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# WELCOME

## FOOTBALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

We're excited to welcome you and your player to the Bulldogs Football Program! The 2026 season is shaping up to be an incredible year for the Bulldogs, and we're thrilled to have your family as part of our team.



This packet contains essential information for the upcoming football season, including key dates, registration fees, important announcements, and details regarding the commitments expected of our football families upon registration.

Please take the time to read through the packet carefully.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact our Football Commissioner, Scott Kinann. This packet is also available online at [www.DeLandYFC.com](http://www.DeLandYFC.com), where you can find additional important documents, including our bylaws.

We look forward to an exciting, successful, and competitive football season!



The mission of Pop Warner Little Scholars is to provide young individuals with the opportunity to engage in team sports and activities within a safe and organized environment. Through active involvement, Pop Warner programs instill essential values, skills, and knowledge that youth will carry with them throughout their lives. The organization aims to offer enjoyable athletic learning experiences for children while highlighting the significance of academic achievement.

Specifically, Pop Warner introduces players and spirit participants to the basics of football, cheerleading, and dance. The organization is dedicated to inspiring youth of all backgrounds—regardless of race, creed, or national origin—to embrace the principles of sportsmanship, scholarship, and physical fitness, as exemplified by the late Glenn Scobie “Pop” Warner.

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# PRACTICE -GAME DAYS - POLICES



All paperwork must be turned into our Compliance Coordinator (Brittany) before your athlete can participate

## START DATE

Practice Begins: July 15

- Monday – Friday | 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM



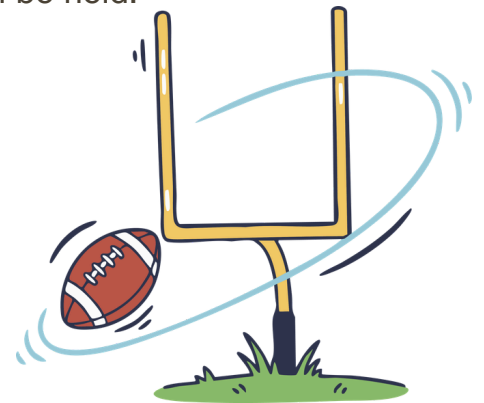
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DeLand Middle School  
1400 Aquarius Ave  
DeLand, FL 32720

## PRACTICE

All participants must complete 20 hours of conditioning before engaging in any football pad activities. Practices will transition to three days per week once the season begins, with games scheduled on Saturdays. Each team's specific practice schedule will be announced by July 31, 2026. Practice schedules are subject to change. If a holiday falls on a scheduled practice day, rescheduling will be at the coach's discretion. In the event of severe weather, the coach will determine if and when a make-up practice will be held.

### Required Practice Equipment:

- Football cleats
- 64 oz water jug (no standard water bottles)
- Football practice pants
- Football practice jersey
- Mouthpiece
- Athletic compression shirt (to be worn under pads)



## GAME DAYS

Game schedules are created by the East Coast Conference and shared with DeLand Youth Football and Cheer (DYFC). DYFC does not create or influence the game schedule. Head coaches will receive schedule updates as they become available and will share them with team members via GroupMe. Families should expect to attend football games from August through November. Games are generally scheduled for Saturdays between 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM, unless otherwise noted on the official schedule. In the event of a postponement due to weather, players are required to attend the rescheduled game. Home games are held at Sperling Sports Complex, located at 1500 Matt Fair Blvd, DeLand, FL 32724.

**All parents and guardians are responsible for providing transportation to and from all practices, games, and team-related events for their athlete.**

## GAME DAY VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT (MPR & CHAINS)

### Game Day Volunteer Requirement (MPR & Chains)

Parents are responsible for assisting with:

- MPR (Mandatory Play Rules) tracking
- Chain Crew duties during games

Each family will be assigned a game to volunteer.

If you are unable to attend your assigned game, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

Training will be provided—no experience needed.

# FOOTBALL 2026



The 2026 season brings exciting opportunities for our young athletes! DeLand Youth Football and Cheer (DYFC) is proud to partner with Pop Warner for the upcoming Fall football season. Our program is locally governed by the East Coast Conference (ECC), which operates under the Southeast Region.

