



**POP WARNER CHEER AGREEMENT: Fall 2023**

Parent/Guardian signature required on page two.

**DIVISIONS - will be based on age and experience:**

**Mitey Mites** (7, 8 and 9 year olds):

- Will cheer weekly at one football game (home or away) and will work to coordinate a routine to perform at local cheer competition for exhibition only.
- This squad will not compete at competition but will strictly perform their routine for the audience to see and for practice.

**Junior Pee Wee / Pee Wee** (8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 year olds):

- Will cheer weekly at one football game (home or away) and will work to coordinate a routine to perform at local cheer competition.
- This group may or may not “compete” at competition. Either way, they will still practice and perform a routine at local competition. The coach will determine whether the performance is for exhibition only or to compete, based on the skill level of the squad.

**Junior Varsity (JV)** (10, 11, 12 and 13 year olds):

- This squad will focus predominantly on competition. They may cheer at a few games during the season, but their focus will be on creating and practicing their routine for local cheer competition with the goal of qualifying for regional and/or national competition.

**WARM UPS:**

- Your coach may require you to purchase a set of warm-up clothes (jacket and/or pants) to wear. This would be an additional cost that is not part of the registration fee.

**COMPETITION:**

- All Pop Warner cheer squads are **REQUIRED** to attend Local Cheer Competition during the Fall 2023 Season. This is part of the requirements of being under the umbrella of the National Pop Warner Association. It is **mandatory** for each cheerleader to attend unless there is an extenuating circumstance. Your cheer squad relies on each cheerleader to be there. Your coach will work on a routine consisting of dance, cheers and stunts that are appropriate for your age group.
- Some squads will compete at competition and others will perform their routine as an exhibition only but will not be judged.

- Local competition is typically held the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October (Saturday OR Sunday) and has been at a Cabarrus County high school the last few years. This is subject to change.
- If you are on the Junior Varsity Squad – you will be competing at Local Competition for judges. If you win and qualify, you are **REQUIRED** – per Pop Warner Rules – to attend Regional Competition. If you attend Regional Competition and win and qualify – you are again **REQUIRED** to attend National Cheer Competition in Orlando Florida in December. Your coach will give you more details on this.
- If your child is on the Junior Varsity squad that is competing, you should expect to incur travel expenses along with food expenses for the cheerleader and parent/family that are traveling. These could range from \$600-\$1000 per person.
- All cheerleaders who attend National Competition must be chaperoned by at least one parent. Pop Warner requires you stay on resort property and book through their travel agency. You are also required to stay for a minimum of two nights. Pop Warner is strict about these requirements. Details about this will be shared with you by your coach.

**FUNDRAISING:**

- In an effort to raise money to help cover the cost of the competition, if needed, the squad may participate in fundraisers throughout the season.

**UNIFORMS:**

- A uniform fitting will be scheduled prior to the start of the season. The date and time are TBD but will be sent to all families once a date is selected.
- The uniform, bloomers, bodysuit, and pom-poms must be returned at the end of the season. Items must be returned in the same condition they were received. Failure to return all items and/or any damage to items (stains, rips, etc.) will result in partial or full loss of equipment deposit.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to the above information.

Cheerleader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_