th, 2025, No Exceptions. 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 a completely random seeding-by-draw of each bracket. We will continue that process in 2025. We will stream the draw live on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 6:00 PM EST. from the Great Wolf Lodge (via YouTube) and presented by Varsity Media.

Team Check-In

Team Check-in is a requirement for participation and will be held at Paradise Coast Sports Complex . Check-in will run from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM on Sunday, December 7, 2025. Please make travel arrangements that get you to Naples 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 as well as the Mandatory Coaches Meeting at 8:00 PM in the stadium at Paradise Coast Sports Complex - this is a requirement to receive coaches credentials needed for participation in the tournament.

Lodging

The mandatory Stay-to-Play Requirement has been suspended for 2025. A list of recommended hotels can be found at www.ayfchampionships.com.

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Dear AYF National Championship Head Coaches,

Get ready for an unforgettable experience at the 2025 AYF National Championships. This week is about giving your players, staff, and families a moment they will never forget.

Congratulations on earning your spot. We know the work it takes to build your team, come together, and compete all year to get here. Now it is your chance to show it on the national stage.

This is our third year at Paradise Coast Sports Complex in Naples, Florida. The facility and community have welcomed us with open arms, and each year the partnership gets stronger. Expect more teams, more football, and more action as every game sets the stage to prove you belong among the nation's best.

Safety and Sportsmanship are our cornerstone. We have a Zero Tolerance policy on nonsense and shenanigans. With sponsors, partners, media, and community leaders in attendance, it is important your staff, players, families, and fans understand this. You never know who is next to you or watching.

Academics are just as important as the games. We provide letters to excuse absences, but it is on us to keep athletes accountable. Build a study hall and check assignments daily so your players stay on track while out of town. Handle All Business!

Only one team at each level will leave undefeated, but every team will leave victorious. This is a life changing Athletic, Academic, and Social opportunity, and your players have earned it. For those who cannot attend, all games will be streamed so no one misses a minute of the action.

Stay connected through AYFChampionships.com and our social platforms for scores, schedules, updates, and highlights.

Congratulations again on an incredible season.

"Enjoy the process of greatness!" – George Montgomery

Dee Grayer
National Football Commissioner



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2025 AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL STATES, REGIONAL & NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 6U AND 7U RULES

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 Extra Points will be attempted via Kick

2 Point Conversion Rule:

The Game Official will ask the Coach on the Field or the Head Coach (If the team does not have a coach on the field) after a Touchdown if he wants to attempt a 1 pt. Conversion or a 2 pt. Conversion.

1 Pt. Conversion can be attempted from the 3 yard line

2 Pt. Conversion can be attempted from the 5 yard line

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. He may speak with his players/sidelines as long as it is related to instruction (NOT the other teams players/coaches). The Coach can Never Physically move a player.

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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WHEN: December 7, 2025 - December 13, 2025

WHERE: Paradise Coast Sports Complex - Naples, Florida

INFORMATION WEBSITE: www.ayfchampionships.com

REGISTRATION: Teams can begin registering as of November 1, 2025 via www.myayf.com

DIVISIONS OF PLAY:

DIVISION 1 & DIVISION 2 - 6U, 7U, 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U

CONFERENCE ALL STARS - 10U, 12U, 14U

DIVISION 3 - 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U

GAME DAY INFORMATION BY DIVISION: ****Subject to change*

TBD

****ALL TEAMS SHOULD PLAN TO STAY UNTIL SUNDAY AS CHAMPIONSHIP/3rd Place SATURDAY IS A FULL DAY OF GAMES.*

LIVE RANDOM DRAW SELECTION SHOW: Live Streamed via YouTube presented by Varsity Media on Saturday, **December 6, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM EST. at the Great Wolf Lodge**

TEAM CHECK-IN: Sunday, December 7, 2025 - **Paradise Coast Sports Complex** from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Plan Travel to Make Sure You Make Team Check-in This is NOT Optional

(All Teams Must Attend to Participate)

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2025 AYF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ENHANCED SECURITY PROTOCOLS

AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL IS IMPLEMENTING SEVERAL CHANGES TO OUR SECURITY PROTOCOLS FOR THE 2025 FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

EXISTING PROTOCOLS:

MANUAL INSPECTION OF SPECTATOR BAGS AND INSPECTION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH WALKTHROUGH OR HANDHELD MAGNETOMETERS (WANDS).

NO MUSIC WITH EXPLICIT LANGUAGE AND OR PROFANITY IS PERMITTED ON PREMISES.

NO LARGE SPEAKERS OR "BOOM-BOXES" ARE PERMITTED ON PREMISES. HANDHELD SPEAKERS CAN BE USED AT YOUR PRACTICE AREA.

NO WEAPONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO KNIVES OR GUNS, ARE PERMITTED ON PREMISES.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, NARCOTICS, AND ALL OTHER DRUGS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MARIJUANA ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE PREMISES; WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS WHICH ARE PERMITTED WITH APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION.

NO PROFANITY, GANG INNUENDO AND OR SYMBOLS ARE PERMITTED ON PREMISES, INCLUDING ON CLOTHING OR PERSONAL ACCESSORIES.

