LYMAN GREYHOUNDS

Pop Warner Football & Cheer
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Thank you for your interest in Lyman Pop Warner, Inc. Before filling out the coach's application & background release form, please read what we expect of a coach at Lyman Youth Football Association, Inc. For a full description and list of all our requirements, please refer to our ***By-Laws*** and ***Policies and Procedures***, available on our website: ***www.lyfa.org***

Lyman Greyhounds Pop Warner Coaches Rules and Requirements

- Coaches **MUST** uphold all rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and decisions of Pop Warner Football, whether at the National, Conference, or Local level. This includes Pop Warner's "no pass, no play" policy requiring a strong focus on Academics, as well as, Football & Cheer
- Coaches must understand that they do not *make* policy; they carry it out as directed by the local program Board of Directors.
- Coaches are required to implement the goals and philosophy of Pop Warner Football. Coaches must attend all mandatory clinics and/or meetings; including all event volunteer requirements (including cheer/dance events and super bowl week events, and association events.)
- Coaches, along with league officials must control their fans. Any fan who is a nuisance and out of control will be ejected from the area adjacent to the playing/practice field. If coaches refuse to help League officials with fan removal, they will be suspended.
- Coaches are required to accept the decisions of the game officials on the field and in competitions as being fair and "called" to the best ability of said officials.
- Coaches must never criticize a player or cheerleader in front of spectators, but reserve constructive comments for a later time in private.
- Coaches must never criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, or fan by word of mouth or by gesture.
- Coaches are required to be sportsmanlike at all times.
- Coaches are required to teach the basics of football and cheer to all children on your own team as well as other teams.
- Coaches are not allowed to use abusive or profane language at **ANY TIME!!!**
- Coaches are not allowed to drink alcoholic beverages or smoke on the practice or playing field at any time. It is the responsibility of each ***Head Coach*** to enforce—refer to your notebook for exact wording of this restriction. In addition, you are reminded that these are young minds that we are trying to teach and they will look to you and your staff as role models. Try to take this into consideration when you are having team pizza parties, banquets, and other social events.
- Coaches must ensure and ask parents, players, and cheerleaders to make an effort to throw their litter in the trashcans, which are provided throughout Lyman High School on practice nights and game days.
- Coaches must emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students and that both are physically and mentally alert.
- Coaches must not permit an ineligible player to participate in a game.
- Coaches must keep the children free from the burden of a "win-at-any-cost" environment.
- Coaches must be responsible for reading, understanding, and enforcing the following:
  - ✓ The Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc. Official Rules (National Rule Book)
  - ✓ The Mid Florida Conference, Inc. (Mid FL) Rules
  - ✓ Lyman Youth Football Association , Inc. By Laws
  - ✓ Lyman Greyhounds Pop Warner Policies and Procedures
  - ✓ Risk Management Handbook
    - Coaches meetings need to be attended by the Head Coach or a designated representative, starting in April and ending in December.

- There will be a maximum of ten (10) Staff Members allowed on the field. Field Staff may consist of: Assistant Coaches, Coach Trainees, a team Manager, trainer (or medical card holder), Equipment Managers, or a team parent.

Additional staff may include Team Parents(s), Cheer Instructor(s), Assistant Cheer Instructors, a Cheer Mom, and a maximum of (1) Assistant Cheer Mom for every twelve (12) girls. A staff roster must be submitted no later than the end of the second week of May for approval of the President, Commissioner, or Board of Directors.

- ***Head Football and Cheer coaches*** are responsible for the **entire team/**squad operation to include
- Players, cheerleaders, and staff. The head coach should consult with the President/Commissioner regarding player disciplinary action and with the President/Cheer Director regarding cheerleader or cheer staff disciplinary action. Any actions may be appealed to the President/Board of Directors and further to the, Mid FL Conference in writing. Decisions of Mid FL Conference are final.
- ***Head Football Coaches*** must be responsible for not only the "Coaching" aspects of the team, but also for the "Management". This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - Training players in the game of football
  - Obtaining required team staff
  - Ensuring the proper operation of the Football Coaching staff
  - Ensure that fundraisers are meeting budgetary goals
  - Ensure that team staff follows proper procedures
  - . Ensure that required team volunteers for Pop Warner events are covered
  - Ensure that staff will allow for the coverage of MPR personnel
- ***Head Football Coaches MUST*** advise the President, Commissioner, Vice-President, or other designated board member if there is a valid complaint (judgment calls do not qualify) against any official, immediately following the game (we must notify MID FL ASAP) and follow up in writing within 24 hours. ***Under no circumstances will a head football coach, member of his staff, or parent confront referees in an aggressive manner***.
- ***Head Coaches – FB/Spirit MUST*** advise the President, Commissioner, and Vice President on complaints or issues from parents.

