



2016 Triton Pop Warner Cheerleading Program



Contract

PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

**Cheerleading
2016 Season**

- Practices begin on Monday August 1st, 2016. During the month of August practice will run :
Monday – Thursday 5:30pm – 7:30pm
(Unless advise otherwise by the Head Coach)

At Manter's Field, Byfield, MA

Please use insect repellant on your child, we will be outdoors for all August practices on the field. In the event of inclement weather, every effort will be made to update our website with the cancellation information prior to 5pm. Coaches will also email parents if practice has been cancelled as soon as they are aware as well. Dangerous weather conditions such as, but not limited to thunder/lightening, heavy winds, extreme heat & heavy rains during practice times will result in immediate termination of practice, as determined by our Board President. Parents will be responsible for immediate pickup.

- When school is in session, practices will be moved inside and each team will be assigned 3 days a week at 2 hours per practice, for a total of 6 hours per week (Mitey-Mites 4 hours per week). *Tentatively the schedule for all teams for the 2016 season will be Mon, Wed, Fri 5:30-7:30pm at Triton High School Gym, but subject to change due to school availability.*
- Cheerleaders should report to practice with the following guidelines in mind: hair up in a tight ponytail, Athletic Sneakers, Absolutely NO jewelry, finger nails cut short for safety, No spaghetti straps, jeans, flip-flops, strapless tops, skirts, or any inappropriate attire. A practice uniform or requirement maybe put in place by the individual teams Head Coach, check with them regarding this policy. Cheerleaders MUST arrive at their scheduled times in appropriate practice attire and a full water bottle. Children must stay together as a team and not wander off alone. Coaches must be made aware if a child leaves the practice or game area for any reason. Please be prompt picking your child up at the end of practice or game. Our coaches are parents volunteering their time and have families to get home to as well.
- All squads are required by the Eastern MA Pop Warner Conference to cheer at ALL games, regardless of weather and or location. This includes post-season games. If the football team plays, cheerleaders cheer. All participants must come prepared for rain and/or cold weather. In cold weather, cheerleaders will be advised on how to dress by their Head Coach.
- The following cheerleading uniform apparel is issued each year: skirt and vest. Each cheerleader is expected to purchase the following: sneakers, socks, crop top and bloomers. At times please expect small expenses for uniform additions such as Competition and Game Bows, hairpieces, etc.

- **ATTENDANCE: ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL PRACTICES, GAMES, COMPETITIONS AND OTHER POP WARNER ACTIVITIES.** Commitment is one of the most important things that we promote. Commitment to the squad means participating at EVERY practice, EVERY game, and EVERY competition. Girls missing for practice affects the entire squad and is unfair to everyone. Squads cannot have an effective practice with absent participants. While we understand that some families must schedule vacations, the organization's priority is to have the wellbeing of the entire squad as its main focus, and suggest any family vacations be taken prior or post cheer season. If you absolutely must vacation in August, please submit your dates in writing to your Head Coach, no later than the first practice in August.

There will be a limit of four (4) absences in the month of August, this includes sickness as well as vacations. Beginning Sept. 1st through the end of your team's competition season, there will be a limit of two (2) unexcused absences from all practices, games and other Pop Warner events. A third unexcused absence can mean termination from the squad. An absence is considered excused for the following reasons only: religious obligation, death in the family, medical reasons (if more than 2 absences a doctor's note will be required).

Tardiness to practices, games and other Pop Warner activities will also not be tolerated. Three (3) late will be considered an unexcused absences.

All attendances (lateness & absences) will be monitored by the Coaches.

- While we encourage our participants to be active in other sports, we do **NOT** recognize any sport/activity taking priority over Triton Pop Warner from August 1st until the final competition/game of the season, (this includes the possibility of post season games & competitions into Dec.)
- Parents/Guardians are responsible for the transportation of their child to and from activities, games, practices and competitions. Directions for away games are available weekly on our website. As soon as Triton Pop Warner knows the actual game schedule, it will be provided to your Head Coach and you. It is your responsibility to have your child there on time.
- Uniforms are expected to be kept clean and in good condition otherwise a damage fee will be charged. Uniforms are the property of TPW and are not to be worn outside of League sponsored functions, (i.e. – Halloween, school functions, etc.). **NO alterations to uniforms are allowed. If you have an issue with your child's uniform, please bring it to the attention of the Head Coach.**
- All Spectators, parents and participants will be required to conduct themselves in a lawful manner at any Pop Warner function or activities. Any unlawful or unethical actions conduct by anyone, witnessed by TPW staff members (when possible) will result in dismissal from the venue for the duration of the event, and possibly banishment for the entire season from future Triton Pop Warner Program scheduled activities. Alcohol consumption is NOT permitted at any Pop Warner field, complex or competition. A mutual relationship of respect is maintained between all the franchises in the Eastern MA Conference and any conduct/behavior that could compromise that relationship will not be tolerated.

- Fighting, Intimidation, bullying, use of illegal substances (including cigarettes for minors) or disrespect for authority by any cheerleader, parent or spectator during practices, games or any Pop Warner function will result in the following:
 - 1st Offense: Verbal warning and benched from current practice/game/activity
 - 2nd Offense: Removal from the current practice/game/activity, charged an unexcused absence
 - 3rd Offense: Suspension from the program for the remainder of the season with no refund. A TPW staff member must witness the offense and the cheer coordinator will handle the suspension.

- If a cheer squad is fortunate enough to qualify for Nationals, you are responsible for costs, commitments and travel for your child. Also, participants as well as parents need to stay focused on the primary reason for the trip, which is to represent the Triton Vikings in competition. Please plan vacation time for after the competition, time prior to competition will be needed for valuable practice time, which will be allotted to us by the National Pop Warner Program.

- You have until Jun 30th, 2016 to withdraw your child from the program at one half of the initial registration fee. The total registration fee will only be refunded if your legal residence is no longer within the Associations boundaries or any unforeseen medical condition develops prior to the start of the season (documented by a physician). Otherwise, there is **ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS** on any portion of your registration fees.

I understand the Attendance Policy and will abide by the policies set forth within the Cheerleading Policy.

- I have read the attached rules and policies for the 2016 TPW cheerleading season. I fully understand what is expected of me as a parent/guardian of the participant listed below and agree to abide by this policy. I have read, understand and accept and agree to all the releases and requirements set forth in the Registration Packet. I also acknowledge and understand that I agree to supply the association with my child's official birth certificate, medical authorization and scholastic status. Initial _____.

- I have read the Uniform Contract and agree to return all equipment and uniforms at the seasons end. Initial _____.

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- I understand that the TPW staff are volunteers and I will respect the decisions of the TPW staff members (Coaches and Board Members) regarding, practices/games/competitions, even though they may not be in line with my own preferences or likings. **Initial:** _____.

Please remember that Cheerleading is a TEAM SPORT. Make every effort to be a part of your team, whether as a parent or cheerleader.

PRINT NAME – PARENT

PRINT NAME – PARTICIPANT

SIGNATURE – PARENT

SIGNATURE – PARTICIPANT

DATE

DATE

Received by TPW:

Date

By (Initials)

_____ Cash

_____ Check