

SAN MARCOS POP WARNER

# SMPW FOOTBALL 2026-2027

INFORMATION PACKET



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# Registration Package Inclusions

San Marcos Pop Warner is a nonprofit organization proudly run by dedicated volunteers. Our staff works hard to keep expenses as affordable as possible for our community members. If needed, see page 4 for information on payment plans and financial assistance.



## FLAG FOOTBALL \$375

### REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE:

- Game Day Uniform
  - Reversible Jersey
  - Shorts
- Spirit Wear (Shorts & Shirt)
- Game Socks
- Game Belt
- Picture Package
- Various Local League and Association Fees

### ADDITIONAL REQUIRED PURCHASES

#### Flag & Tackle:

- Football Cleats
- Mouthguard

#### Tackle Only (Recommended):

- Practice Pant (7 pad set)
- Girdle (5 pad set [requires separate knee pad] / 7 pad set)

## TACKLE FOOTBALL \$595

### REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE:

- Game Day Uniform
  - Reversible Jersey
  - Reversible OR (2) Pullover Pants (requires girdle)
- Spirit Wear (Shorts & Shirt)
- Game Socks
- Picture Package
- Various Local League and Association Fees

### PROVIDED FOR USE DURING THE SEASON

#### Tackle Only:

- Helmet
- Shoulder Pads
- Practice Jersey

### OPTIONAL PURCHASES

- Hoodie / Sweatshirt
- Compression Shirt
- Equipment Bag (Tackle)
- Cinch Bag (Flag)
- Miscellaneous "Swag" & Fan Wear

# Football Division Overview

Below is an overview of the various age groups we offer. Please use this chart to help choose the best division for your athlete.



Flag	8U Tackle	9U Tackle	10U Tackle
Ages 5, 6, 7	Ages 7, 8	Ages 7, 8, 9	Ages 8, 9, 10
11U Tackle	12U Tackle	13U Tackle	Season age is age of Participant on July 14th, 2026
Ages 9, 10, 11	Ages 10, 11, 12	Ages 11, 12, 13	

## Team Size

### Tackle

The MINIMUM number of players per team is 16  
The MAXIMUM number of players per team is 35

### Flag

The MINIMUM number of players per team is 10  
The MAXIMUM number of players per team is 20

Should a division/team have less than the required number of players registered, the division/team will not be eligible for game play until the minimum number is met.

Should a division/team have the maximum number of players registered, a waitlist will be created. Waitlisted players will not be rostered for a team until the minimum number of players required for that new team is met.

## Notes on Teams

- It is not guaranteed that a participant plays in their oldest eligible age division. San Marcos Pop Warner has player safety at the forefront of every team formation.
- In the event a division is not formed, all participants in that unformed division will be moved into the next eligible division. Athletes who cannot be placed on an age-appropriate team will be refunded.
- Pop Warner is a Minimum Play Rule organization. Every player is guaranteed a minimum amount of game time play respective to their team size.
- Friend, coach, and division requests may be considered, but are not guaranteed.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## May/June

- TBA- May: Pre-Season Skills Clinics
- TBA- Sizing: Jersey / Uniform / Spirit Wear

## September

- Saturdays: Games
  - No Game on Labor Day

## July

- TBA- Equipment Handout
- 7/15: Season begins, 2-4 practices/week

## October

- TBD: Flag Fest (End of Season)
- Tackle: End of Regular Season. Playoffs Begin

## August

- 8/8: MANDATORY Certification
  - Location TBD
- 8/15: Football Games Begin, Saturdays
  - Location and times TBA week of each game
- TBA: Picture Day
- TBA: Pop Warner Night at Mission Hills High School
- TBA: Pop Warner Night at San Marcos High School

## November

- Local Playoff Games / Bowl Games / Championship Games
- National Track Playoff Games

## December

- National Track Championship Game

**Note on attendance:** San Marcos Pop Warner is a competitive football program, and consistent attendance is essential for athlete safety, skill development, and team success. Attendance at all scheduled practices, games, and team events is expected. All pre-planned absences must be communicated to the Head Coach in advance.

## 2026 Season Fundraising Plan

### Why Do We Fundraise?

We strive to keep registration fees as low as possible. That means there are many other essential program costs that are not paid with registration fees, but still need funding. To offset these costs, fundraising is a vital part of our season. Fundraising helps offset our non-profit organization's essential operating costs including:

- Equipment and equipment maintenance
- Practice field and facilities rentals
- Insurance and league fees
- Safety equipment
- Game day officials

### Mandatory Association Fundraiser\*

#### Mrs. Fields Online Cookie Sales

- Kicks off August
- Every athlete is required to sell a minimum \$50
- \$50 opt out option available during registration



#### Team Sponsor

- Each team must find a team sponsor for minimum:
  - \$500 each football team

Interested in being a Team Sponsor? As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, San Marcos Pop Warner relies on the generosity of our own community to keep our program strong and accessible.

Contact us today to find out how!

\*Each team may choose to have optional team or individual fundraisers as well.



# SMPW Football FAQ



## What if my child has no prior football experience?

San Marcos Pop Warner is dedicated to providing a positive, supportive experience for every athlete. We do not hold tryouts, and every registered participant will be placed on a team if a team for their age division is formed. No prior experience or skills are required for ANY age group. While we are a competitive program, placements are thoughtfully made based on age, team balance, and each athlete's individual needs to ensure every child is in an environment where they can grow and feel confident.

## Where do you practice?

Teams will practice at Walnut Grove Park, Sunset Park, and/or Connors Park (tackle only).

## When and where are games?

San Marcos Pop Warner is an association within West Coast Conference (WCC). Games will be played on Saturdays versus other cities/associations within WCC, and other teams outside Conferences. Travel is GUARANTEED. We will play as far north as Inland Empire/Orange County, as far South as Chula Vista, and as far east as El Centro, during regular season play.

The game time and location is published within the same week.

Home fields are Mission Hills High School, San Marcos High School, Sunset Park (Flag only) Bradley Park, and Connors Park.

"Home" games are not guaranteed to be played in the City of San Marcos, contingent on field/staffing availability.

## Do you offer financial assistance/payment plans?

Yes! We offer 3-Month and 5-Month payment plan options for our registration fees. We also offer Early Bird (valid until 3/31) and Sibling Discounts. Our Financial Assistance Program application can be found on our website under [REGISTRATION](#).

## When will I know what team my child on?

We are actively holding Head Coach interviews. Head Coaches will be announced via Instagram in March. Registration closes May 31<sup>st</sup>, and teams will be announced June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## How can I volunteer?

San Marcos Pop Warner is an entirely volunteer-run organization. We have many roles to fill, including Head & Assistant Coaches, Team Parent, and Board Member. Contact us today!



## Contact Us

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