



# **2020 Season Frequently Asked Questions**

## **1. What is going on with the teams in the WSJFL?**

The WSJFL is down to 3 teams for the 2020 Season, Dearborn Heights Redskins, Canton Lions and Washtenaw Blue. The Westland Comets and Meteors have canceled their 2020 Season due to COVID-19 concerns. At this time, the Cheer Rally for 2020 has been cancelled due to the number of teams and COVID-19 concerns.

## **2. What is our affiliation with the MYFCC (PC Steelers conference)?**

Prior to both Westland teams cancelling their seasons, the WSJFL was working with the MYFCC to secure crossover games between the leagues to increase competition and foster a working relationship between the leagues. The MYFCC and WSJFL have different rules and regulations and each will continue to abide by their own rules. Specifically, the WSJFL will continue to maintain our weight restrictions and age breakdowns as specified in [these bylaws](#). While the MYFCC allows pre-season conditioning, the WSJFL only allows it if all teams in the league are invited. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and concerns, the WSJFL has prohibited all pre-season conditioning before the season begins on July 27th. This is also why there is not a 2020 pre-season cheer camp.

## **3. Why don't we have an official decision on the 2020 Season?**

The Canton Lions Board has wanted to give as much time as possible in hopes that we will be able to safely move forward with a season that provides games for our athletes and families.

In early June, the WSJFL provided guidance to the clubs for returning to football and cheer based on recommendations of the MHSAA and the State of Michigan with safety of our athletes, families and coaches top of mind. During Michigan's current phase 4 (Improving) with social distancing, our options are very limited on what we can safely do with our athletes. The league continues to look to the [MHSAA](#) and the [State of Michigan](#) for guidelines in this ever changing environment and has been hopeful that guidelines will change enough to safely move on with the season. Currently the MHSAA is operating in a modified step 2, which is keeping athletes 6 feet apart, socially distanced, no contact or hitting drills for football, no stunting or spotting for cheer, no games. Even at a Step 3, games are not guaranteed for football, because it is considered a high risk sport. At this time we do not have full information from MHSAA and the State of Michigan to guarantee that we will be able to have a season where we play games with the current social distancing requirements.

#### **4. If we have a 2020 Season, what is going to look like?**

If we started the season as planned on July 27th, Michigan is still in phase 4 and MHSAA is at a modified step 2:

- Socially Distant Conditioning Athletes/Coaches must maintain 6 feet
- Record of everyone at the practice field each practice. Temperature checks for all athletes, coaches, board members, etc. Athletes/Coaches with 100.3 or higher temp will not be able to participate.
- A positive COVID-19 case = 14 day quarantine for Coaches & Athletes
- All Coaches wear face masks
- Athletes must provide their own water/jugs.
- Hand sanitizer will be used often
- Plastic shields can not be used at all due to risk of injury to athletes.
- Drills all must maintain 6 foot distance, no physical contact. Common equipment (ball) will be cleaned often. No hitting. No use of tackling dummies, shields or sleds. No shared equipment.
- No Games/No Hitting/No Stunting/No Spotting until social distance requirements are lifted

#### **5. What is happening with the Mandatory Fundraiser?**

We have held off on starting our fundraising for the season until we were certain we were going to be able to have a season. The fundraising options will be similar to what we have had in the past (Hungry Howies Pizza Certificates and Charity Mania Football Cards).

#### **6. How do Refunds work?**

The full refund time frame has been extended (normally it ends June 30th) as families digest information and make decisions about what is right for them. Should we move forward with the season, we understand that not everyone will feel comfortable. Families will be notified in advance when the full refund period will end. Should you wish to remove your athlete, email [cantonlionssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:cantonlionssecretary@gmail.com), [cantonlionstreasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:cantonlionstreasurer@yahoo.com), [cantonlionspresident@gmail.com](mailto:cantonlionspresident@gmail.com) your intentions.

If the season is cancelled, full refunds will be issued.

#### **7. What if my athlete is a retiring veteran for the 2020 Season and it is cancelled?**

Athletes who meet the retirement criteria for 2020 will be recognized.