

Policy Packet Consent Page

By signing below, I have read and understand the following Policies and Practices of Harrington Little Spartans Pop Warner Program.

1. Fundraising Agreement
2. Universal/Nationals Policy
3. Attendance Policy
4. Competition Agreement
5. Uniform Agreement
6. Social Media Policy
7. Pop Warner and Team Practice Rules

I have read and fully understand all policies in the Harrington Pop Warner Policy packet. It is my responsibility to ask any questions, if any for these policies. I will follow all policies stated above and understand the consequences for not following these policies.

By signing below, I am acknowledging that I understand ALL of the above statements and agree to adhere to all of the policies within this packet.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

_____ Date: _____

Cheer/Football VP Signature:

_____ Date: _____

Cheerleader/Football Name: _____

Team: _____

Fundraising Agreement

Harrington Little Spartans Pop Warner

Fundraising is a critical aspect of running any Pop Warner Program, as all programs are 100% volunteer run and funded via grants, donations, and fundraising. By participating in Harrington Pop Warner programs, I agree to participate in a MINIMUM ONE program funded fundraiser. This can be as simple as selling Fishing Trip Tickets or assisting with 50/50's at games. But is NOT limited to these specific fundraisers.

Every Fundraiser is performed because we count on individuals to sign up for said events/operations. If you sign up for an event or operation and do not carry out your commitment it has a devastating effect on the entire program. We count on every dollar to make this program a success annually for your children or grandchildren.

**NEW A required \$25 volunteer deposit per family is due at sign up. We are asking that you volunteer 2 hours of your time helping the organization. This can come in many forms of volunteer acts such as chain gang, snack bar, field clean up, cleaning and other tasks where we need help. After 2 hours of volunteer work is completed a volunteer work can be filled out by a Head Coach or Board member Only to be turned in. Refunds will be issued no later than December 1st.

The following policies will be effective immediately:

1. Cheer Families: I am in full understanding that IF I sign up for a fundraiser and DO NOT attend said Fundraiser, I am forfeiting my ability to attend any and all individual fundraising opportunities for the ENTIRE season (after missed/abandoned fundraiser) that could benefit my specific Athlete.
2. A week's notice needs to be given to CHEER or FOOTBALL VP if you can not attend your committed fundraiser.
3. At minimum each family will need to participate in ONE GROUP FUNDRAISING EVENT per season. Sign up will be given to you by team mom's or coaches.
4. Snack Bar shifts need to be filled by two football and two cheer Parents PER GAME!
5. I understand that If my child does not go to National's all individual accounts will resort back to the ENTIRE POP WARNER PROGRAM for the betterment of the program.
6. Fundraising accounts are not carried over from season to season. What is left over will go to other children in need.
7. I understand that there will be a specific fundraiser to help with uniform costs each season. Money raised will be used for specific ITEMS on list needed, additional money left over is not yours to spend, and will go towards other children in need and the program general account.
8. I understand that no one gets paid to be a part of pop warner, all monies raised go towards the Children and the Pop Warner program.

Harrington Little Spartans Universal Agreement

Nationals Policy

The ultimate Goal for all teams (except Tiny Mite) is to make it to nationals in Orlando Florida, Universal. The following Policy will now be in place for Harrington Pop Warner Cheer Squads with advancing potential to Orlando Florida, Universal, for Nationals.

1. I Understand that my child has the opportunity to advance to nationals in Orlando Florida the first week of December.
2. I understand that at minimum the cost is \$900.00 per child and any additional family members attending.
3. I understand that this does NOT include travel to and from.
4. I understand that it is the parents/guardian's responsibility to pay for this out of pocket.
5. I understand that there are fundraising opportunities available. If signed up for a fundraising opportunity and do not show up for an event, you are forfeiting your right to any and all opportunities in the season that could help the athlete advance to Nationals.
6. I understand that a deposit is mandatory to be made in October prior to a teams first competition of \$100.00.
7. I understand that a second deposit of \$100.00 is required after the October Competition, before November's Regional Competition in New Jersey.
8. I understand that these deposits are NON-REFUNDABLE if the cheerleader removes herself from the team advancing.
9. I understand that if the team does not advance this money shall be returned immediately upon uniform return.
10. I understand that If my athlete **does not** intend to compete in nationals my athlete will not be allowed to participate in **ANY** competitions.
11. I understand that cheerleading under Pop Warner, my Season does NOT end when Football games END, December is the end of our Competition season. I am committing to the entire season and will be going to nationals if advanced.
12. I understand that if my athlete is pulled at any time from the squad for reasons other than injury, they may not compete in future seasons of Harrington Pop Warner Cheerleading.
13. I understand that if a check is made out to Harrington Little Spartans and is returned for any reason, I am responsible for Bank fees and charges applied.
14. I Understand that a Parent or Guardian above the age of 18 is required to accompany my child to nationals if they should advance and that they **MAY NOT** travel with a coach.