The DYFC season is scheduled to begin on July 15, 2026, and will run through October. The season may extend beyond October for teams that advance to playoffs, regionals, and Nationals. All coaches have successfully completed comprehensive background checks through Pop Warner. Prior to the start of the season, coaches and staff will also be certified in First Aid, CPR, and AED operation. In addition, all coaches and team parents are required to obtain USA Football and Pop Warner Football certifications. Our football program is open to children ages 5 through 14. Team spots are limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis. A minimum of sixteen registered participants within the appropriate age group is required to form a team. DYFC reserves the right to add, remove, or reassign players as needed to maintain appropriate player-to-coach ratios and to ensure the overall safety and development of each athlete.

## REGISTRATION \$400.00

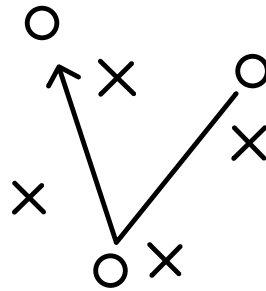
**YOUR REGISTRATION FEE COVERS ESSENTIAL COSTS TO ENSURE A SAFE, ORGANIZED, AND SUCCESSFUL SEASON FOR EVERY ATHLETE.**

### REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- GAME DAY FOOTAGE
- PERSONALIZED JERSEY (YOURS TO KEEP)
- COACHES TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS
- PRACTICE FIELD USAGE
- REFEREE FEES
- GAME DAY MEDICAL PERSONNEL

### ADDITIONAL COSTS COVERED:

- LEAGUE INSURANCE
- EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND HELMET RECONDITIONING
- BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS
- CPR AND SAFETY CERTIFICATIONS
- WEBSITE AND REGISTRATION PLATFORM FEES
- STORAGE AND EQUIPMENT FACILITIES



## TEAM DIVISIONS

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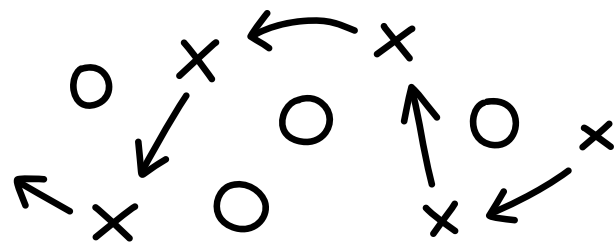
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## VOLUNTEERS

DYFC relies completely on the commitment of volunteers. Board members, coaches, team parents, and everyone who offers their assistance are vital in ensuring that DYFC operates effectively, not only on game days but throughout the entire year, including behind the scenes. Annually, our volunteers dedicate thousands of hours to create an athletic program that serves the children in our community.

# IMPORTANT LEAGUE INFORMATION

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Every Kids Sports offers financial assistance for athletes. <https://everykidsports.org/every-kid-sports-pass/>. If you are awarded assistance they will issue you a credit card number to use for payment. If you are unable to receive assistance from Every Kids Sports, we encourage you to please fill out the form below and submit it to our Board for consideration at [delandpopwarner@gmail.com](mailto:delandpopwarner@gmail.com)

## FUNDRAISING



We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and everyone involved is a volunteer. All funds that support our program are raised throughout the year.

These funds help cover essential costs, including:

- Training for coaches and team parents
- Volunteer background checks
- CPR certifications
- Game day medical personnel
- Insurance
- Storage unit costs
- Helmet reconditioning and equipment upkeep
- Referee fees
- Website and registration systems
- Athlete scholarships
- Practice fields and facility use

Your participation directly supports the safety and success of all athletes.



## REFUNDS

Athletes who register but choose not to join the 2026 Fall Football Program before July 15, 2026 may request a refund in accordance with the schedule below. Please note that all refunds are subject to a \$50 administrative fee.

Refund Schedule:

- Before July 15, 2026: Full refund, minus the \$50 administrative fee
- After July 15, 2026: No refunds will be issued once the season begins, except under the following circumstances (all subject to the \$50 administrative fee):
  - Medical condition that prevents participation, supported by a doctor's note and subject to board approval
  - Team formation issue: If a team cannot be formed in your child's division, a refund will be issued

All refund requests must be submitted in writing to the Board and are contingent upon the return of all league-issued equipment.

Please submit requests to: [delandpopwarner@gmail.com](mailto:delandpopwarner@gmail.com)

## COMMUNICATION AND CONDUCT :

In the event of practice cancellations, inclement weather, time adjustments, or schedule changes, effective communication is essential. To stay informed, all families must download the GroupMe app, join their team's GroupMe, and join the Football Announcements GroupMe. Families are also encouraged to follow DeLand Youth Football and Cheer on social media for updates and important information.

