



2010 COACH UPDATE NEWSLETTER - # 3

(Please Note: These coaches update Newsletters are also on the FSYFL Web Site at the Coaches page)



Message from Sandy Beckett...

Firstly I want to thank all of you for your participation, and look forward to providing you with an exciting and efficient tournament for the 2010 season. I have finally been able to confirm the number of teams that are participating in the tournament. I must apologize, but due to the recession and a variety of other factors I have had a lot of teams that dropped out after having giving me their confirmations. While we have still more than doubled the amount of teams that participated last year, I probably am at fault for getting a late start with the recruiting process. I was a little concerned about the recession and had resigned myself to have the same participation this year. However demand for Spring Football is up tremendously and I will make the effort this next year to increase our exposure to the many teams that got news too late to join.

1. Registration Payments - IMPORTANT!

If your team is definitely in the tournament and you have begun registering your players, you need to start sending any payments that you have received from your players to the FSYFL offices. Send whatever payments you have in hand please, this includes partial payments. These payments help to offset some of the large early costs for the tournament. Make sure to fill in players names on the "Coaches Disbursement Form", attach the checks and send them to the address on the form. If you have multiple teams and you register for all of them together, please attach checks for each TEAM to a separate Coaches Disbursement Form. If you received cash please keep the cash and write a check from yourself for the amount. Checks should be made out to FSYFL.

2. Summary of Payments On line Report – The FSYFL provides an up to date summary report of your payments. Once some payments have been received a report is created and the Head Coach of that team is provided the password to this report. Go to the bottom of the Coaches and Documents page of the FSYFL web site and click on the "2010 Payment Summaries" choose your team, and enter your password. If you need your password call me. *(Report runs in Microsoft Excel only)*

3. Team Zone Sports Roster – Very Important! - ALL HEAD COACHES MUST DO THIS

Enter your players into the Team Zone roster. All that is required is First/Last Name and Birth date. *(Players do not have to be paid, and/or have complete paperwork for you to complete this step)*

4. Player Ages in Team Zone – All players entered into the Team Zone Sports roster **MUST** have an age entered. Please review your Team Zone Sports instructions for how to do this.

5. Referees Meeting – The FSYFL has arranged a series of referees meetings to take place on Monday February 22nd, 2010 at the following places (directions are also on FSYFL web site):

New Smyrna - Halifax Medical Center, 1st Floor Conf Room, 303 N. Clyde Morris Blvd.
Daytona Beach, FL 32114 at 6pm (Ref – John Lavin)

Tampa - Forest Hills Community Center 724 W 109th Ave Tampa, FL 33612
7.45pm (Ref – Gary Stanley)

Ft Myers - North Fort Myers Community Park, 2021 North Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers, FL 33903 at 7pm (Ref – R. Mackett)

These Meetings are NOT mandatory. However the FSYFL advises all coaches and assistants to attend, as the referees will be explaining many of the rules, and available to answer all questions.

6. **Pre-Certification Meetings – These meetings are mandatory for all HEAD coaches (or one of their representatives)** The FSYFL has arranged a series of pre-certification meetings to take place where all coaches are required to bring their file folders and have their paperwork checked and certified. Teams may add players up until the start of the 2nd game of the regular season so additions and changes after this meeting are allowed. *(The purpose of this meeting is to get the bulk of the paperwork out of the way to make sure the first games of the season are not a bureaucratic nightmare!!)*

Please note all directions to these meeting as well as game fields are on the FSYFL web site

East Coast teams	Meeting # 1 – Saturday Feb 20 th , 10am – 11.30am Silver Sands Middle School Fields. 1300 Herbert Street, Port Orange, FL 32129
<i>(Teams can choose to attend any meeting place)</i>	Meeting # 2 - Monday Feb 22 nd 6pm – 7.30pm (Same day as the referee meeting) Halifax Medical Center, 1st Floor Conf Room, 303 N. Clyde Morris Blvd. Daytona Beach, FL 32114
	Meeting # 3 - Thursday Feb 25 th , 6.30pm – 8pm New Smyrna Beach Field Facility 1800 Turnbull Bay Road, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168
Tampa	Friday Feb 26 th , 7pm – 9.30pm Hilton Garden Inn, Board Room. 5312 Avion Park Drive, Tampa FL 33607
Fort Myers	Saturday Feb 27 th , 12 noon – 2.30pm Hilton Garden Inn, Board Room 12600 University Drive Fort Myers, FL. 33907