Lyman Pop Warner is part of the Mid Florida League (local) and Pop Warner Football (national) program.
Any coach, staff, or board member must adhere to all rules and By-Laws set forth by Lyman Greyhounds Pop Warner as well as those of Mid Florida and National Pop Warner. For a full description and list of all rules, please refer to Mid FL and National Pop Warner ***By-Laws*** and ***Policies and Procedures***, available on the website:
www.popwarner.com

Mid FL and National Rules and Requirements

1. **Mandatory Play Rule**: While it is recommended that every player be used at a maximum in learning to play the game of football, Pop Warner requires that each player have a mandatory play rule. Kick-off returns and P.A.T.'s do not count toward the MPR.
2. **Notification of Discipline/Injury:** President/Commissioner shall be notified prior to that week's game of all players who shall not play due to disciplinary action or injury.
3. **Player Administration:** Each team shall have one staff member designated as the Player Administrator. He/she shall be authorized to enforce the Mandatory play rule.
4. **Run-up Scores**: Be sure to thoroughly read National Rule for procedures and penalties to avoid running up scores.
5. **Team Coordination:** The President/Commissioner shall be responsible for contact between the two teams prior to Wednesday of each game week to verify time, place, and jersey color. If contact cannot be made or there is conflict, President/Commissioner will contact Mid FL. It is recommended that they notify their president.
6. **Weigh-ins**: Weigh-ins shall begin at least ½ hour before game time. A copy of your team certified roster and a properly filled out MPR form must be ready at this time. The weigh master may check records with pictures attached. "If you don't have them you will forfeit the game."
7. **Equipment**: All equipment must meet safety standards. Failure to have certified helmets, non-metal cleats, mouth guards, and required pads shall cause the player involved and Head Coach/coaches to be ejected.
8. **Leaving the Field**: After the weigh-ins are completed, no player will leave the playing area without a representative of the opposing team, a commissioner, or a local board member.
9. **Conditioning of Added Players**: All players must participate ten (10) hours of conditioning prior to taking part in any contact. This includes players added after the first day of practice.
10. **Photographs and Records**: At certification, a photograph, not older than 12 months, shall be permanently attached to the hard card carried by the team at all times.
11. **Medical Cards**: All teams must have a representative with a valid CPR card or its equivalent before they may practice or play any games. Absence of a CPR holder will render a no practice situation.
12. **Player Removed from Game**: If a player is removed from a game, the President or Commissioner/Athletic Director must be contacted no later than Saturday night. The President is required to notify Mid FL by noon on Sunday.
13. **Tiny Mites/Mighty Mites**: do not participate in Post Season Championships.
14. This list is not inclusive of all rules. Please refer to the current year rule book.

Lyman Greyhounds Pop Warner

2019 Football and Cheer Coach Application

******ALL HEAD COACH APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY April 20, 2019******

Football (please circle one)
Head Coach
Offensive Coordinator
Defensive Coordinator
Assistant

Cheer (please circle one)
Head Coach
Assistant

Name_____

Address_____ **City**_____ **Zip**_____

Home Phone_____ **Cell Phone**_____ **Work Phone**_____

Birth Date_____/____/_____ **Social Security #**_____ **Driver's License#**_____

Email address_____

Division you are interested in Coaching: (please circle one)

Tiny Mite
Mitey Mite
Jr. Pee Wee
Pee Wee
Jr. Midget
Midget/Unlimited

If applying as assistant coach, please print name of Head Coach:

What levels did you play football?
( ) Never played ( ) Pop Warner/youth leagues ( ) High School ( ) College ( ) Pro / Semi-pro

Please list (3 or more) references from your past volunteer experience or your involvement with youth sports:

Name_____

Address_____City_____ Zip_____

Phone_____ Contact_____

Name_____

Address_____City_____ Zip_____

Phone_____ Contact_____

Name_____

Address_____City_____ Zip_____

Phone_____ Contact_____

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS BELOW COMPLETELY.
(If you need additional space to answer the questions, please attach an extra sheet or use the back of this form.)

1. List your previous experience with children in any youth sports.

2. What do you believe are the responsibilities and role of a coach?

3. How would you deal with a parent's concerns and/or unruly parents?

4. What coaching classes, seminars, and lectures have you attended? What books have you read on coaching?

5. Why do you want to coach?

6. Will you have a child or children participating in our program this year? If yes, what are their ages?

7. First Aid Certified: Yes/No Expiration Date:
8. CPR Certified: Yes/No Expiration Date:
9. Pop Warner Certified: Yes/No Expiration Date:

10. Have you ever been removed from a coaching staff or suspended? (If yes, please explain)

11. Have you ever been convicted of a crime against a minor? (If yes, please explain, and give dates)

12. How would you handle a call from a referee/competition judge that you believe to be in-correct?

13. How would you handle a disagreement with a Board Member, the Commissioner, or the President of the Association?

14. If you have a child that plays or cheers and you're unable to coach on that team would you coach another age group?

15. What volunteering did you do for LYFA in the previous season, or your previous season with our organization (if you participated previously)?

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all terms, conditions, and stipulations contained, or referred to in the Lyman Youth Football Association Pop Warner By-Laws, Policies & Procedures

SIGNATURE_____

DATE _____

Please fill out the background release form and submit it together with a copy of your driver's license and application.

All **assistant** football or cheer coach applicants: please submit application when complete to Head Football or Cheer coach, if they have been selected/announced. If there has been no official announcement of Head Coaches, please submit to the Commissioner, or President. All volunteer background forms must be submitted to the Association President.

All **Head** Football or Cheer coach applicants please submit, when complete, to one of the following:

Lyman Youth Football Association Pop Warner
PO Box 521932
Longwood FL, 32752

lymanpopwarner@gmail.com

NOTE*: The Board of Directors, without comment, may decline Applications**. All volunteers of LYFA are required to submit a background check.*