



CONSOLIDATED POP WARNER FOOTBALL FEDERATION  
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## **REQUIREMENTS FOR PETITIONING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CONSOLIDATED FOOTBALL FEDERATION. POP WARNER FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING LEAGUE (CFFPWFL)**

### **Section 1**

Any organization seeking admission to the League must submit a written application to the Board of Directors prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year, in order to be considered for admission during each calendar year. All applicants must adhere to currently established boundaries and under no circumstances will infringement in an existing member Association's designated territory be permitted. Additionally, under no circumstances will a single team be admitted to the League. Applicants within existing Association territories will be referred to the nearest Association to accommodate the anticipated participants. No applicant will be permitted to conduct business, (i.e., conduct registration, solicit funds, recruit members using the name of Pop Warner, CFF Consolidated Football Federation, or call themselves members of Pop Warner) as a member association of the CFF without a majority vote of approval from the Board of Directors, which shall include officers and representatives of each of the Associations then comprising the League. Only one (1) new association will be admitted into the CFFPWFL per year, with a minimum of three (3) tackle teams, three (3) cheering squads and one (1) flag team. Additional associations and teams may be considered if the league's resources permit and on a case-by-case basis.

### **Section 2**

Once a new Association has been approved, a **\$500** non-refundable entry fee will be required before the new association(s) conducts business and be considered an official member the CFFPWFL or Pop Warner. Upon approval and admission to the League, new Associations shall be in a probationary status for their first year. During the probationary period, the probationary Association will not be allowed to host any local, League, Regional or Nationally sanctioned event.

During the probationary period the new association(s) will not be eligible to make motions or vote for motions made on issues concerning policies and procedures of the HLA (Highest Local Authority), otherwise known as the League. Nevertheless, the new association(s) must submit a current copy of its Constitution and By-Laws no later August 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, changes to that document must be submitted to the HLA immediately upon their approval.

### **Note:**

- a. New associations must meet the minimum team requirements of fielding teams.
- b. Provided that all requirements are met as outlined above, regular membership into the League status is attained at the end of the Associations probationary period (1 year). The probationary Association will become an official full member of the League with full voting privileges.



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## POLICIES

### Section 3

The minimum requirement to become an association within the CFFPWFL will be:

Three (3) Tackle Teams with each team having its own Cheering Squad, and one Flag or Tiny-Mite team with its own cheerleading squad.

#### Note:

- a. New associations must notify the HLA President by the end of the first week of practice, which begins August 1<sup>st</sup>, if they cannot meet their commitment.
- b. Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the lost of probationary status and the forfeit of entry fees.
- c. Any new association failing to meet their requirements may resubmit an application during the next calendar year.
- d. New associations will not be allowed to host home games or bowl games during its probationary period.
- e. Disregard to Policies and Standing Rules can result in the forfeit of a new association(s) season with a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

### Section 4

During an Associations probationary period it will not be eligible for financial incentives from events sponsored by the HLA, (PWLS) Pop Warner Little Scholars and its Sponsors.

### Section 5

In order for a probationary Association to receive its League membership, it must meet all the requirements of these guidelines unless otherwise specified. This will include having functioned in an appropriate manner for one calendar year under the Official Rules of PWLS and League Authority, no exceptions. If for any reason a petitioning Association is not granted permanent status, the League will provide written justification for denial of the petition.

#### Note:

- a. The CFFPWFL reserves the right to deny any association membership should the Board of Directors deem an applicant association will not prosper under the structure of this HLA.



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As required by The Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc. Rule Book, each team must submit its official season roster to the League Office. This roster shall be typed in alphabetical order by the player's last name on the current approved Pop Warner Little Scholars roster form. Failure to comply will result in a fine of \$25.00 per roster due in concurrence with the date turned in.

- a. The official season roster shall have a minimum of twenty (20) PLAYERS and shall not exceed thirty-five (35) PLAYERS.
- b. The rosters shall be certified with a minimum of twenty (20) players by August 20 of each year and may be recertified no later than September 15 of same year.
- c. A new player must be on the official roster and be certified by the HLA Executive Board five (5) days before he/she is eligible to play.

**IT SHALL BE A CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION THAT EACH VOLUNTEER, (BOARD MEMBERS, COACHES, ASSISTANT COACHES, ETC.) SUBMIT TO A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK ANNUALLY. ADDITIONALLY, PROBATIONARY ASSOCIATION MUST ADHERE TO AND ENFORCE ALL POLICIES OF THE NATIONAL OFFICE, THE REGION, AND THE LEAGUE INCLUDING THE POP WARNER LITTLE SCHOLARS, INC. FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING RULE BOOK. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN REVOCATION OF PROBATIONARY STATUS AND EXPULSION FROM THE CFFPWFL.**

**APPLICATION FOR CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION**

The Consolidated Football Federation Pop Warner Football League is chartered with the National Youth Organization, Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc. The Administration of Pop Warner Football is divided into a series of regions of which we are located in the Mid-South Region. The number and composition of regions is determined and may be changed from time to time by the Joint Advisory Committee of Pop Warner Little Scholars. We are dedicated to providing safety and enjoyment to boys and girls that participate. Each family and each adult volunteer in the program must be covered by medical and liability insurance of some type. Although Pop Warner is statistically a safe sport, such insurance should include coverage for "Participate Risk".

