

Dear Wildcat Parents;

As we prepare for another exciting season of Football and Cheer I wanted to make you aware of some changes to the registration process. Pop Warner has instilled some new requirements that we need to meet regardless if this is your first year playing or your eighth (as in my case). This year EVERY SINGLE CHEER AND FOOTBALL PLAYER has to go through a complete registration process with national Pop Warner including original birth certificates.

The following documentation is required regardless of the level you are playing or if you have ever registered before with Pop Warner;

1. NEW player cards will be created that a parent will have to sign prior to certification. We will create the cards and distribute them to the head coaches and they will coordinate your signature. For football, we will attempt to have them ready at equipment handout.
2. Original birth certificates with a raised seal will be required at certification. This year we will travel to central jersey for certification. We have 2 volunteers that have been with the program for many years running the certification. They will travel to the location with all the documentation including the original birth certificates. They will be entrusted to return the birth certificate to each parent after the certificate process. You may want to consider getting another original copy of the birth certificate by contacting the Vital Statistics of the state your child was born in. For New Jersey, they charge \$25 for an original. We have total confidence in our 2 certification volunteers so this is up to you.
3. Participant Contract and Parental Consent Form. This document is attached to this email. Please fill out the document completely and sign the last page. I understand some of this information was collected at registration but now we are required to use their form so I asked that you fill this out and turn it in at equipment hand out or your first practice.
4. Physical Fitness and Medical History Form. This is attached to this email. Please have your physician fill out this form. A doctor's signature and stamp is required. Your head coach/team parent will collect the form at the first practice or you can hand it in at equipment handout.
5. Report Card. Regardless of the level you are playing all participants must hand in a copy of the last report card if a report card is issued. This includes kindergarten if a report card is issued regardless of the grading system used. I understand you may think this is silly but keep in mind that Pop Warner is a Scholar Program and they are very concerned that all participants adhere to the spirit of the a scholar program.

We greatly appreciate you assistance in helping us comply with the rule changes. If everyone does their part, the process will run very smoothly and we will get through our certification. Some of you may ask; "Why the change?" There have been some documented cases were a town did not follow the spirit of the program and when their certification information was asked for they could not produce it.

Thanks again and I look forward to seeing you on the field.

Walter

