

# **Hobart Pop Warner Little Scholars**



**2010 SEASON  
FOOTBALL & CHEER**

# Mission Statement

This organization is formed to inspire youth, regardless of race, gender, creed, or national origin to practice the ideals of sportsmanship, scholarship, and physical fitness. Eligible youth are welcome to participate in football, cheerleading, or dance. Academic achievement will be emphasized as a lifelong skill.

## A Little Pop Warner History

Pop Warner is an international program operated for the benefit of its youth participants. Since 1929, the programs philosophy has been: Academics and Athletics go hand -in- hand. At every level, Pop Warner seeks to develop well-rounded young men and women who learn not only the fundamentals of Football, Cheerleading and Dance but also the importance of education, in an atmosphere conducive to developing sound mind, body and character- and having an enjoyable time along the way. The general objective of Pop Warner are to inspire youth regardless of race, creed, religion or national origin, to practice the ideals of sportsmanship, scholarship and physical fitness, as reflected in the life of the late Glenn Scoobie “Pop” Warner.

- Have active programs in 42 states and 6 different countries.
- Pop Warner has no try outs or cutting of roster.
- Only national youth sports organization in America that requires participants to perform adequately in the classroom.
- Oldest National youth Football and Cheerleading Organization in the World
- Everyone participates under mandatory rules of play.
- Pop Warner host an awards program each year to celebrate the accomplishments of our participants for their academic accomplishments.
- Kids compete with kids of similar age and size.
- Estimated 60-70% of all NFL players began their careers playing Pop Warner.
- Pop Warner programs are required to annually conduct a back ground check on all coaches, board members and any other volunteer who has repetitive contact with the children of Pop Warner.

# 2010 Hobart Pop Warner Little Scholars Executive Board & Board of Directors

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## General Board Meetings

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Every Month @ 7:30p.m.**

**Hobart High School Brickie Stop**

***(Enter at Front of School)***

***(Date & Location subject to change – check website for updated information)***

**Website: <http://www.hobartpopwarner.com>**

## A Letter from the President

As we enter the 2010 season, we mark the start of our 48<sup>th</sup> season as a youth sports program in Hobart. Hobart Pop Warner provides children and parents an excellent opportunity to get involved in and represent their community. Our program enjoyed great success last season, as 3 cheerleading squads brought home State Championships and National recognition and one of our football teams lost a double-overtime heartbreaker in the State Championship. This only typifies the hard work and dedication exhibited by all of the Hobart Pop Warner football and cheer squads in 2009. We look to build on this success with a special combination of commitment, spirit, teamwork, and sportsmanship that is a must in developing our true “student-athletes.”

Success in the classroom is just as important to our organization as success on the field. This was evident this past season as Hobart Pop Warner recorded a league record, 25 student-athletes named to the Mid-America Pop Warner Academic Team. I am also very pleased to announce that 17 of our student-athletes went on to be honored as the pinnacle of academic success, National Pop Warner Academic All-Americans.

We hope to make this season a rewarding and memorable one for all of our children. Please help us achieve our goal by aiding in these objectives.

1. **Safety** – The first priority of our association. Help us provide a safe and enjoyable environment for the children of our community to learn the basic fundamentals of Football and Cheer.
2. **Volunteerism** – I would like to thank all of the volunteers that spend countless hours dedicated to the boys and girls of our program. Without their unselfish dedication, program would not continue to flourish.
3. **Fundraising** – A critical aspect of our charter that sometimes is overlooked. As we continue to develop our program’s home complex and with the rising cost of equipment and supplies, we continually face the economic crunch. As we look to keep our league fees as minimal as possible, we ask for your support to help us continually off-set our league fees by participating in 100% of our fundraising efforts.

With your help, we can accomplish all these goals and many more. Together we can do more!

From my start as a player in Hobart Pop Warner, through playing in High School and College, to coaching varsity Football, and finally back to coaching Pop Warner, I have went nearly full circle in my 35 years of involvement of football. I have served on the Board of Directors for the past 4 years and look forward to the upcoming season. I will rely on my business background and education to manage this association and its wonderful staff, along with maintaining and enforcing all Regional and National regulations, while providing your children an opportunity to flourish in our program. I want to again take this opportunity to thank all of our Coaches, Team Parents, and my fellow Board members for their continued dedication and contributions. You truly make this an enjoyable experience and I am honored to be part of your team.

