



## **COACHES UPDATE EMAIL # 6 – 4/9/10**

### **PLEASE MAKE SURE THIS EMAIL IS FORWARDED TO ALL YOUR COACHES**

1. **PLAYOFF GAMES AND TIMES** – I have now posted to the website the playoff fields and times for all the playoff games. While you are unable to definitively determine the exact time of your game until such time as you have all played your last regular season game it gives you an idea of where and when you will be playing based on division. Please go to the website and view this schematic on the front page.
2. **PLAYOFF FORMAT** – The playoff formats for each division is also posted on the website on the front page and the Results page. This varies per region and division based on the number of teams in each related division. Please go to the web site to view these different formats.
3. **MEDALS** – The FSYFL provides a participation medal for each player in each team that participates in the tournament. These medals will be sent to the coaches based on the frozen rosters following week 4 of the season. Coaches will then be responsible for handling these medals to their players.
4. **TROPHIES** - TEAM trophies are provided to each of the following teams in each division:
  - a. **Conference Winners**
  - b. **Conference Runners Up**
  - c. **State Winners**
  - d. **State Runners Up**
5. **REFEREES** – Please note the FSYFL uses certified youth football and high school coaches for each of the games. In addition all booking is done through 3 gentlemen in each of the regions who have an enormous amount of experience in this area. It is very difficult to handle this side of the tournament, due to the fact that the FSYFL has a variety of rule changes from standard football operation. Please allow them to do their job, and forgive the few errors they might make in a given game.
6. **COACHES BEHAVIOUR** – I have become increasingly concerned about some of the aggressive behavior that has been evident in some team coaches towards both other teams, coaches and referees. **Please can we make a decision that this is not acceptable behavior for anyone operating in Youth Football.** After all is said and done, these are children and young men, who deserve to see their adult mentors behave in an above average manner so that they in turn can learn to do the same. We do not teach any behavior...ON THE FIELD OR OFF THE FIELD...that would in any way be physically or verbally abusive to any person regardless of their position. We do not win at all costs...we do not abuse our fellow man...we do not teach the kids to hurt or injure any other child. We teach them to play hard (while playing competitively) but at all times

defer to acceptable behavior and kindness. We are careful to watch out for the players who are obviously not as experienced as themselves and to be kind and merciful. We talk to our parents that this is not a war, but a youth football game. Any comments that are derogatory of other players, coaches or parents DOES NOT BELONG ON AN FSYFL FIELD.