



2010 COACH UPDATE NEWSLETTER - # 5

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

1. Team Certifications - **IMPORTANT!**

All rosters will be finalized at the start of this next game. If you have a player on your roster that **HAS NOT BEEN CERTIFIED** (i.e. Paperwork complete and weighed in) but you plan on having them on your roster still it is **critical** that that player attends this weeks game to be certified and weighed in. If they are unable to do so please call Sandy Beckett at 813 728 6747 so that other arrangements can be made to certify them. The Rosters will be frozen after this week, and only players on the **CERTIFIED FSYFL** roster will be allowed to participate from this game out.

- 2. Certified Rosters** – Prior to the March 27th game the FSYFL field representative will fill in the jersey numbers on the final team rosters, and the head coach of each team will be required to sign two copies of this FSYFL certified roster, the coaches signature will then be stamped and one copy of the roster will be placed into the team folder and one copy in the FSYFL folder.
- 3. Team Weigh Ins** – While certified players are not required to weigh in each week, all teams must continue to check in with the FSYFL Field Representative office prior to each of their games. Players will be required to report their name and jersey numbers and the FSYFL Field Rep will sign their attendance on the players hard card for that week's game. Coaches should have their teams check in 20-30 minutes prior to game time for this task.
- 4. Anonymous FSYFL Roster Audits** – The FSYFL field representatives will be doing periodic anonymous audits of teams players during their games to ensure only certified players/numbers are on the fields for that particular team's game.
- 5. Violation of Certified Players Rules** – During this past week there has been a violation of the FSYFL player certification process. Please note that the FSYFL will not tolerate any violations of the player certified rules and regulations, examples of which might be, either uncertified players taking the field and/or players with falsification of paperwork. Violations will result in game forfeitures, coach/team suspensions and stringent requirements imposed to produce original paperwork and certificates for all players.
- 6. FSYFL Schedule** – In general the FSYFL schedule will not be changed without a formal phone call to the head coach of the team. However the field numbers of the games may be altered. Each week the schedule of games for a particular location is posted all around that given field. The FSYFL encourages all coaches to view this “on site” schedule to ensure that the field number for their game has not been altered.
- 7. Teams with same colors** – In the case of the schedule placing two teams with the same jersey against each other, the FSYFL will be providing the referees with scrimmage overlay vests. The team with the least amount of players will be required to wear these vests. Please return them to the referees at the end of the game.
- 8. Home & Away rules** – The referees and I have decided that the home/away teams will be decided at the field right before game time. This will be done by coin toss or mutual consent. The resulting home team will get the call. **Both coaches will confer to decide on chain gang members from the fans that are there on that particular day.**

- 9. Half Time Rules** – Please note that the FSYFL rules state “*The winner of the coin toss will...choose whether to be on offense or defense and the losing team will choose which side of the field they would like to start with. After halftime the teams will switch roles*” The reason the FSYFL instituted this rule of an automatic swap at half time is that the games ONLY have 2 halves. In certain cases under typical High School coin toss/half time processes a team might be able to start both halves in either defense or offense through deferment. However because there are 4 quarters in a regular football game no team is able to hold onto one side of the field (i.e. the wind) for the entire game, because they are required to switch ends after each quarter. In the FSYFL format this is **not** the case. Therefore, the FSYFL rule states that the ROLES SWITCH AT HALF TIME REGARDLESS OF THE COIN TOSS WINNER STATUS. The decision of a coach “for deferment” essentially has no gain in the FSYFL format, as whatever the other team chooses the switch will occur at half time.
- 10. Jerseys – IMPORTANT**
The jersey number that each player was certified under is part of the entire certification process that the FSYFL operates. Please ensure that players do not change their jerseys as this may result in their not playing for that particular game. In the event of the player losing their jersey, the head coach should make sure and present that player to the FSYFL certification office well prior to the game start. This may result in the player being re-certified and re-weighed to ensure that the original player has not changed.
- 11. Refund Policy** – There are no further refunds allowed.
- 12. Extra Jerseys** – Now that the rosters have been frozen, head coaches should return all additional jerseys. This may be done by sending them back to Sandy Beckett 6821 Wayside Court, Tampa FL 33634, or handing them over to the FSYFL field representative before the games for the next 3 weeks. Teams not returning their extra jerseys will not be able to participate in the post season. Please ensure this is done.
- 13. Team Records & Scores** – Team records and results are usually posted to the FSYFL website (www.FSYFL.com) by Monday evening following the games. Please note that the results and actual scores of every game is recorded on the web site (Go to the “Schedule and Results” menu)
- 14. Action Photographs** – The Tampa fields have a variety of photographers that are taking action shots of the games. They have been instructed to make sure they photograph the outside region teams when they travel into Tampa. These action shots are posted to the FSYFL website under the “Action Photography” menu. The FSYFL is looking for photographers to take photos for the other regions, if any one knows a photographer in your area please forward their information to me and I will make sure to have them work your areas.
- 15. Fields** – All directions for game fields are provided on the FSYFL web site under the menu choice “Field Directions”.
- 16. 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. These scorecards will be placed into a jar in the FSYFL tent. 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.

Good luck on the rest of your season!