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## Now that the season has begun, how do I get ready for National Championships?



First! Welcome to the new season. My best wishes to all the coaches and cheerleaders. Good Luck and stay safe!

Now that the new season has begun it is time to get to work on paperwork! This publication will focus on how you as a coach can have a smooth transition to Region and National Championships. If you are registered as a Tournament Team prepare early. The necessary forms and waivers for both adults and children are currently posted on [www.myayf.com](http://www.myayf.com). Each team should have already entered ONE contact per TEAM which was due AUGUST 1, 2008. If this has not been done your team may be at risk to lose benefits of AYF. All 2008 Players Rosters will be due OCTOBER 1, 2008.

Coaches can make this process as painless as possible by preparing early. Have your parents fill out all the necessary waivers in anticipation that your team will move on to Region and/or National Championships. Yes, you need the paperwork for Region Championships too.

### **Tournament Teams:**

What do I need as a tournament team?

Your team book should include:

1. Certified Roster (a copy of the roster should be sent to the [cheer@americanyouthfootball.com](mailto:cheer@americanyouthfootball.com) once your team has qualified) Rosters must be clearly identified with the team name, region, head coach with contact information, age division and category. Unfortunately, the AYF roster panel is currently unable to identify cheer divisions and category (red/blue) properly. Please include these identifications in your team name (for example *Catalina Wildcats Div 14 & U Large Red*). This will enable us to place your team correctly on the order of appearance.
2. Participant photo ID, birth certificate and medical release. All participants under the age of 18 need to have these items in the team book (i.e. student demo, coach trainee)

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National Registration Paperwork (can be found on [www.myayf.com](http://www.myayf.com)) *Additional item may be required.*

1. Participating Team Registration Form
2. Background Affidavit
3. Scholastic Affidavit
4. Proof of Ins & Risk Management
5. Insurance Check List
6. Participant Waiver & Release of Liability
7. Participant Image Release
8. Adult Waiver & Release of Liability
9. Adult Image Release
10. Receipt of Championship Registration Fee

If a participant is on the roster and does not accompany the team an absentee form should be filled out and included in the team book.

All these forms are posted on [www.myayf.com](http://www.myayf.com)

### **Wild Card, Open Division and Step Teams:**

In addition to the items above:

1. Team must register with AYF and submit a roster by October 1, 2008 in order to be eligible.
2. Wild Card Registrations must be received by November 1, 2008. A copy of your roster should be sent to [cheer@americanyouthfootball.com](mailto:cheer@americanyouthfootball.com) in order to be included in the championship order of appearance.

Don't forget to nominate that special coach and cheerleader(s) for the AYF All-Star Game in San Antonio Texas, January 1-3. American Youth Cheer (AYC) will give cheerleaders who will be moving on to their High School programs (8th Graders or ages 14 and up) who have maintained a high standard of academic performance. Nominations should be received by November 1 to [cheer@americanyouthfootball.com](mailto:cheer@americanyouthfootball.com).

*Cheers!*  
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