

Rancho Cucamonga Pop Warner Football & Cheer Program

2021 PARENT HANDBOOK

&

PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT



“RANCHO home of TRADITION, PRIDE, AND CHAMPIONS”

Welcome to the 2021 Season.
Rancho Cucamonga Pop Warner Football and Cheer Program

No other Football Organization in Rancho Cucamonga can compare with over 40 years of experience!

Welcome to the home of the Rancho Cucamonga Pop Warner Football & Cheer. We are located in the beautiful city of Rancho Cucamonga, the Inland Empire's Premier City. We are part of the Mt. Baldy Pop Warner Football Conference. Rancho Cucamonga Pop Warner is celebrating its "43rd" year of service to our community.

The Rancho Cucamonga Pop Warner Football & Cheer Program is a non-profit organization interested in building leadership, learning skills, teamwork and discipline. We take pride in bringing together boys and girls from the city of Rancho Cucamonga to learn important things of life through playing organized football and participating in cheering. We encourage good sportsmanship, respect for our community and each other, strong team unity and we are focused on keeping youth sports in its proper perspective. All our volunteers are dedicated to making your child's experience a positive one.

The Board of Directors, headed by President Robin Doherty, welcomes all players, parents and fans. Rancho Cucamonga Pop Warner embraces the Pop Warner philosophy that scholastic and athletic achievement should go hand in hand. Rancho Cucamonga Pop Warner is open to all who are interested in youth football and cheerleading. We hope you will find this website useful. We will provide as up-to-date information as possible on such things as Association events, team schedules, field locations, & Mt. Baldy Conference Standings.

HOME OF CHAMPIONS

We are ranked as one of the finest Youth Football organizations in California!

Board of Directors

President: Robin Doherty

1st Vice President: Danny Williams

2nd Vice President: TBD

3rd Vice President: TBD

Treasurer: Sheree Wilkerson

Certification Coordinator: Skylar Wilkenson

Athletic Director: TBD

Secretary: Alondra Trento

Little Scholars: KC Caldera

Fundraising Coordinator: TBD

Cheer Coordinator: TBD

Team Mom Coordinator: TBD

Safety Coordinator: TBD

Equipment Manager: TBD

League Snack bar Coordinator: TBD

Player Representative: TBD

Registration and Participation Policies

The following rules and regulations have been set to help Rancho Cucamonga Pop Warner Football and Cheer Program 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 Rancho Cucamonga Pop Warner Football and Cheer Program 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.

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

Proof of Age: Student School Profile AND Official Birth Certificate (County Seal) or Passport (The Mt Baldy-signed copy is acceptable)

Proof of Residency: Current (30 days) Utility Bill (Water, gas, electric, or trash)

Sports Physical: dated after January 1, 2021 utilizing an official Pop Warner Physical form.

Full Years Report Card: 2020/2021 school year **Player Profile:** Proof of school identification

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 scholastic form showing at least a 51% improvement.

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. Dues to be paid prior to August 1st unless payment plan has been arranged.
2. Any and all payment arrangements must be on time as agreed upon as per signed contract.
3. There is a REQUIRED team fundraiser and league obligation; ALL registered participants of Rancho Cucamonga Pop Warner Football and Cheer Program are obligated to participate.
4. Participation in all team obligations, sponsorship drives, team fundraising and home game field and snack bar responsibilities is expected. Any families who do not participate will be penalized.
5. All policies of Rancho Cucamonga Pop Warner Football and Cheer Program as well as Mt. Baldy Conference and National Pop Warner are to be followed.
6. **No refunds will be rendered after August 1, 2021**

ALL fees MUST BE PAID IN FULL, unless other arrangements have been made AND approved by the Board, ON OR BEFORE August 1, 2021 in order to be able to participate in Saturday games. Your child will NOT be able to play until all fees are made current and may be removed from the team. Also, if payment arrangements are not kept, your child may be pulled from play, you will NOT receive pictures, trophies, or be able to participate in the banquet. There are to be NO EXCEPTIONS to this. REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

Where does the money go???

In the 2019 Season, the total amount of expenditures for Rancho Cucamonga Pop Warner Football and Cheer Program was over **\$210,000** with a “**true cost**” per player being **\$550**. This includes League registration plus team fundraising costs to run the program:

- Equipment and uniforms for players and cheerleaders (including training equipment & cheer mats)
- Reconditioning of helmets where possible or replacement of non-usable helmets
- Referees and EMT's
- Field usage fees, including lights
- Conference, National and travel fund fees (includes insurance premiums)
- Office supplies and copying costs
- Awards, trophies and volunteer recognition
- Volunteer training, clinics, certification and badges
- Field, office and snack bar equipment -maintenance and/or replacement
- Team expenses- game snacks and water, pizza parties, yearbook and end of season banquet and gifts
- Team travel expenses for competitive levels

Fees for 2021 Season Rancho Cucamonga Pop Warner

\$100 – Fundraiser Buyout (non-refundable) – **Due upon day of team fundraiser**

\$290 – Registration fee – **Due August 1st** (*unless payment plan has been confirmed*)

(2) Hours - Mandatory parent volunteering in the league (scoreboard, snack bar, or other)

If payment arrangements are requested, they must be done in writing before July 1st – if payment arrangements aren't kept, player /cheerleader will be pulled from practice.

*Please note –ALL TEAMS will have additional MANDATORY team fundraising. Football and cheer parents have equal expectations for team fundraising and participation. Signing below means that you agree to pay the fundraiser buyout, OR actively participate in fundraisers, OR seek at least one (1) Sponsorship of \$100 or more.

ALSO, if a team qualifies for national travel, the cost to send a team is approximately **\$50,000.00**. Although there is a travel fund in place to help offset some of the cost, the **majority** of the expense will have to be raised by the team.

That equates to an average of \$1,600 per participant that **MUST** be raised in order to keep Rancho Cucamonga 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 work actively to not only continue to find funding, but to run the program as fiscally responsibly as possible.

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

Parent's Code of Conduct

All parents/guardians who have children participating within the Rancho Cucamonga Pop Warner Program must abide by a Code of Conduct, which includes the provisions that follow. Any violation of these rules may result in the removal from the Rancho Cucamonga Pop Warner league.

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. **Initials:** _____

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. No refunds. **Initials:** _____

I/We agree to follow all Rancho Cucamonga Pop Warner rules and City of Rancho Cucamonga ordinances, in regard to the use of City fields. **Initials:** _____

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

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, or striking in any way with any part of the body or physical implement. **Initials:** _____

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

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. **Initials:** _____

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. **Initials:** _____

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. **Initials:** _____

I/We agree not to interfere nor be in the area of the Pre-Game check in area or “scale area” on the football fields. **Initials:** _____

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. **Initials:** _____

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

I/We agree to volunteer a minimum of (2) hours to the league where ever needed. Volunteer opportunities many include support in the snack bar, working the chains or scoreboard, set up/tear down of field(s). **Initials:** _____

Parent's Code of Conduct (Cont.)

Disciplinary Process

First offense: Verbal warning.

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

Third 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 RCPW 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 will be have self and child(ren) permanently removed from the RCPW program.

Depending upon the severity of the offense committed by a parent/guardian, the RCPW 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.

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

Please be advised that by signing below you acknowledge that you have read and understand the Rancho Cucamonga Pop Warner Football and Cheer Parent code of Conduct. You also 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's Name

Child's Name (2nd child's name)

Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature