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Football Championships Set to Thrill Fans in Champaign County

Rantoul, IL—The much-anticipated American Youth Football (AYF) Regional Football Championships are set to kick off November 21–23, 2025 at the Rantoul Family Sports Complex, bringing together top teams from across the Midwest for an unforgettable showcase of athletic excellence and competitive spirit. This year’s event promises to deliver excitement, sportsmanship, and memorable moments as players and fans unite to celebrate the love of the game.

The Championships, previously held in the Chicago suburbs, will host over 50 teams and is expected to generate \$1.8 million in economic impact for the Champaign County region in hotel, restaurant, and store revenue.

“We are thrilled to host this premiere tournament,” explains Mark Brown, Director of Event Services and Film for Experience Champaign-Urbana. “Our area is well-acquainted with hosting large football tournaments, and we’re excited that American Youth Football has chosen us as their newest partner. The impact this tournament will have on the community will be felt this weekend, with many athletes and families staying in our hotels, enjoying our restaurants, and experiencing all of the brilliant amenities in the region.”

American Youth Football is the nation's largest youth football and cheer program. The winners of the regional championships will travel to Naples, FL, for the national championships in December.

“These games will showcase why AYF is the premier youth football league in the country,” states Tournament Director Mark Mueller. “The skill level starting at 6 years old until they are 13 years old improves with age. We are excited to celebrate their success and send the best the Midwest has to offer to Naples!”

Patrons can purchase tickets for \$25 on the tournament’s [GoFan site](#).

For more information about American Youth Football, visit www.americanyouthfootball.com.