7. **FSYFL Schedule** – The FSYFL schedule is currently being finalized and will be emailed to all coaches by Tuesday Feb 23rd, at 12noon. Couple of points to note:
- The schedule will posted on the FSYFL web site.
 - Please note I will be sending the draft schedule to the key contacts for organizations on Monday morning and you will have 24 hours to request changes. These changes will be considered but not guaranteed, as I have many teams and have to be realistic what I can do.
 - The schedule is a complex document and requires coaches to be very careful in making sure they have the right competitor, the right time and field for their game. The FSYFL is not responsible for misreads of the schedule, games will be forfeited for no shows.
8. **Jerseys & Jersey Numbers** – Due to the amount of teams this year and the way the jerseys were sized I have made a change to the numbering process for teams, to allow for swapping of jerseys between teams without ending up with duplicate numbers. The sheet of team jersey number allocations is posted on the FSYFL website on the top of the coaches page. It is also attached to the email that came with this update. The jerseys will be sent to each coach in the week before the first game (March 1st). Teams will be required to return unused jerseys at 3rd game of the season.
9. **Players Photographs** – Remember that if you have already taken your file folder photographs you can simply write the number of the jersey manually onto the players photographs. The FSYFL certification is done by both numbers and photograph of the player to ensure no swapping of players into teams takes place.
10. **Fields** – All directions for game fields are provided on the FSYFL web site under the menu choice “Field Directions”.
11. **Referee Score Cards** – Please note that one of the FSYFL rules is that at the end of each game the Referee is required to fill out the game scorecard. BOTH coaches have 15 minutes to agree to or dispute the score. After 15 minutes the score is set and no further disputes are allowed. The points for and against are an FSYFL tie breaker and therefore should be checked for accuracy.

12. Certification Process – The following gives coaches a guideline of the certification process from beginning to end.

- a. *Attend Pre-Certification Meeting*
 - i. 80% of teams paperwork should be complete.
 - ii. Verify Paperwork (Hard Card, Liability and Medical Release, Birth Certificate).
 - iii. Completed players hard cards and photographs are stamped.
 - iv. Validation of your CURRENT on line roster (Team Zone Sports) with your team file folder hard cards. We will have an online computer at most meetings to correct any discrepancies and/or add any players.
 - v. Take additional payments
- b. *1st Game of Season*
 - i. Finalize any additional players paperwork
 - ii. Finalize any outstanding players
 - iii. Get all remaining payments
 - iv. Weigh in all players and certify weights
 - v. Check players numbers to their hard cards
- c. *2nd Game of Season*
 - i. Finalize any additional players paperwork that have been added
 - ii. Weigh in added players
 - iii. Check players onto field
- d. *3rd Game of Season*
 - i. Final Roster is certified and signed by FSYFL and Head Coach

13. Regions/Conferences – Due to the changes in the number of teams participating this year I have had to make a change to the playoff format again. The following will be the format for 2010:

In the West: The top 8 teams will advance. Each team is subsequently seeded based on their records using the FSYFL tie breaker process. Then the 1 seed plays 8 seed, 2 plays 7, 3 plays 6, 4 plays 5. Until the top two teams remain and they will advance to the conference championship.

In the East: The top 6 teams will advance. Each team is subsequently seeded based on their records using the FSYFL tie breaker process. In week one of the playoffs...Seed 1 & 2 will get a bye and seed 3 plays 6, 4 plays 5. Winner of 3/6 plays Seed 2, Winner of 4/5 plays seed 1. Until the top two teams remain and they will advance to the conference championship.

The 3rd round of the playoffs is the Conference Championship between the two best teams of the conference. The State Championship is between the Conference champion of the East and West.

**Tie Breakers are 1st=Record, 2nd=Head to Head, 3rd=Conf Record Percentage (not record), 4th=Points For/Against

Finally, thank you all for your participation in the FSYFL tournament. It is my pleasure to serve you all, and I wish you luck for your season...please do not hesitate to phone me Sandy Beckett 813 728 6747 or email sandyb@q3solutions.com if you have a question.