



# AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEER

THE WORLD'S LARGEST YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEER ORGANIZATION

Coach,

## Welcome to the 2022 American Youth Football and Cheer National Championships!

This year, AYF celebrates 27 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, 2022. Questions or concerns can be directed to [craig@americanyouthfootball.com](mailto: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 2022.

We will stream the draw live on Friday, December 2, 2022, at 8:00 PM EST from the Omni at ChampionsGate Resort (via YouTube) presented by Varsity Media.

### Team Check-In

**FOOTBALL:** Team Check-in is a requirement for participation at the Omni at ChampionsGate Resort – Osceola Convention Center. Check-in will run from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM on Saturday, December 3, 2022. 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 as well as the Mandatory coaches meeting that evening - this is a requirement for participation in the tournament.

**CHEER:** Team Check-in is a requirement for participation at the Omni at ChampionsGate Resort – Osceola Convention Center. Check-in will run from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM on Thursday, December 8, 2022. Routine Review times will be available on check-in day - you can select a time slot when registering for nationals.

### AYF Sea World After Dark Party - NEW FOR 2022

AYF will hold its annual player party at SeaWorld Orlando, home of 3 of the 4 fastest and newest coasters in Orlando on Thursday, December 8, 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 to pre-purchase as we near the event as well as on-site at Austin-Tindall Sports Complex and during team check-in days at the Omni at ChampionsGate Resort.



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## 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 listed 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 link below:

**List of Approved Hotels & Info (will be updated by 9/1/22)**

<http://www.americanyouthfootball.com/champs/hotels.html#hotels>

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).

Thank you,

Craig Karahuta  
Vice President Football and Cheer Operations



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To All AYF National Championship Head Coaches,

Welcome to football heaven! The 2022 AYF National Championships are here!

Your journey that began in the summer has landed you all here in Florida and we know it wasn't easy. Regardless of the path and obstacles that it took for your team, families, and community to get here - You did it, you earned it, and we congratulate you all!!

Our staff and volunteers are here to help you, so please utilize all resources at your disposal and do not hesitate to reach out with any questions - we are here for you! Stay connected to social media and [AYFChampionships.com](http://AYFChampionships.com) for the latest information, scores, and more.

Football is the ultimate team sport and every position and team member is important. Please do your part in communicating the purpose of the event and respect the game.. We want everyone to have a great time, make lifelong memories, and to compete with class. There will be many games played and only one team in each division will end the week undefeated, however, everyone will learn valuable lessons from each game, each activity, and each moment on and off the field.

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

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

Thank you,

Dee Grayer  
National Football Commissioner



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## 2022 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

### **NEW FOR 2022 - EXTRA POINT 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 10 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.

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 2, 2022 - 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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## 2022 AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION

**WHEN:** December 3, 2022 - December 9, 2022

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

**INFORMATION WEBSITE:** [www.ayfchampionships.com](http://www.ayfchampionships.com)

**REGISTRATION:** Teams can begin registering as of November 1, 2022 via [www.myayf.com](http://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:** Sun, Tues, Thurs 7U, 9U, 11U, 13U D1 & D2 8U AS - Sun, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 10U, 12U, 14U AS Divisions - Mon, Wed, Fri 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U D1 & D2

**LIVE RANDOM DRAW SELECTION SHOW:** Live Streamed via YouTube presented by Varsity Media on Friday December 2, 2022 at 8:00 PM from the Omni Champions Gate Resort.

**TEAM CHECK-IN:** Saturday, December 3, 2022 - Omni Resort at ChampionsGate from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (*All Teams Must Attend*)

**AYF SEAWORLD AFTER DARK (*ticketed event*):** Thursday, December 8, 2022 from 7:30 PM - 11:30 PM

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## 2022 AYF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ENHANCED SECURITY PROTOCOLS

AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL IS IMPLEMENTING SEVERAL CHANGES TO OUR SECURITY PROTOCOLS FOR THE 2022 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.

**IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE PROTOCOLS, THE FOLLOWING ENHANCED PROTOCOLS ARE BEING ADOPTED FOR THE 2022 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.



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NO CARTS OR WAGONS ARE ALLOWED ON PREMISES, ALL COOLERS MUST BE CARRIED IN AND OUT OF THE FACILITY. 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 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", 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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Dear Dedicated Coordinators & Coaches,

Welcome to the 2022 AYC Nationals! Your regional coordinators and National Staff have been diligently working on a fabulous event all year long!

Throughout your Nationals journey please make sure you speak to your staff, parents & squad members to display positive sportsmanship. The world today needs more good and it can start with leaders like you! The role of each cheerleader and dancer is to promote positivity not only when cheering on the sidelines or competing but cheerfulness in their everyday endeavors. Of course, everyone's goal is the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy but remember to instill teamwork, dedication, and life skills to your teams. As a coach you have such a huge, positive impact on a child and YOU make the journey such a memorable experience.

Again, I, along with the Nationals Staff and regional directors, are so excited for you to be part of the 2022 National journey. We are super excited to see all of your creative choreography and routines! I look forward to meeting all the leaders at our Head Coaches Meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

Have an awesome, memorable week! Stay safe, healthy, and HAVE FUN!

With cheer,

Tara Rachele  
National Cheer Commissioner



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## 2022 AMERICAN YOUTH CHEER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION

**WHEN:** December 8, 2022 - December 11, 2022

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

**INFORMATION WEBSITE:** [www.aycchampionships.com](http://www.aycchampionships.com)

**REGISTRATION:** Teams can begin registering as of November 1, 2021 via [www.myayf.com](http://www.myayf.com)

**TEAM CHECK-IN:** Thursday, December 8, 2022 - Omni Resort at ChampionsGate from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (*All Teams Must Attend*)

**HEAD COACHES MEETING:** Thursday, December 8, 2022 - Omni Resort at ChampionsGate at 4:00 PM (*Head Coach From All Teams Must Attend*)

**ROUTINE REVIEW:** Thursday, December 8, 2022 - Omni Resort at ChampionsGate from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Friday, December 9, 2022 - 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 at one hour increments. Additional information regarding fee, time slots, and registration will be announced in November.

**AYF SEAWORLD AFTER DARK PARTY (*ticketed event*):** Thursday, December 8, 2022 from 7:30 PM - 11:30 PM

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MAKO



ICE BREAKER



KRAKEN



INFINITY FALLS



MANTA

## REAL THRILLS, REAL ADVENTURE.

This will be a night of celebration and adventure. SeaWorld is the Coaster Capital of Orlando! You'll have exclusive access to them all, plus shows and more.

**December 8, 2022**

**7pm-11pm**



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