I also want to thank you, for your support of Hobart Pop Warner and look forward to serving you and your family. Feel free to contact me with any comments or concerns.

*“Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming.”*  
**Coach John Wooden**

**Dave Tipold**

President, Hobart Pop Warner Little Scholars

# **PARENT INFORMATION**

## **Parental Responsibilities:**

1. Provide transportation to and from all games and practices ON TIME.
2. Ensure your child is at ALL games and practices.
3. Notify coaching staff if your child will not be at a practice or game.
4. If your child's team advances to Regionals and/or Nationals you will be financially responsible for travel, lodging, meals and any other expenses.
5. If you have a problem with a coach, take it to the coach and not another parent. If you are unsatisfied with the result, then contact the Football or Cheer Director. Please follow the chain of command.
6. Provide Hobart Pop Warner Little Scholars with all necessary forms by July 15, 2010. Forms include: a copy of their birth certificate, physical, financial agreement, participant contract, and report card for 2009-2010 school year. Without these forms, your child will not be able to participate and will be behind in learning skills.
7. All fundraising money MUST be turned before or on the day of equipment/uniform handout. If money is not turned in by that day, your child will not be issued equipment/uniforms and may be placed on a roster waiting list.
8. Please make every effort for the proper care of your equipment. You will be charged for equipment not turned-in at the end of the season.
9. Practices will start on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010
10. Parents are invited to attend practices. Please refrain from interfering with the coaches and/or players during practice.

## **Practices:**

1. Football practices initially 10 hours a week until school starts. After Labor Day, practices can only be 6 hours a week.
2. Cheerleading practices initially 10 hours a week until school starts. After school starts, practices can only be 6 hours a week.
3. All practices are limited to no longer than 2 hours a day.
4. Water breaks don't count towards the time of practice.
5. Bring plenty of water to practices and games.
6. On opening day of practice, each football player should wear football cleats, shorts, and t-shirt or practice jersey.
7. Football players will not have contact until the player completes 10 hours of conditioning and 10 hours of practice. Cheerleaders should wear tennis/cheer shoes with socks, t-shirt and shorts. Their hair should be pulled up away from their face and off their shoulders. No jewelry is allowed during practices or competitions.
8. Cheerleaders will not stunt until the cheerleader completes 10 hours of conditioning and 10 hours of practice.

9. The association must have all current forms on file before the football player or cheerleader will be allowed to practice. NO EXCEPTIONS.
10. Any balance of monies due the association must be paid in full before the football player or cheerleader will be allowed to practice. (If you are unable to pay the association fees, you must make arrangements with the Board of Directors before season starts.)

### **Games:**

1. All teams will play 6 or 7 regular season games & end approx. the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in Oct.
2. Competitive level teams (Jr. PW & above.) may continue on through playoffs, which could end with Nationals in early December.
3. Cheerleaders must be at every game to support the football players.
4. Football players should attend the Cheer Competitions to support their cheerleaders.

### **Travel:**

1. There is travel for competition and games.
2. Regular season games are played in Northern Indiana.
3. Post-season games and competitions played at the Regional level can be farther away (Michigan, Missouri, Illinois or Ohio). For those fortunate enough to make it to Nationals, you will be traveling to Disney World in Florida.
4. As parents, you are solely responsible for all travel expenses for the season.

### **Football:**

1. Football players will be provided with uniforms and protective equipment such as helmets, padding, uniform, and mouthpieces.
2. Parents will be responsible for socks, cleats, and protective cups.
3. Age/weight schematic:

<b><u>Division</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>	<b><u>Weight</u></b>
Tiny Mites	5-6	35-75 lbs.
Jr. Mitey Mites	7-8	45-90 lbs.
Mitey Mites	8-9	45-90 lbs.
Jr. Pee Wee	8-9-10	60-105 lbs.
Older/lighter	11*	60-85 lbs.
Pee Wee	9-10-11	75-120 lbs.
Older/lighter	12*	75-100 lbs.
Jr. Midgets	10-11-12	85-135 lbs.
Older/lighter	13*	85-115 lbs.