ANY THREAT MADE AGAINST AN AYF STAFF MEMBER, VOLUNTEER, REFEREE, FACILITY EMPLOYEE, OR ATHLETIC TRAINER WILL RESULT IN A PROMPT REMOVAL FROM THE PREMISES. A REFUSAL TO VACATE THE PROPERTY WILL BE REFERRED TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL TRESPASSING CHARGES WILL BE LEVIED AGAINST SAID INDIVIDUAL(S). MOREOVER, SAID PERSON(S) WILL BE BARRED FROM ANY AND ALL AYF/AYC EVENTS AND FACILITIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE EVENT AND SHALL BE BANNED INDEFINITELY FROM ANY AND ALL AYF PROGRAMS.



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IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE PROTOCOLS, THE FOLLOWING ENHANCED PROTOCOLS ARE BEING ADOPTED FOR THE 2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SHALL REMAIN IN PLACE UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED:

AYF HAS ADOPTED "THE NFL CLEAR BAG POLICY" IN ITS ENTIRETY (<https://www.nfl.com/legal/clear-bag-policy>) NO PURSES, BACKPACKS, FANNY PACKS, DIAPER BAGS, COMPUTER BAGS, CAMERA BAGS ARE PERMITTED ON PREMISES. ONLY CLEAR BAGS ARE PERMITTED ON PREMISES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COOLERS, WHICH LIKE ALL ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION.

NO CARTS OR WAGONS ARE PERMITTED ON THE PREMISES, ALL COOLERS MUST BE CARRIED IN AND OUT OF THE FACILITY.

NO TENTS ARE PERMITTED ON THE PREMISES.

ALL COOLERS ARE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION BY SECURITY PERSONNEL AND MAY ONLY BE BROUGHT THROUGH THE TEAM ENTRY GATE. NO COOLERS ARE PERMITTED THROUGH THE SPECTATOR GATE.

MAGNETOMETERS, WALK THROUGH OR HANDHELD (WANDS) WILL BE USED AT THE TEAM GATE AND ALL TEAM EQUIPMENT IS SUBJECT TO INSPECTION.

PLAYERS MUST CARRY OR WEAR ALL EQUIPMENT WHEN ENTERING THE FACILITY, NO DUFFLES, BACKPACKS, ETC. FOR PLAYERS ARE PERMITTED. ALL DUFFLES, BACKPACKS, ETC. MUST REMAIN IN VEHICLE/PARKING LOT. AYF IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOSS OR THEFT OF ANY ITEMS LEFT IN VEHICLES OR PARKING LOT AS A RESULT OF THIS POLICY.

COACHES ARE PROHIBITED FROM WEARING ANY FORM OF BAG AND OR BACKPACK WHILE COACHING.

EACH TEAM WILL RECEIVE A MAXIMUM OF 10 WRISTBANDS. WRISTBANDS WILL ONLY BE GIVEN TO ROSTERED PERSONNEL – A MAXIMUM OF 8 COACHES AND 2 TEAM STAFFERS (TEAM MOM, WATER-ATTENDANT, ETC.) 2 ADDITIONAL BANDS WILL BE PROVIDED EXCLUSIVELY TO MPR PERSONNEL. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS WRISTBAND POLICY. THE TEAM'S COACHING STAFF IS RESPONSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE NO MORE THAN 10 PERSONS ON THE TEAM SIDELINE, WITH OR WITHOUT WRISTBANDS. FIELD MARSHALS WILL CONDUCT PERIODIC INSPECTIONS OF THE TEAM SIDELINE AND CONTINUED VIOLATIONS OF THIS POLICY WILL BE ENFORCED WITH AN UNSPORTSMANLIKE PENALTY LEVIED AGAINST THE INFRINGING TEAM AT THE TIME OF DISCOVERY.

THERE IS A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR FIGHTING. ANY FIGHTS BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER THE GAME BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS OR TEAMS WILL RESULT IN TEAM DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE EVENT. TO BE CLEAR, THIS POLICY EXTENDS BEYOND PLAYERS AND COACHES, FIGHTING BY PARENTS OR SPECTATORS WILL RESULT IN THEIR AFFILIATED



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TEAM BEING DISQUALIFIED FROM THE EVENT. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN TO TEAMS OR SPECTATORS IN THE EVENT OF DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL FROM THE PREMISES. MOREOVER, THE OFFENDING PERSON(S) SHALL BE BANNED INDEFINITELY FROM AYF REGIONAL AND NATIONAL PARTICIPATION.

TEAM "SHOW-DOWNS" OR "SQUARE-OFFS" IN PRE-GAME ARE PROHIBITED. A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN A 15 YARD PENALTY ON THE OPENING KICK-OFF APPLIED AGAINST THE OFFENDING TEAM, IF BOTH TEAMS ARE FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED THE RULE, THE PENALTIES WILL BE OFF-SETTING, AND BOTH HEAD COACHES WILL RECEIVE A "PERSONAL FOUL ON THE BENCH", AND LOSE A TIME OUT, WHICH WILL COUNT TOWARDS THE MANDATORY EJECTION OF THE HEAD COACH FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE GAME, UPON A SECOND "PERSONAL FOUL ON THE BENCH."



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