Cheer Football Attendance Policy

Due to the nature of the sport, a practice missed by one cheerleader or Football player has a significant impact on any team. Particularly for a cheerleader's stunt group, who are unable to stunt without every member present and Defensive/Offensive Line ups. It also takes away from others when a coach must step out during practice and teach what was missed. Cheerleading and Football are unique sports in which each athlete's safety is dependent upon teamwork, trust and responsibility of the whole squad and team.

As a result, attendance at all practices and games are mandatory.

August is a critical month where skill sets are being evaluated and positions determined. Attendance Policy (applies to all levels, Flag Through Varsity):

1. All absences are unexcused unless cleared with the Cheer or Football VP PRIOR to the game/practice for reasons of illness/injury (which may require a doctor's note to resume practice), required school function, or religious event.
2. ALL cheerleaders must arrive to games 30 minutes prior to scheduled game time for check-in. Cheerleaders who arrive more than 15 minutes late for check in **WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HELLO CHEER**. Football Players Must be at games 15 minutes Prior to Scheduled weigh In's.
3. A cheerleader or Football Player that has one or more excused or unexcused absence during the week must sit in full uniform on the sideline with their squad for the first half of the game.
4. More than 3 absences during the season may lead to a change in position within the competition routine or Game day Football Positions, so as not to adversely affect the rest of the squad or team. After 5 absences, the cheer or Football VP may refer players to the board for potential removal from the squad or team.
5. Practice days, times and locations will be based on coach and field/gym availability and will change during the season. The cheer or Football VP will present a monthly calendar to the cheerleaders and football players and families of the squads and teams at the beginning of each month.

Competition Agreement

As with years in the past, our goal this year is to make it to Nationals in Florida. Nationals will be held at Universal Studios in Florida around the first or second week in December. Your child has earned this Nationals trip. Your child MUST stay at the team's Universal Resort. **ALL CHEERLEADERS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED by a Parent and/or Guardian. No Exceptions. Parents MAY NOT send child with a coach to Orlando for Nationals**

Please read carefully:

* If your child will not be able to attend Nationals in Florida, they will only be allowed to participate on game days. They will not be able to participate in any competitions. Once we start practicing routines for competition, practices for those not going to Nationals will be limited. But you must attend practice.

* A 100.00 Deposit is due for those with the eligibility to attend nationals Prior to The Henlopen State Competition in October.

* If we place in Henlopen, before your child can participate in the next practice you will have to make another \$100.00 deposit. This will be used toward your child for the trip to Nationals.

- If we do not advance to nationals your deposit **will be refunded**.
- This deposit is NON REFUNDABLE if we advance to Nationals and you or your child back out of going to Nationals.

Nationals

- Estimated cost is \$900.00 per person. Depending on the amount of days you decide to go, you could pay more.

- **ALL CHEERLEADERS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED by a Parent and/or Guardian. No Exceptions. Parents MAY NOT send their child with a coach to Orlando for Nationals.**

- We have a small window of 1 week to make the deposit to hold your room. If you do not make payment in 1 week you are subject to pay ALL late fees.

- Transportation is not included in the cost to Nationals.

- Individual accounts are being held this year. Certain fundraisers will go toward your child's individual account. Once we make it to Nationals that amount will come off the total toward your child going. If we do not make it, that money will go into the Spartans Pop Warner account to purchase things for the next season.

Uniform Agreement

The following is an agreement between Harrington Spartans Pop Warner Program

The Athlete and their parents agree to care for his or her uniform.

