

Registration Fees: Football Players \$185/ Participant
 Cheerleaders \$135/ Participant

Fees Cover our Costs: Uniforms, Equipment, Fields, Insurance, Pop Warner Association Dues, Referees and Game Officials.

** Families who have three or more children participating in the Pop Warner program the fee beginning with the third (3rd) child will be 50% of the full registration fee.*

Scholarships: Full and partial scholarship opportunities are available on a limited basis. To apply for a scholarship, please complete the scholarship form that can be obtained at registration.

Refunds: * **No REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER 8/1/2008** *
 If a child cannot be placed on a roster all fees will be returned and the parent(s) will be advised of the situation.

Division Weight Requirements: If on the first day of practice (August 1st) a child is more than 5 pounds overweight the family will be notified that the child must move up to the next division (if possible based on age and weight).
*Note: Should the family decide to have the child remain in the lower division, and the child does not make weight at the official weigh-in, they will **forfeit** the entire registration fee.*

Equipment Needs: Lake Norman Giants Provides

- Practice and Game Jerseys ands Pants
- Equipment: Pads, Shoulder Pads, and Helmet
- Cheerleaders Uniforms (skirts, tops, pants, pom-poms)

Players Personal Equipment needs (not provided)

- Football Cleats – must be rubber molded (**NO Metal Cleats!**)
- Mouth guards, Personal Athletic Gear

Pop Warner Official Age / Weight Requirements

Division	Age as of 07/31/2008	Weight as of 08/01/2008		Weight as of 11/01/2008	
Mitey-Mite	7-9 years old	7-8 yrs old 9 yr old	45-90 lbs. 45-70 lbs	7-8 yrs old 9 yr old	99 lbs. 79 lbs
Jr. Pee Wee	8, 9, 10 years old * Older/Lighter 11 year olds	8-10 yrs old *11yrs old	60-105 lbs. 60-85 lbs.	8-10 yrs old *11 yrs old	114 lbs. 94 lbs.
Pee Wee	9, 10, 11 years old * Older/Lighter 12 year olds	9-11 yrs old *12 yrs old	75-120 lbs. 70-100 lbs.	9-11 yrs old *12 yrs old	129 lbs. 109 lbs.
Jr. Midget	10, 11, 12 years old * Older/Lighter 13 year olds	10-12 yrs old *13 yrs old	85-135 lbs. 85-115 lbs.	9-11 yrs old *13 yrs old	144 lbs. 124 lbs.
Midget	11, 12, 13, 14 years old * Older/Lighter 15 year olds	10-14 yrs old *15 yrs old	105-160 lbs. 105-140 lbs.	11-14 yrs old *15 yrs old	169 lbs. 149 lbs.

Pop Warner is proud of its emphasis is on safety and the weight requirements are designed to protect youth football.

** Older / Lighter: No child will be allowed to lose more than five (5) pounds in order to make a specific division's maximum weight. Players **have** to play at the lowest age and/or weight division possible. This will be determined by the association.*

Coaches Certification: The Lake Norman Giants Board of Directors selects coaches. Parents interested in applying to coach should complete an application form at the time of player registration. Coaches are expected to follow the Pop Warner Coaches Code of Conduct. Coaches are subject to removal by the Lake Norman Giants of directors. A background check is required for all individuals selected to coach.

Roster/Team Assignments:

Spots on team rosters will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Preference will be given to returning players. Returning players who do not come to the May 13th, 2008 pre-registration, or do not make arrangements prior to that date, will be placed on a waiting list without receiving any preference if the rosters are full.

All registration documentation **must be turned in by June 26th, 2008** or your child will be placed on a waiting list and the next available player, with completed paperwork, will receive the roster spot.

Practices/Games Location & Schedules

Practice schedules will be determined once team assignments have been finalized. Coaches will contact you before August 1st. Practice begins August 1st. The first two weeks will be conditioning practices wearing helmet, shirt and shorts. There will be three practices each week for all age groups and practice will end no later than 8 PM. After two conditioning weeks are over all age groups will begin practice with full pads. After Labor Day, Mitey Mites will drop back to two practices per week.

The schedule for games are determined by the Pop Warner Little Panther Association. Games will be played every Saturday through October. Some teams will also be participating in bowl games during the month of November.

Practice Fields: Coaches will be assigned a practice field and time. The fields are located in Huntersville, Cornelius, and Davidson, please refer to our website for directions.

Home Games: Will be played at Bailey Middle School or Washam Elementary.

Away Games: The Giants play in a league with teams from the greater Charlotte-Mecklenburg County area. You will be expected to travel to other locations for away games.

