



**2024
HANDBOOK
&
CODE OF CONDUCT FOR OTF LIONS**



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Welcome to the OTF Lions Perris Pop Warner Football and Cheer 2024 Season

OTF Lions Perris Pop Warner Football and Cheer is very proud to join the Pop Warner Conference for this upcoming season. We endeavor to become the leading voice at the intersection of athletics and academics. We hope to use this voice to unite, challenge, and inspire the next generation of leaders to improve the lives of athletes and to act as stewards of the best practices in the sports industry as a whole. OTF Lions Perris Pop Warner is also a huge family, with several generations coming back to play, coach and volunteer.

The following rules and regulations have been set to help OTF Lions Perris Pop Warner Football and Cheer ensure that each and every child participating in our program will do so in a safe and nurturing environment. Failure to comply with the policies set forth by OTF Lions Perris Pop Warner Football and Cheer and National Pop Warner can result in the adult violator being removed and/or banned from any and all Pop Warner functions, including but not limited to, practices and games. Violations in regards to our registration and participation policies can result in your child's suspension and/or removal from our program.

Registration and Participation Policies:

- 1. All registration fees are due and payable at the time of registration unless agreed to and approved by the Executive Board for a payment plan.**
- 2. Any and all payment arrangements must be on time as agreed upon as per signed contract.**
- 3. Participation in all team obligations, sponsorship drives, team fundraising and home game field and snack bar responsibilities is expected.**
- 4. There is a required league fundraiser; ALL registered participants of OTF Lions Perris Pop Warner Football and Cheer are obligated to participate.**
- 5. All policies of OTF Lions Perris Pop Warner Football and Cheer as well as Mt. Baldy Conference and National Pop Warner are to be followed.**

The following must be provided before your child can take the field:

Proof of Age: Official Birth Certificate (No copies) or Passport

Proof of Residency: Current (30 days) Utility Bill (Water, gas, electric, trash. NOT Cable or phone)

Sports Physical, dated after January 1, 2024 and on official Pop Warner Physical form.

Full Years Report Card: 2023/2024 school year

****If your Child's report card shows lower than a 2.0 GPA your child will be required to have his/her teachers fill out a Grade check form showing at least a 51% improvement.**

Please be aware that if the above registration and participation policies are not adhered to, your child can be suspended from play, not receive pictures, and may not be permitted to attend the team banquet. We will work to help make sure this does not happen, we will also need the help and effort of the parent/guardian.

ALL fees MUST BE PAID IN FULL, unless other arrangements have been made AND approved by the Board, ON OR BEFORE July 1, 2024 in order to be able to participate in mandatory practice and games. Your child will NOT be able to play until all fees are made current and may be removed from the team. Also, your child may be pulled from play, you will NOT receive pictures, trophies, or be able to participate in the banquet, if payment arrangements are not kept. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Please remember that the funds for our program come from fundraisers, registration fees and sponsorships. Without any of the above, this program would not exist. OTF Lions Perris Pop Warner Football and Cheer is a non-profit youth sports organization and runs completely by Volunteers and we can always use help.

League Expenditures

Expenditures we have planned for this 2024 season includes:

League registration plus team fundraising costs to run the program
Equipment and uniforms for players and cheerleaders (including training equipment & mats)
Reconditioning of helmets where possible or replacement of non-usable helmets
Referee fees
Field usage fees, including lights for practice and games
Conference, National and travel fund fees (includes insurance premiums)
Office supplies and copying costs
Trophies, awards and volunteer recognition
Volunteer training, clinics, certification and badges
Field, office and snack bar equipment -maintenance and/or replacement
Team travel expenses for competitive levels

That equates to an average of \$750 per participant that MUST be raised in order to keep OTF Lions Perris Pop Warner running each year. It is a huge endeavor, but is to be expected when participating in a nationally recognized program with such strong community ties. The amount that is required to pay and help fundraise is still not enough to cover expenses, so your Board of Directors works actively to not only continue to find funding, but to run the program as fiscally responsible as possible.

**The participation of the parents and/or guardians of each and every
Players and Cheerleaders are crucial to our success.**

General Information:

Football and Cheerleaders will be placed in the lowest possible playing division according to their age according to the Age Based Schematic issued by National Pop Warner.

PARENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD DURING PRACTICE OR AT GAMES.

If you have a question or concern you may approach your coach before or after practice or game. During practice, there are water breaks called and your child may come sit with you at that time, but **MUST** return to the field at the end of the water break. During games, your child is in the very capable hands of the coaches, trainers and team AD, who is on hand in case of injuries. Unless there is an emergency, you will not be allowed to "visit" with your child during the game. Please remember, this is a volunteer youth sports organization, any time you can give will be greatly appreciated. Please have respect for the coaches, team AD, board members and all other volunteers of the program who freely give their time to help the children. Football is a contact sport; we strongly suggest that at least one parent be at all practices and games.

