

**All Pop Warner coaches, administrators and other program volunteers shall:**

- S1:** Not smoke and/or use smokeless tobacco on the field.
- S2:** Not criticize players/spirit participants in front of spectators, but reserve constructive criticism for later, in private, or in the presence of team/squad members if others might benefit.
- S3:** Accept decisions of the game officials and judges on the field and in competitions as being fair and called to the best of their ability
- S4:** Not criticize an opposing team, its players, spirit participants, coaches, or fans by word of mouth or by gesture.
- S5:** Emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students and that both are physically and mentally alert.
- S6:** Strive to make every football and spirit activity serve as a training ground for life, and a basis for good mental and physical health.
- S7:** Emphasize that winning is the result of good teamwork.
- S8:** Not engage in excessive sideline coaching and shall not leave the bench area to shout instructions from the sidelines.
- S9:** Together with team officials, be jointly responsible for the conduct and control of team fans and spectators. Any fan who becomes a nuisance and out of control will be asked to leave.
- S10:** Not use abusive or profane language at any time.
- S11:** Not "pile it on;" not encourage their team to get a commanding lead and raise the score as high as it can. In these instances, every effort shall be made to let all players play.
- S12:** Not receive any payment, in cash or kind, for services as a coach in Pop Warner Football/Spirit. This includes any coach, expert, consultant or choreographer, regardless of his/her roster status.
- S13:** Not permit or encourage "sweating down" tactics in order for a player to make the team weight.
- S14:** Not recommend or distribute any medication, controlled or over the counter, except as specifically prescribed by participant's physician.
- S15:** Not permit an ineligible player or spirit participant to participate in a game.
- S16:** Not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.
- S17:** Not possess or drink alcoholic beverages and/or use illegal substance(s) on both the game and practice fields.
- S18:** Remove from a game or practice any participant when even slightly in doubt about his/her health, whether or not as a result of injury, until competent medical advice is available.
- S19:** Be responsible for and Control their fans at all times.
- S20:** Uphold all rules and regulations, National, Regional & Local, regarding Pop Warner Football, Cheerleading and Dance.
- S21:** Refrain from engaging in any action within or outside Pop Warner which reflects negatively upon, or causes embarrassment
- S22:** Create a positive, safe and healthy environment, free of abuse and harassment, for all participants and their families.

**All those involved with the event are expected to refrain from the following behaviors:**

Acting in a way that is unruly, disruptive or illegal in nature.

Intoxication or other signs of impairment that may potentially result in bad behavior.

Excessive use of profanities and other vulgar language that interfere with other attendees' ability to enjoy the event.

Using bigoted, demeaning or abusive or other disruptive and intimidating language and/or gestures.

Verbal or physical harassment of officials, participants and coaches before, during and following the competition.

Disrupting the progress of competition (including physically entering or throwing objects onto the playing field or competition mat).

Interfering with or failing to abide by security or emergency procedures or response

Displaying signs that contain offensive language, or any graphic art that may be deemed disrespectful.

Defacing, destruction or theft of property associated with the event, including property of the opposing team or other participants, officials, as well as official venues.

Violence or threats of violence against other individuals at any official venue.

Publicly criticizing or making derogatory statements of an official, opposing teams, event personnel or its policies, or other individuals associated with the event. This includes comments with respect to their conduct, character, competence, integrity or appearance. *Note: social media is deemed a public forum.*

Failing to follow instructions of event personnel.

Any behavior which otherwise violates conduct codes set by partner venues, hotels or ancillary venues including but not limited to theme parks, as enforced by those properties.

**Failure to abide by these expectations are grounds for removal from competition. Pop Warner reserves the right to remove individuals or the entire team. Depending on the infraction, a one-year ban from Pop Warner events and programs will be considered. A repeat offense of the same infraction may result in a permanent ban. All removals will be without refund.**

I have read and understand the above rules. I agree to abide and enforce these rules that pertain to me. I understand the violations will result in penalties authorized by National Pop Warner and the Capital District Pop Warner Federation. I am requesting certification for the current season. I understand that I am not certified until approved by the CDPW Board, have satisfactorily passed a background check, and are approved by my home association.

<b>ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED</b>	
Name (Printed)	Signature
Street	<b>Circle ONE:</b> Tackle    Flag    Spirit    Challenger    Commissioner
City, State, Zip	Training Location                      DATE