Fund Raising:

The Lake Norman Giants Discount Card is our most profitable fund raiser - 98% of sales directly support our league. The sales efforts of a few players and cheerleaders who have generously supported our league, have helped us keep registration fees flat and helps pay for all player/cheerleader trophies. All players all players are expected to sell a **minimum** of 10 cards. We expect 100% participation by all players / cheerleaders. Refusal to participate will result in an assessment of \$25 per player. *Players that do not remit funds from the the cards or holds on to unsold cards will be banned from future participation in the league.*

Volunteers

The Lake Norman Giants is a **100%** volunteer non-profit organization. We have numerous opportunities to volunteer and ask that each family find time to give back to our organization to ensure a great program for our children. Parents are **REQUIRED** to volunteer during the season. Please review the list on registration form and check all areas that

Examples of volunteers include but are not limited to assisting sales of spirit-wear, Field/Game support such as line markers, or must-play monitors, and Team Parent (Mom or Dad) helps the coaches with administrative and team support.

Website/Emails

NEW Website: www.LKNGiants.org

Throughout the season our website will be update with both league and team information. Please refer to this for general information, about teams, schedules, Field Information (maps & directions) and calendar of events.

Email Sign-up: Upper-left corner of website is a link to "Email Sign-up". Please take a few minutes to sign up for our emails. This will enable you to receive our ongoing emails.

To avoid firewall issues please add: "PHoertt@aol.com" to your Safe Sender List*
Outlook Users Safe Sender: 1) Go to the menu "Action"; 2) Select "Junk E-mail" on drop down, 3) Select "Junk E-Mail Options"; 4) Go tab called "Safe Sender"; 5) Add: "PHoertt@aol.com" to your list.

Equipment Returns:	<p>Equipment that was loaned to the participants must be returned to the coaches, in a clean condition, before the players/cheerleader will be given their trophy. Failure for Players to return all pads, helmets, pants, practice jerseys and Cheerleading to return their uniforms will be result in an assessment of a fee of \$120 to the leagues replacement cost. Participants that refuse to pay replacement costs will be banned from future participation in our organization</p> <p>As a non-profit organization and we must reuse the equipment from season-to-season to keep our costs low. We expect participants to respect this privilege and return our equipment in the same condition that it was given them.</p> <p><i>Loaned Player Equipment: Consists of Practice Pants, Game Pants, Practice Jersey, Shoulder, Tail Pad, 2 Thigh Pads and 2 Knee Pads – Replacement Cost Estimate - \$120;</i> <i>Loaned Cheerleading Equipment: Uniforms \$120</i></p>
Adult Code-Conduct	<p>In order to uphold the goals of Pop Warner and ensure that all participants have the benefit of a safe and fun learning environment, all parents, guardians and other adults and attendees of Pop Warner events, must behave accordingly in a respectful, courteous and sportsmanlike manner at all times.</p>
Expectations:	<p>Parents and Spectators are expected to be supportive of the coaches and teams. We want the experience of playing football to be enjoyable for everyone. Show up to games and practices on time. Players must practice to be eligible to at play games. If a player misses pre-game weigh-in he can not play in the game.</p> <p>Let the Coaches coach! The coaches have devoted countless hours to teach your child football skills. They have been trained to follow guidelines established by Pop Warner. If you question how a skill is being taught, discuss the matter with the coach or head coach. Do not show disrespect or question the coaching skills in front of the team. Coaching concerns should be discussed at prearranged time or after/before practice.</p> <p>Parents are not permitted on the field unless they are volunteering. Spectators should remain on the track or behind the fence if bleacher seating is not available.</p>
League Pictures:	<p>Team and individual pictures opportunities will be available. Days, times, and locations will be announced. You are under no obligation to purchase the photos but, we ask that you participate in team photo for the sake of your teammates.</p>
General Photo Policy:	<p>Photographs taken of groups (2 or more Football Players/Cheerleaders) while engaged in a Pop Warner event, such as but not limited to games and practices, can be used published on our website or released to press for general promotional purposes.</p>
Inclement Weather	<p>Practice will be conducted rain or shine depending upon practice field conditions. In the event of lightening, practice will be suspended until the storm passes. Games are also played as scheduled regardless of rain. Again, play is delayed during periods of lightening.</p> <p>Coaches will monitor participants closely to prevent heat-related problems. An attempt will be made to provide ice water at all practice fields but in some instances this might not be possible due to field location. Therefore, we encourage participants to bring water or sport drinks to practice with them.</p> <p>During periods of high heat and humidity, we encourage participants to hydrate throughout the day. If proper precautions are followed away from the practice field, there is a much lower likelihood of problems on the practice field.</p>
Pop Warner Little Scholars	<p>PWLS is the only national youth sports organization in America that requires its participants to perform adequately in the classroom before permitting them to</p>

play. We believe that the standards we have set give these children a sense of responsibility and an appreciation for academics and athletics that will help them develop later on in life.