If you have concerns regarding your athlete, please address them directly with your child's coach and refrain from discussing issues on social media. If a resolution cannot be reached, you may contact the Football Commissioner (Scott Kinnan) or Vice President (Corey Arrington) at [DeLandPopWarner@gmail.com](mailto:DeLandPopWarner@gmail.com). We strongly encourage a 24-hour waiting period before addressing concerns with coaches, assistant coaches, or team parents to allow time for emotions to settle and promote respectful, productive communication.

For football-related concerns, the first point of contact should always be your athlete's head coach. If further discussion is needed regarding the program, a coach, or a team parent, a meeting may be scheduled with the Football Commissioner, President, or Vice President.

Please note, it is not appropriate to approach coaches before or during practices or games to address concerns. There is a proper time and place for these discussions, and they should never occur during active play or in high-emotion situations, especially in the presence of athletes.

# CODE OF CONDUCT

DeLand Youth Football & Cheer (DYFC) is proud to partner with Pop Warner Football & Cheer. All parents, participants, and spectators are required to follow both Pop Warner rules and DYFC guidelines. Our goal is to create a safe, positive, and respectful environment for all athletes.

## Parent & Spectator Expectations

### All parents, guardians, family members, and guests are expected to:

- Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times
- Support all athletes, coaches, and officials in a positive manner
- Refrain from negative comments, criticism, or confrontational behavior
- Use appropriate language—no profanity or disrespectful remarks
- Respect all league rules, facilities, and staff

**⚠️ Failure to meet these expectations may result in removal from the facility and/or suspension from future events.**

### Behavior Policy

Any parent, guardian, spouse, or guest displaying inappropriate behavior during practices or games will:

- Be asked to leave immediately
- Risk suspension from upcoming games or events

Repeated violations may result in:

- Multiple game suspensions
- Loss of attendance privileges for the remainder of the season
- Removal of the athlete from the program

### General Code of Conduct

All coaches, board members, parents, and participants must adhere to this Code of Conduct.

- Minor issues will typically be handled by the coaching staff
- Serious or repeated violations will be reviewed by the DYFC Board of Directors and handled in accordance with league bylaws

All attendees at practices, games, competitions, and team events are expected to act in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner.

### Disciplinary Violations Include (but are not limited to):

- Lying or cheating
- Stealing
- Use of profanity or poor sportsmanship
- Fighting or aggressive behavior
- Bullying (including social media)
- Misuse of safety equipment
- Disrespectful or inappropriate language or gestures
- School truancy or suspension
- Use of alcohol, tobacco, vaping products, or illegal substances
- Criminal acts (assault, battery, theft, etc.)

### DISCIPLINE POLICY

**1st OFFENSE** 1 week suspension from practice and following game & the participant is placed on probation for the remainder of the season

**2nd OFFENSE** Suspension from DeLand Bulldogs for the remainder of the season.

**3rd OFFENSE** Minimum one (1) year suspension from the date of notification.

**The following actions by a participant will result in immediate removal from the team for the remainder of the season:**

**a. Use of alcohol, tobacco, vaping products, or drugs (legal or illegal)**

**b. Commission of a criminal act, such as but not limited to assault, battery and theft.**

# SCHOLASTICS

## Scholastic Requirements

DeLand Youth Football & Cheer follows the academic standards set by Pop Warner Little Scholars. Our program is committed to ensuring that student-athletes succeed both on the field and in the classroom.

## Academic Eligibility

All participants must demonstrate satisfactory academic progress in order to be eligible to participate.

- A minimum of 70% average or 2.0 GPA (or equivalent) is required
- Proof of academic performance must be provided each season

If a participant does not meet the academic requirements at the time of certification:

- A Scholastic Eligibility Form may be submitted
- Documentation must show improving academic progress
- Eligibility may be granted after the mid-season deadline, pending review

## Report Card Requirements

Report cards are due by the first day of practice

- The entire academic year report card must be submitted
- (All four quarters or all three trimesters)
- Volusia County students may print report cards through VPortal
- Failure to submit a report card may result in delayed or denied participation in practice

## College Scholarship Opportunities

Pop Warner recognizes and rewards academic excellence across the country.

- Over \$1.3 million in scholarships have been awarded since 1993
- Thousands of student-athletes are recognized each year

Scholarship Award Range: \$500 – \$5,000

Eligibility Requirements:

- Participant must be in 5th grade or higher
- Must maintain a 96% GPA or higher
- Must submit a complete report card from the previous school year

# CONTACTS

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