

BOYLSTON/ WEST BOYLSTON/ BERLIN YOUTH FOOTBALL/CHEER ASSOCIATION
POLICY AND PROCEDURES

1. **FOR IMPORTANT INFO. FOLLOW US AT WWW.LIONSYOUTFOOTBALL.COM, TWITTER: @LIONSPOPWARNER AND FACEBOOK: BOYLSTON/ WEST BOYLSTON/ BERLIN LIONS POP WARNER**
2. **REGISTRATION FEES:**
 - Tiny Mite Cheer/Football (5 & 6 year olds) \$55.00 per participant.
 - Cheer (ages 7+) \$130.00 per participant, this includes the Briefs and Bow
 - Tackle Football is \$130.00 per participant
 - 2nd Child Fee Football/Cheer \$105.00
 - Family Cap of \$305.00
 - All fees due must be paid in full **prior** to the first day of practice.
 - Payment plans are available please contact the Treasurer, Marie Johnson at gmjohnson16@yahoo.com
 - Refund Policy - Refunds will only be processed if PRIOR to the Jamboree. NO refunds will be issued if your child participates in the Jamboree (August 24). A \$20.00 non-refundable registration fee will be applied to any refunds
3. **UNIFORMS and Equipment –**
 - Tackle Football** equipment will be issued on:
 - **June 21, 9am-11am and a TBD Date in July** at the BOYLSTON/WEST BOYLSTON/ BERLIN YOUTH FOOTBALL FIELD (RTS.140 & 70). **Tackle Football Participants must attend one of the two equipment fittings.** A parent or legal guardian must be present at the tackle football equipment/uniform handout.
 - CHEER measuring/ordering day:**
 - **June 21, 9am-11am and a TBD Date in July** at the BOYLSTON/WEST BOYLSTON/ BERLIN YOUTH FOOTBALL FIELD (RTS.140 & 70), rain or shine. A parent or legal guardian must be present.
4. **DOCUMENTS:** The following documentation **must be turned in prior to the first day of practice for all Cheer and Football Participants:**
 - **Birth Certificate – Raised Seal is required by Pop Warner**
 - **Release Form (signed by both parents/guardians)**
 - **Medical Release form (dated after 1/1/14)**
 - **End of Year Report Card (June 2014) (All 4 Quarters must be included)**
 - **Equipment Deposit (check for \$200 dated 12/1/14)** this check will be returned to you at the end of the season when all equipment/uniforms are returned
5. **QUESTION & CONCERNS:** All questions/concerns need to be addressed to the applicable Cheer or Football Team Parents. The Cheer and Football Team Parents are identified at the start of the season. Coaches, Board Members and other Volunteers should not be approached. The Parent Code of Conduct that all Participant Parents/Guardians Sign at the start of the season will be strictly enforced.
6. **COACHES -** are **VOLUNTEERS** as well, dedicating their time and talents to our kids. Our coaches attend clinics on youth football and safety throughout the year. If for any reason a player is unable to attend a practice session or a game, it is MANDATORY that their head coach is contacted prior to the practice. Because of Insurance Requirements, Coaches are not permitted to pickup or take home participants. A list of the coaches/phone numbers will be provided to each player when the rosters are completed.
7. **INJURIES:** Any participant injury that requires the attention of a doctor or other medical professional (including injuries not incurred during practice or games) must have a Physician's Note stating that they can return to the field. This is applicable to all levels of Football and Cheer.

8. **PRACTICES:** All tackle football players MUST complete CONDITIONING; this is the first 10 hours of tackle football practice. All football practices are held at the Boylston/West Boylston/ Berlin Youth Football Field in Boylston, (Rts. 140 and 70). We ask that everyone adjust their schedules so that players do not miss these important practices. Please arrive 15 minutes early so that children can locate their coaches and we can begin promptly.

During conditioning, only:

- **Tackle Football Players:** dress in helmet, shoulder pads, shorts, practice jersey and football cleats - Full pads are NOT worn until conditioning is completed.
- **Cheerleaders:** dress in shorts without pockets, t-shirts, tennis shoes and hair in a pony-tail.

AUGUST PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

The first practice of the 2014 Season will be August 4th

August Practice Schedule is:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6:00pm-8:30pm
- Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 6:00-8:00pm when school starts
- **Tiny Mite Flag:** 2 days during August; 6:00-7:15pm
- **Mitey Mite:** 3 days during August; 2 days when school starts

9. **PARENTAL ATTENDANCE:** Parental attendance or a designated responsible adult is required at all practices and games. This is intended to ensure proper adult supervision in the event of injury, illness, suspension of practice/game due to inclement weather or other emergency circumstances in which the child is required to stop participation. It is also intended to allow for schedule conflicts, car pooling, and "attendance sharing" among families. In the event that a parent is unable to attend a practice or event, the identity of the designated responsible adult must be made available to the coach prior to the practice or game. It is also the responsibility of the designee to keep an eye on the activities of the child/children they are responsible for.
10. **PARTICIPANT EMERGENCIES:** All Participants must have a responsible adult at the field DURING PRACTICES and GAMES in cases of injury (SEE 8 ABOVE)
11. **FIELD SAFETY:** due to safety concerns and insurance reasons, parents, relatives and children watching the practice are asked to stay at the periphery of the field during the entire practice session.
12. **MANDATORY PLAYER WEIGH-IN** - There is an OFFICIAL MANDATORY WEIGH IN of all **tackle** football players. Location and times will be announced. Please note this is scheduled by Central Mass Pop Warner for Saturday, August 23, please plan accordingly. The Jamboree is scheduled for Sunday, August 24.
13. **GAME SCHEDULE** - Each team plays one Saturday or Sunday game each week (usually 8 or 9 game regular season plus playoffs.) Game times and directions are provided for each player every week. Our game schedule will be made available from Central Massachusetts Pop Warner as soon as possible- usually by the end of August.
14. **VOLUNTEERS:** All participant parents/guardians are needed to help out at our home games. The Volunteer Coordinators make every attempt to rotate among all parents and try to accommodate all special requests BUT we need your continued assistance to continue to run this program.
15. **FUNDRAISING:** There are many costs associated with running a Football/Cheer Program and in order to keep the registration Costs down we require that all participants take part in our annual fundraiser. This should raise \$100 per participant.
16. **Website:** www.lionsyouthfootball.com
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