Care and use of OTF Lions Perris Pop Warner Football & Cheer Equipment and Uniforms:

Please be advised that all gear are on loan basis only unless otherwise instructed. You are responsible for the care of the gear. If lost, stolen or intentionally altered, you will be responsible for the full replacement cost. **Please wash all uniforms in cold water and line dry.**

Refunds:

It is the policy of OTF LIONS Perris Pop Warner Football and Cheer **NOT** to issue a refund once your child has taken the field after July 31st. Any requests for a refund prior to the start of the season must be made in writing. The league fundraiser is NOT refundable. (please see the refund policy for more information)

OTF LIONS Perris Pop Warner Football & Cheer Parent's Code of Conduct

All parents/guardians who have children participating within the OTF Lions Perris Pop Warner Program must abide by Code of Conduct, which includes the provisions that follow. Any

violation of these rules may result in the revocation of privileges in the OTF Lions Perris Pop Warner Program for season or seasons.

I/We agree to be financially responsible for League/Pop Warner equipment issued to player/cheerleader other than the normal wear and breakage during games or practice. Further, I/We will reimburse the League/Pop Warner for the loss or damage to league-owned equipment.

I/We agree to pay the registration fees as set forth upon registration day, as well as to participate, to the best of my/our ability, in League and Team fundraisers. I/We understand that failure or refusal to do so may result in my/our player/cheerleader being removed from the team for one or more games.

I/We agree to follow all OTF LIONS Perris Pop Warner rules and City of Perris ordinances, in regard to the use of City fields.

I/We agree not to deliberately incite or participate in "unsportsmanlike" conduct at any Pop Warner function. Action will be taken for violations of any verbal, physical assault*, intimidation and/or "unsportsmanlike" conduct.

*The term physical assault includes but is not limited to: hitting, slapping, pushing, spitting, kicking, striking in any way with any part of the body or physical implement.

I/We agree to accept all decisions of the game officials, judges, or conference Officials as being fair and called to the best of their ability.

I/We agree to abstain from the possession and drinking of alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of illegal substance at any Pop Warner function, INCLUDING GAMES, PRACTICES AND PARTIES.

I/We agree not to use abusive or profane language at any time during any Pop Warner Function.

I/We agree not to criticize, belittle, antagonize, berate or otherwise incite the coaches, players, cheerleaders, volunteers or fans and or opposing teams, its players, coaches, cheerleaders, volunteers or fans by word of mouth or gesture.

If at any point there is a concern for my child's well-being, I/we will follow the grievance procedure as outlined by the OTF LIONS Perris Pop Warner Board of Directors, and referenced in our bylaws.

If I/we have an issue with any coach, player or conduct we will follow the proper grievance procedures. I/we will also not have communication with any other child other than my own in reference to behavior, or anything related to Pop Warner. If there is a problem on a team, I will again follow the grievance procedures

I/We agree not to interfere nor be in the area of the Pre Game check in area on the football fields.

I/We will not post anything derogatory, or boasting (gloating) about another player, member, or anyone involved with any league affiliation on any internet site, such as social media sites, via email or anywhere that can be publicly seen, AND I/we agree to monitor our player/cheerleader's use, and further understand that the child may be suspended from the program for violating this policy.

I/We agree to take responsibility for any actions that violate this Code of Conduct by a guest or relative of attending parent/guardian.

**OTF Lions Perris Pop Warner Football & Cheer
Parent's Code of Conduct Disciplinary Process**

1st offense: Verbal warning

2nd offense: OTF Board of Directors will issue a written warning. Parent/Guardian and child(ren) will be removed from the practice or game.

3rd offense: Parent/Guardian and child(ren)- all teams- will be removed for the season. After one year, the parent/guardian may apply to be reinstated. Upon review by the OTF Board of Directors, the child(ren) will be allowed to participate. A probation period of one year with no offenses will apply. If during the probation time, the parent/guardian does not comply with the "Parent's Code of Conduct" he or she and child(ren) will be permanently removed from the OTF LIONS Perris Pop Warner program.

**Depending upon the severity of the offense committed by a parent/guardian, the OTF BOARD of Directors have the authority to by-pass the first and second offense procedures and act to use the third offense guidelines if necessary.

The local authorities may be contacted at any time. The parent/guardian offense would be viewed by those local officials for further actions to be taken to the full extent of the law.

Fees for 2024 Season OTF LIONS Perris Pop Warner:

\$400 – Football Registration fee – Due **July 1st**

\$450 - Cheer Registration = Due **July 1st**

If payment arrangements are requested, they must be done in writing at registration– if payment arrangements aren't kept, player /cheerleader can and may be pulled from practice.

\$100 – League Fundraiser (non-refundable) – Due by **August 1st**

Parent Initial ***Please note –ALL TEAMS will have additional MANDATORY team fundraising.**

Football and cheer parents have equal expectations for team fundraising and participation. Younger division teams may have lower fundraising needs, and competitive teams may have higher.

Signing below means that you agree to pay the team fundraiser and actively participate in fundraisers, OR seek at least one (1) Sponsorship of \$150 or more.

Please be advised that by signing below you acknowledge that you have read and understand the OTF LIONS Perris Pop Warner Football and Cheer Parent Handbook, including Registration and Participation Policy, the refund policy, the Parent/ Adult code of Conduct, the Social Media Clause and that you further understand the consequences of these policies. Person(s)/ Parent(s) signing are responsible for all friends and family members to follow the rules as well.

Child Name.

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/ Guardian Signature.

Date