Football: Jersey, Pants, Pads, Helmet

Cheerleader: Shirt, Shell, and/or Body liner, Bloomers, Warm up pants and jacket (unless items are purchased by yourself)

Your uniform is ONLY to be used for games and/or Competitions, as well as approved fundraising events. **THIS UNIFORM IS NOT TO BE USED FOR A HALLOWEEN COSTUME.** The athlete and their parents agree that the uniform must be in good condition when returned. Any alterations, damages, stains, tears, etc. will be repaired and replaced at the expense of the said athlete and parent/guardian. If the uniform is not turned in, missing or damaged the athlete and parent agree to pay at **minimum \$150.00**, but not to exceed \$300.00 for a replacement uniform or equipment (Football only). Dismissal from the squad for any reason or voluntary leaving the program will result in the uniform being turned in at its proper condition within one week of leaving the program to the Cheer or Football VP. **DO NOT RETURN TO THE HPR OFFICE!**

****A \$10.00 CLEANING CHARGE WILL BE BILLED IF ANY UNIFORM IS RETURNED DIRTY!! ****

Proper Care Instructions:

1. Wash in Cold Water ONLY! Turn the uniform inside out prior to placing it in the washing machine. Cold water will prevent the colors from running and keep them looking crisp. Hang to dry, avoid dryers! Do NOT use bleach on ANY UNIFORM Pieces (Including football pants).
3. DO NOT use hot irons on any piece of any uniform.
4. DO NOT remove any tags, this will result in an immediate purchase of the uniform on your behalf at full value price.

The athlete and Parent/guardian assume all responsibility for the uniform and equipment upon receiving items the first week of the season and will continue this agreement until the end of the season (cheerleaders may end their season in December much later than football). If the uniform is NOT turned in or damaged/stained, you will be immediately billed for the full amount of the uniform and equipment. Any Late fees, court costs, collection agency fees will be added to the cost of the uniform and will be the responsibility of the cheerleader/Football player and parents/guardians of the cheerleader or football player.

Harrington Pop Warner Social Media Policy

The Following Social Media Guidelines and Policies Will be IN effect for Parent, Guardians, Family Members, and Relatives of any ATHLETE in the Harrington Pop Warner Program.

1. I will refrain from using social media outlets (Facebook, Instagram, twitter, ect.) to speak negatively about the Harrington Little Spartans Pop Warner Program.
2. Any negative comments in regard to the Harrington Little Spartans Pop Warner program will be considered slander of the organization.
3. You will be asked ONE time to remove comments or the posting (on whatever social media outlet it is showing on). Failure to remove slander will result in removal of your athlete from the Harrington Little Spartans Pop Warner Program.
4. We will not hesitate to enforce these rules.
5. Social media outlets are amazing tools for programs to gain contact for parents and relatives.
6. Any negativity towards this program will affect not only your children but the children of future teams.
7. Video footage of any athlete during practice (Cheer and Football) is against Harrington Little Spartans Pop Warner Rules. All practices are to be closed to parents. If video footage of any child practicing is seen on social media outlets you will be asked to take said video down off social media. Failure to comply will result in removal of the athlete from the program.

By signing the Policy Packet Consent Page, I acknowledge that I understand the above statements and agree to comply with the Social Media Policy set forth under the Harrington Little Spartans Pop Warner Program.

Pop Warner and Team Practice Rules

Below is some information out of the Rule book that is helpful for Parents/ Guardians to understand.

Fingernails: (Including artificial nails) Shall be kept at a length appropriate for safe participation. The appropriate length for all members of any team (FOOTBALL INCLUDED) means that nails are not visible beyond the fingers when viewed from the palm side of the hands. Further note: Nail polish is not permitted at games and/or Competitions.

Brace/Wrap Etc: Your child may NOT wear any type of brace and/or wrap to practice, games or competition without a Doctor's note. Please get a note from your doctor that states why he/ she needs to have these things on at all times while cheering, so that we may have it on file if necessary.

Jewelry of any kind (i.e., earrings, friendship bracelet, watch, necklaces, rings, pins, body piercings, etc.) will not be worn at practices, games or competitions except religious or medical medals, which must be secured to the body (without a chain) with tape under the apparel. For stunting squads, all squad members shall wear their hair pulled back and away from the face. Please take out your child's earrings prior to coming to practice. WE WILL NOT be responsible for jewelry. Earrings are a HUGE safety issue when stunting. If they come in with jewelry on they will be asked to take it off or parents will be called to pick it up.

Hair beads and/or hard headbands, barrettes are not permitted for spirit participants. The beads may interfere with the safety of other team members while performing in practice, games and competitions.

Eyeglasses MUST be secured by a sport band while performing to ensure safety (I.e. eyeglasses shall be secured to the head and under the hair with a sport band). NOTE: Eyeglass bands may not be knotted or have beads on them.

Cheer Shoes: All cheerleaders NEED athletic cheerleading specific shoes if they are a flyer. Too many incidents are happening due to improper shoes being worn. This is for the safety of ALL cheerleaders on the mat.

If you have any questions about these rules, please call Amber 302-363-6360 or Marshal at 443-262-2403