**Cheer:**

1. Cheerleaders will be provided with uniforms and competition hair bows.
2. Parents will be responsible for socks, cheer shoes, spankies, and game hair bows.
3. Age schematic:

<b><u>Division</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
Tiny Mites	5-6
Jr. Mitey Mites	7-8
Mitey Mites	8-9
Jr. Pee Wee	8-9-10
Older/lighter	11*
Pee Wee	9-10-11
Older/lighter	12*
Jr. Midgets	10-11-12
Older/lighter	13*
Midgets	11-12-13
Older/lighter	14*

## Scholastics:

1. Pop Warner is the only National youth sport organization that requires the participants to maintain their grades in order to participate.
2. Each child has to provide a copy of a complete report card from the previous school year and maintain a 2.0(C) GPA during the season.
3. It is important that we encourage the children to strive for academic excellence and success in school. The combination of sports and academics will help to develop a sense of responsibility and create well-rounded individuals.
4. It is EXTREMELY important that you pick up your child's report card from the school at the end of this year. Your child must have a copy of this filed with HPW by July 15<sup>th</sup> or they will be placed on a waiting list and **not** placed on an official HPW roster. This may result in your child not being able to participate in the 2010 season.
5. Each year Pop Warner recognizes the top students 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up, within the program nationwide with the selections of All American Academic Teams. To be eligible the participant must have a 96% GPA from the last complete report card. They also have to include a list of their achievements and activities, community service and extra-curricular activities.
6. This will be used to determine the Regional 1<sup>st</sup> teams and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams. They will be honored at a dinner held in their honor with guest speakers.
7. Scholarships are given to the top students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or higher. Their names are then submitted to National Pop Warner for consideration on the National All American Academic 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams. They will be honored at a Dinner held at significant location in May of the following year. These participants are recognized as the top 1% of all participants in the Nation.
8. We encourage all the children to strive for this prestigious award and continue to do their best in school and to participate in community service and extracurricular activities.



# Adult Behavior

Participants, volunteers, and spectators will be held to a high standard of behavior. A “Zero Tolerance” Behavior Policy has been instituted at or while traveling to or from any Pop Warner event and all violations will be subject to disciplinary review.

Northern Indiana Pop Warner Little Scholars Adult Behavior Policy includes:

1. At any Pop Warner event, practice, or competition, any person who:
  - a. Verbally abuses or
  - b. Attempts to intimidate or
  - c. Is flagrantly rude or
  - d. Cannot control their language or actionswith an official, coach, Pop Warner volunteer, or spectator shall be instructed to leave the Pop Warner event along with their child(ren). He or she and their participating child(ren) will be suspended from all Pop Warner events until the discipline committee can conduct an investigation. The discipline committee shall comprise of at least four of the six executive board members. Depending on the severity of the action and the decision of the discipline committee, consequences may range from a written warning up to and including a permanent expulsion from Pop Warner. Discipline committee sanctions may be appealed to HLA.
2. Any person that commits a second, similar offense shall be suspended from Pop Warner events for the remainder of the season and their child(ren) removed from Pop Warner for the remainder of the season. Association will refund registration monies, pro-rated based on the percentage of the regular season remaining.
3. Any adult who physically assaults an official, coach, or Pop Warner volunteer or spectator will be suspended from Pop Warner and their child(ren) removed from the Pop Warner program for one year from the date of the offense. The child(ren) may not participate in another Pop Warner association during the sanction period. After one year, the parent may apply for reinstatements of his/her child(ren). If the adult commits a second offense, he/she will be permanently banned from Pop Warner and the child(ren) permanently removed from Pop Warner.
4. All adults shall execute an acknowledgement of the adult behavior policy at the time of enrollment of the child(ren) in the Hobart Pop Warner Football, Inc. organization. This policy will be posted at all Pop Warner events, including practices, games, competitions, and meetings. Again, Hobart Pop Warner has instituted a ZERO TOLERANCE Behavior Policy.
5. The use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products is strictly prohibited before, during, or after any Pop Warner function where children are present. Smoking at the game field will be allowed in designated areas only. “Tailgating” at any Pop Warner function is not allowed.

Note: The term, physical assault, includes, but is not limited to hitting, slapping, pushing, spitting, kicking, or striking in any way with any part of the body or any physical implement.

