

Pop Warner National Update

CONCUSSION PREVENTION:

- All programs are to be following the “when in doubt, sit out” policy regarding head injuries and injuries in general for football and cheer.

COACHES’ TRAINING

- All Football Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches must take the USA Football Heads Up Program online course. Successful completion (80%) of training is good for one year. Head coaches must re-certify annually. Cost is \$5.00 per coach. PWLS recommends the CDC Heads Up Program Information Course for additional concussion training and information.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

- Pop Warner programs nationwide **are required** to annually conduct a background check of: Coaches, Board of Directors members and any other persons, volunteers or hired workers, who provide regular service to the league and/or have repetitive access to, or contact with, players and/or spirit participants. The purpose of these background checks is, first and foremost, to protect the children. www.popwarner.com/admin/check.asp.

POP WARNER PATCH

- 10% discount (\$1.50) per patch if order is received on or before July 11, 2014.
- After this date, no discount, even on subsequent orders. No exceptions.
- \$1.65 per patch if order is received July 12th – August 1st.
- \$2.00 per patch if order is received on or after August 1st.
- Patches must be **sewn** on to the jerseys. Screen printed patches are prohibited and are a violation of patent rights.

RULE CHANGES – 2014

- Teams may accept players who have quit or completed their school season regardless of whether they participated in a school game. **Players may NOT participate on both school and Pop Warner teams at the same time.**
- Mitey-Mite teams may play up to two post season bowl games and teams may spend the night if travel/distance warrants.
- Teams may not stack the box once Rule 22: S1 (Lopsided/Intentionally Run Up Scores) takes effect.

NATIONAL SCHOLASTICS PROGRAM

- 2013 National Scholarship Donations = \$104,000 (every first team Senior Scholar received a scholarship).
- Scholastic eligibility and Home school Forms are on popwarner.com.
- Little Panthers' League had 91 scholars who were recognized.

GRANTS

- Pop Warner donated approximately \$230,000 in travel and equipment grants to local programs in 2013.