



## TORRANCE PANTHER FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING

### Frequently Asked Questions

- When does the season start?
  - Our first practice is August 1<sup>st</sup>. There may be clinics and team meetings prior to then.
- How many days a week do we practice?
  - For the first two weeks, five days a week. **THE FIRST 2 WEEKS ARE CRITICAL. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE PRESENT FOR THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF PRACTICE.** Pop Warner rules require all participants to have a minimum of 20 hours of conditioning before allowing contact drills for football and stunting for cheer. If your child is not present for the first two weeks, they will not be able to participate until they have completed the conditioning, which means they will do conditioning while the rest of the team is practicing.
  - After the first two weeks, practice is generally four days a week until labor day and then three days a week for the remainder of the season.
- Where do we practice?
  - Football will practice at Torrance Park. Cheer will start off the season practicing at Wilson Park and then move to indoor locations at South, North and Torrance High School.
- How many games are played? When and where are they played?
  - Games will be every Saturday starting the weekend after Labor Day. We will have 7 regular season games, and at least one post-season game. We plan to have 3 home games at Torrance High School's Zamperini Stadium. The



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other games will be played at other cities' fields. Typically, we play in Palos Verdes, Carson, Culver City, Redondo Beach and Watts.

- Can we fundraise to help pay the registration fees?
  - Each team will have the opportunity to fundraise to pay for registration fees and team fees (to pay for end of year party and other small costs throughout the year). Last year, most teams sold popcorn through Popcornopolis. There may be other fundraising opportunities to help pay for registration and we will notify all members as they become available.
- How are teams selected?
  - For football, the selection process is done by age and weight, according to Pop Warner's age/weight matrix. Generally, your child should play on the lowest team for which he qualifies. For example, if, based his age and weight, your child could play on Jr. Varsity (higher level) or Pee Wee (lower level), he should play on Pee Wee. For cheer, the divisions are determined by age, years experience and skill level. **FOR BOTH FOOTBALL AND CHEER, YOUR CHILD MAY END UP IN A DIVISION THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM THE DIVISION YOU SIGNED UP FOR AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.** The Torrance Panthers Board and staff make the final determination on team placement for football and cheer.



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Please understand that that information contained herein is subject to change depending on enrollment, location availability and other factors which are beyond our control.

If you have questions that have not been answered above, please email [pantherspresident@gmail.com](mailto:pantherspresident@gmail.com).