# **PARENT/SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT**

All parents will abide by the Code of Conduct, which includes the following:

1. I will abide not criticize the Association, board members, coaches, players and/or cheerleaders in public but reserve constructive criticism for later, in private, with those involved.
2. I will accept decisions of the game officials on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of the officials.
3. I will not criticize an opposing team, its players, spirit participants, coaches, or fans by word of mouth or by gesture.
4. I will emphasize with my child that good athletes strive to be good students that are physically and mentally alert.
5. I will strive to make every football/cheerleading activity serve as a training ground for life, and a basis for good mental and physical health by being there to support my child.
6. I will emphasize that winning is the result of good "TEAMWORK".
7. I will refrain from talking to my child during games and practices.
8. I will understand that any fan that becomes a nuisance and out of control shall be asked to leave.
9. I will refrain from using abusive and profane language at all times.
10. I will not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.
11. I will abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages at all Pop Warner Events.
12. I will support all fund-raisers and other Association activities.
13. I will be responsible for completing and returning all paperwork during the season on time.
14. I understand I will be required to help out where needed during Association functions.
15. I will not do anything that will be detrimental to the team and/or Association.
16. I will be responsible for getting and picking up my child on time from all Association functions.
17. I will be responsible for all my child's equipment and uniforms. I will replace anything that is lost, stolen, damaged due to misuse or not turned in at season's end.
18. No one is allowed on the game field on game day unless you are officially registered and have an official Pop Warner picture ID badge. Any parent working the chains for a particular game does not need an ID badge as they are working under the supervision of the referees.
19. I will uphold all Rules, Regulations, National and local, regarding Pop Warner Football, Cheerleading and Dance.
20. All adults shall execute an acknowledgement of the adult behavior policy at the time of enrollment of the child(ren) in the Hobart Pop Warner Little Scholars organization.



# **HOBART POP WARNER**

## **EXPECTATIONS FOR COACHES CONDUCT**

*All coaches will abide by a Code of Conduct which includes the following provisions. If any of these rules are broken, the league shall have the authority to impose a penalty.*

### **Coaches shall:**

- Put the safety of each player **FIRST** in every activity that is engaged in.
- Emphasize scholastic achievement.
- Not criticize or verbally abuse any participant, game official, opposing coach, parent, or participant by word of mouth or gesture.
- Accept decisions of game officials and judges on the field and in competitions as being fair and called to the best ability of said official.
- Control team coaches, team officials, team parents, fans, and participants at all times. Remember, as a coach, you are responsible for your team.
- Not use any form of tobacco on the practice/game field.
- Not criticize players in front of spectators, but reserve constructive criticism for later, in private, or in the presence of team members if others might benefit.
- Strive to make every activity of the program a training ground for life, and a basis for good physical and mental health.
- Emphasize that winning is a result of good teamwork and the execution of solid fundamentals.
- Not use abusive or profane language at any time.
- Not permit or encourage “sweating down” tactics to meet team weight.
- 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.
- Not permit an ineligible player to participate in a game.
- Not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Abstain from the possession and drinking of alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of illegal substances on the game and practice fields.
- Exercise respectful behavior at all times during Pop Warner events.
- Uphold all rules and regulations, National and local, regarding Pop Warner Football.

# Payment and Fees

1. Registration Fees are \$150.00 for the first participant; Discounted rates for each additional immediate family member / participant thereafter.
2. Each participant will be mandated to participate and fulfill all requirements in our HPW Fundraising Program.
3. Parents are personally responsible for **all expenses** associated with travel to and from competitions, games, and all Pop Warner events.
  - a. No fundraising efforts will be made in the name of HPW without the expressed consent of the Board of Directors. Any and all fundraising projects **must** be approved by the Fundraising Coordinator.
4. Each participant will be mandated to sell 50 raffle tickets at the cost of \$1 each and also sell 2 boxes (52 bars each) of Candy Bars at the cost of \$1 per candy bar.
5. In the event a personal check is returned for insufficient funds, a \$30.00 returned check fee, as well as the full amount of the fees, bank charges, court costs, interest, and attorney fees associated with the collection of these fees, will be assessed.

# Lost Equipment Fee

1. All football and cheer equipment/uniform is to be returned to Hobart Pop Warner Little Scholars on designated team turn-in date. **NO EXCEPTIONS !!!**
2. Equipment/uniform must be turned in at the scheduled Team Equipment turn-in date. *Do not drop off equipment at your Head Coach's home.*
3. Equipment/uniform not turned in by the deadline date is considered lost and is subject to a lost equipment/uniform fee of \$300.00 for football equipment and \$300.00 for cheerleading uniform. Immediate action will be taken following the scheduled Team turn-in date. This cost aids in recovery and replacement of uniforms that may be difficult to match and replace.

