

AS OF JUNE 30TH, THIS WAS OUR EMAIL OUT TO OUR DEDICATED POP WARNER FAMILIES

On Jun 30, 2016, at 12:05 PM, Clark Pop Warner <clarkpopwarner@hotmail.com> wrote:

Good Morning Pop Warner families,

We are emailing you today to regretfully inform all who have registered and paid to be part of our **Football family** this year, that we will not be able to field any teams for this year, unfortunately due to low enrollment and more importantly, some untimely and spiteful and vengeful people who live in our town decided to start a FLAG league of their own and competed with our league with some very manipulating and enticing advertising and a lower enrollment fee. Our dedicated and committed parents of Clark Pop Warner knew about this league but choose to stay with us, Clark Pop Warner executive board thanks and respects you all for choosing our league. Clark Pop Warner, as many of you already know has been serving our community and surrounding communities for the past 54 years...54 years of tradition, commitment and bringing families together, but now because of a few disgruntled ex-coaches of pop warner and an Athletic Director of one of our local churches in Clark, who decided that there should be NO contact in football until the children have reached middle school or freshman year of high school, they went off on their own and pardon the pun "crusade" not to EVER be confused with the REAL Crusaders of this town...and competed with our FLAG league, with their manipulations, offering, 1 day a week practice, \$ 40.00 fee, playing on Saturdays and no traveling. I ask you, who wouldn't want to join that league? I'll tell you who, our committed and dedicated Pop Warner families. Football is a contact sport, we teach and have been teaching football starting at the FLAG level, 3 years of flag to be exact for 54 years!, parents who want their children to move up, they have to go to equipment, helmet's, shoulder pads, ect...THIS IS FOOTBALL!. THE CYO flag football that is going to start up in our town has taken part in destroying 54 years of legacy, blood, sweat and tears of all who freely volunteered, rearranged their own personal schedules and needless to say WORK schedules and put in endless amount of time and effort to keep this wonderful program alive! for it to be destroyed. The organizer of CYO league, if you didn't know, has been a High school football coach for well over 25 years...and he doesn't think the kids should HIT! **The Hypocrisy** is overwhelming! He is a HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH? its FOOTBALL for god's sake, there is contact in FOOTBALL , but wait, the High School Football Coach should know this...you would think so!. CYO is offering their version of non-contact football to kindergarten to 12th grade! we arranged a meeting with the organizers of CYO, we were not open to this idea at first but we decided to listen to their story, Clark Pop Warner past and present board members attended this meeting with 2 of the CYO organizers, the High School coach and the Athletic Director of the church, we discussed about having 2 leagues in town with the stipulation that they not promote to our kindergarten to 2nd grade level, needless to say, they disagreed and said they will promote to all, the high school coach has a child who would have been in the FLAG level so there is the reason why they promoted to kindergarten to 2nd grade and here we are today with no Clark Pop Warner Football. It's unfortunate but all of the parents who sent their children to CYO have no idea what they enabled, to destroy our Pop Warner. We at Clark Pop

Warner know that some of the children that will be playing there are probably never going to play full contact Football and that's ok, but for the parents of the children who think that this is sufficient amount of training and knowledge to move up to the next level which is contact, they are sadly mistaken and your child, **God forbid** will get hurt. **Clark Pop Warner, and ALL OF POP WARNER FOOTBALL** has been affiliated in the proper training and extensively trained by **USA HEADS UP FOOTBALL** www.usafootball/headsup This is what we teach, please visit the website and read up on what we, POP WARNER are doing to keep our children safe. We start teaching this at the FLAG level in Clark so that the children are ready and trained to keep their HEADS UP when they are ready to move up to contact/tackling, we been teaching this since USA Football came into existence which was 2011-2012 and well before that too!. We are well aware of the parents' concerns about tackling and other injuries, but please keep in mind that the majority of Clark pop warner board members have children who play football in this league, so with that said, if my kid is playing you can be DAM sure I'm teaching him and ALL the rest of the levels of football the same exact protocols and we have taken an oath as coaches to teach! SAFETY IS #1... Also please keep in mind, this doesn't just hurt Clark pop warner but it also affects and hurts our High School football program, we prepare our pop warner children for high school, if we have no enrollment in pop warner, we have no high school football program. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Parents, all of the monies will be mailed back to you, if we haven't deposited your money yet, we will be returning checks with your registration form and any other forms that you handed in at the time of registrations.

PLEASE, LETS NOT MAKE THIS HAPPEN NEXT YEAR! LET'S KEEP CLARK POP WARNER ALIVE! PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

Thank you, hopefully we will have Clark Pop Warner Football next year,

Sincerely,

Clark Pop Warner Executive Board