Pop Warner Football activities are open to both boys and girls, including "mixed" teams/squads. However, for the sake of convenience, these rules refer to participants as if of the male gender only.



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## **GOALS & PHILOSOPHY OF THE POP WARNER PROGRAM**

Pop Warner Football is an international program operated for the benefit of its youthful participants. Since 1929, the program's philosophy has been: Academics and athletics go hand-in-hand. At every level, Pop Warner Football seeks to develop well-rounded young men and women who learn not only the fundamentals of football or cheerleading, but also the importance of education, in an atmosphere conducive to developing sound mind, body and character - and having a good time along the way!

The general objectives of Pop Warner Football are to inspire youth, regardless of race, creed or national origin, to practice the ideals of sportsmanship, scholarship, and physical fitness, as reflected in the life of the late Glenn Scobie "Pop" Warner.

Pop Warner strives to make the game "fun" for all boys and girls. Coaches must constantly keep in mind the ages of the participants. The program stresses learning lessons of value far beyond the playing or cheering days of the boys and girls involved, such as: self-discipline, teamwork, concentration, friendship, leadership, and good sportsmanship. With such goals in mind, and by providing an opportunity to participate in an organized, supervised environment with emphasis on maximum safety and participation, Pop Warner Football offers young men and women a unique experience.

### **Application Process:**

Please complete the attached application and return to the mailing address below. All applications must be received by **April 1<sup>st</sup>** to receive consideration for the current calendar year. For questions concerning your application, you may visit our website at [www.cff-popwarner.com](http://www.cff-popwarner.com) or contact Tom Goodwin at 919-523-8632.

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**Consolidated Football Federation  
 Pop Warner Football League  
 CFFPWFL  
 Application for Association Admission**

Date of Submittal: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Name of Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Mascot: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Colors: \_\_\_\_\_

Is group currently affiliated with another sponsored football/cheer program? (Examples include: American Youth Football, City Parks and Recreation Program, Elite/All Star Cheer squads)

YES                      NO

If YES what program are you currently affiliated with?

\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a point of contact with phone number from this organization:

\_\_\_\_\_

Football Age Groups/Divisions Interested, please circle all that apply:  
 (Must meet requirements for age and weight as described in the Pop Warner Rule Book and as shown at www.popwarner.com)

Flag	Tiny –Mite	Mitey Mite	Jr PeeWee	Pee Wee	Jr Midget	Midget
(5-7)	(5-7)	(7-9)	(8-11)	(9-12)	(10-13)	(11-15)

Spirit Age Groups/Divisions Interested, please circle all that apply:

Flag	Tiny-Mite	Mitey Mite	Jr PeeWee	Pee Wee	Jr Midget	Midget
(5-7)	(5-7)	(7-9)	(8-11)	(9-12)	(10-13)	(11-15)



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Do you have a Board of Directors established?                      Yes                      No

If YES, please provide the director's information on page 2 thru 4.  
If NO, please provide a statement below as to why:

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President: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief description of your Youth Sports administrative or coaching experience:

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Vice-President: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief description of your Youth Sports administrative or coaching experience:

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Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief description of your Youth Sports administrative or coaching experience:

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Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief description of your Youth Sports administrative or coaching experience:

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Other Board Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Locality Information: Specify the general area(s) or list communities that will benefit from your Association with Pop Warner Little Scholars. What geographical area will your Association be serving? (city, zip code, school district)

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

School District(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Please provide two (2) references that will concur with your organizations' integrity to foster a Youth Recreational Program in the geographical area you have selected.

Reference 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Specify the attributes of your home athletic field, location and property owner.

Where do you plan to call your home field (include address)?

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Where do you plan to conduct registration?

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On what dates do you plan to conduct registration?

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Do you have a commitment from a specific number of participants AND volunteers that will participate with your Organization?

If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

If NOT. Please provide a brief description as to how you plan on promoting interest in your organization.

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Does this commitment come from parents/players that have participated in a Pop Warner Association within our League? If YES, from what area/association?

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Can you field three (3) football teams (20 members each) and three (3) Spirit Squads ( minimum of 6 members each) at this time?

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What experience or knowledge do you have of the National Pop Warner Little Scholars program?

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Summary: Give a brief summation of your groups aspiration for developing a Pop Warner Little Scholars Association. Please, include any information that you think is important and include the number of teams and cheering squads that you are proposing to bring into our conference.

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**The CFFPWFL reserves the right to deny any group or association membership should the Board of Directors deem an applicant cannot meet minimum requirements, ie; fielding minimum number of teams/squads, adherence to policies, procedures, and rules under the structure of this (HLA) Highest Local Authority, the Mid-South Region, and the Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc. national offices.**

**NO NEW ASSOCIATION MAY FORM WITHIN EXISTING LEAGUE OR ASSOCIATION BOUNDARIES UNLESS EXISTING ASSOCIATIONS CANNOT ACCOMMODATE ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that the submitted information is true and correct and that knowingly submitting false information can be used as grounds for non-acceptance into the CFFPWFL or dismissal following acceptance.

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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