# Refund Policy

1. Refunds requested by August 2, 2010 will be refunded at 100% of registration fees (fundraising fee is not refundable).
2. **No refunds** will be granted after August 2, 2010, unless participant does not make weight.
3. All refunds requests **MUST** be made in writing to the Hobart Pop Warner.

## **Hobart Pop Warner Important Dates to Remember**

<p>May 12, 2010            May 22, 2010            May 27- 29, 2010</p>	<p>General Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 pm @ Brickie Stop, Hobart H.S.            Dr. Mark Carter Physicals at the Spectrum (9 am - 1 pm)            National PW Convention &amp; Academic All-American Banquet (Philadelphia, PA)</p>
<p>June 9, 2010            July 11, 2010            July 11, 2010            Mid-July</p>	<p>General Board Meeting - 6:30pm @ Hobart Pop Warner Fieldhouse            HLA Rules Mtg. Head Football Coaches (MM, Jr. MM, &amp; Tiny Mite Div.)            HLA Scholastic Mtg. for all League Business Managers (Michigan City)            Football Equipment Hand-outs @ Hobart Pop Warner Fieldhouse  <i>(All HPW documents and Candy Fundraiser money is due at this time)</i></p>
<p>July 14, 2010            July 23-25, 2010</p>	<p>General Board Meeting - 6:30pm @ Hobart Pop Warner Fieldhouse            HLA Cheer Coaches Clinic (Mandatory)</p>
<p>August 1, 2010            August 2, 2010</p>	<p>Official First day of Practice            Hobart Pop Warner First Day of Practice for all teams</p>
<p>August 7, 2010            August 11, 2010            August 14, 2010            August 14, 2010            August 2010            August 21-22, 2010            August 28-29, 2010            August 30, 2010</p>	<p>HLA Roster Certification (Michigan City)            General Board Meeting - 6:30pm @ Hobart Pop Warner Fieldhouse            Mandatory Weigh-ins &amp; Picture ID's (LaPorte Co. Fairgrounds)            Bonfire to Kick off Hobart Pop Warner Season @ HPW Field            Pop Warner Night at the Brick Yard (1<sup>st</sup> Hobart Varsity Home Football Game)            Hobart Pop Warner Football O'Rama            Week 1 of Regular Season            Emergency Weigh-in's <i>(location to be determined by NIPWLS Board)</i></p>
<p>Sept. 4-5, 2010            Sept. 8, 2010            Sept.11-12, 2010            Sept. 18-19, 2010            Sept. 25-26, 2010</p>	<p>Week2 of Regular Season            General Board Meeting - 6:30pm @ Hobart Pop Warner Fieldhouse            Week 3 of Regular Season            Week 4 of Regular Season            Week 5 of Regular Season</p>
<p>October 2-3, 2010            October 9-10, 2010            October 13, 2010            October 16, 2010            October 16-22, 2010            October 17, 2010            October 23, 2010            October 24, 2010</p>	<p>Week 6 of Regular Season            Week 7 of Regular Season            General Board Meeting - 6:30pm @ Hobart Pop Warner Fieldhouse            Hobart Bowl Games (Tiny Mites – Might Mites)            Equipment/Uniform Hand-in for all teams unless still active in playoff's            Week 1 of Playoff's            District Cheer Competition            Mighty Mite Cheer Exhibition</p>
<p>November 6, 2010            November 10, 2010            November 13, 2010            November 14, 2010</p>	<p>HPW Awards night @ Hobart High School            General Board Meeting, 6:30pm @ Brickie Stop, Hobart H.S.            Indiana Pop Warner Football State Championships            Regional Cheer Competition (Northern Illinois University)</p>
<p>December 4-11, 2010</p>	<p>National Pop Warner Super Bowl &amp; Cheer Competition (Orlando, FL)</p>

# **Hobart Pop Warner Little Scholars**



## **2010 Physical Exams (performed by Dr. Mark Carter)**

on May 22, 2010  
from 9 a.m. to 1p.m.  
at the Spectrum Rehabilitation Center  
1354 S. Lake Park Ave. (next to CVS pharmacy)  
Cost is \$20.00 per athlete

If you have any questions or comments,  
please contact any HPW Board member or visit our website:

**[hobartpopwarner.com](http://hobartpopwarner.com)**