



CONSOLIDATED POP WARNER FOOTBALL FEDERATION
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**REQUIREMENTS FOR PETITIONING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CONSOLIDATED FOOTBALL FEDERATION. POP WARNER FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING LEAGUE (CFF)
(Approved 10-19-2010)**

Section 1

Any organization seeking admission to the League must submit a written application to the Executive Board of the CFF prior to **March 1st** of each calendar year, in order to be considered for admission during each calendar year. All applicants must adhere to currently established boundaries. Additionally, under no circumstances will a single team be admitted to the League. Applicants within close proximity to another Association's 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 representatives of each of the Associations then comprising the League. Only one (1) new association will be admitted into the CFF per year, with a **minimum of three (3) tackle teams, and three (3) cheer squads**. 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 by the CFF Board of Directors, a **\$500** non-refundable entry fee will be required before the new association(s) conducts business and is considered an official member of the CFF 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 CFF. Nevertheless, the new association(s) must submit a current copy of its Constitution and By-Laws no later **August 1st**. Also, changes to that document must be submitted to the CFF Executive Board 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 CFF will be:

Three (3) tackle football teams with at least three (3) having its own Cheer Squad, with at least one tackle team being Tiny-Mite or Mitey-Mite.

Note:

- a. New associations must submit evidence of sufficient registrations to meet the minimum team requirement by July 28th. The CFF Executive Board will notify the association by July 31st if they have satisfied the requirements and may begin practice on August 1st.
- b. New associations must notify the CFF Commissioner by the end of the first week of practice, which begins August 1st, if for some reason they can no longer meet their commitment.
- c. Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the lost of probationary status and the forfeit of entry fees.
- d. Any new association failing to meet their requirements may resubmit an application during the next calendar year. If a new association fails to meet the entrance requirements, the CFF Executive Board may allow them an additional year to meet the minimum requirement without having to resubmit the application or pay the entry fee.
- e. New associations will not be allowed to host home games or bowl games during its probationary period. The CFF Executive Board shall have the authority to allow new associations to host home games if in their opinion the association has the required experience necessary to host home games.
- f. 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.
- g. All football teams will be declared as Division III during the probational year.

Section 4

During an Associations probationary period it will not be eligible for financial incentives from events sponsored by the CFF, (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 the CFF, 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.



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Note:

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

As required by The Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc. Rule Book, each team must submit its official season rosters to the League Office using the League One software. 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 football roster shall have a minimum of eighteen (18) players and shall not exceed thirty-five (35) PLAYERS. The official season cheer / dance roster shall have a minimum of six (6) participants.
- b. The football rosters shall be certified with a minimum of eighteen (18) players and the cheer / dance rosters shall be certified with a minimum of six (6) participants prior to the first game of the season.
- c. A new player must be on the official roster and be certified by the CFF 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 MID SOUTH 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 CFF.

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”.



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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.

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 **March 1st** to receive consideration for the current calendar year. For questions concerning your application, you may visit our website at www.cff-popwarner.com or contact Tom Goodwin at 919-523-8632.

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**Consolidated Football Federation
 Pop Warner Football League
 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)

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| 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:

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| Flag | Tiny-Mite | Mitey Mite | Jr PeeWee | Pee Wee | Jr Midget | Midget |
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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:

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:

Secretary: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

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Employed by: _____

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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:

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): _____

School District(s): _____

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?

On what dates do you plan to conduct registration?

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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: _____