

Cheer/Dance Associations/Leagues in 2006

Objective:

Formation of Cheer & Dance Squads within a newly formed Association and/or League in order to provide a continued opportunity for spirit participants not affiliated with a Football Program.

The Association:

Association status would apply to those Spirit Squads that currently participate with a Pop Warner Football Program whereby the football teams are no longer members of our program. This proposal will allow those squads to form a new Spirit Association within the existing league/boundaries to continue under the name of Pop Warner in the same manner that a PWLS Football Association would exist.

The League:

League status would apply to those spirit programs that would like to form under the current Pop Warner League guidelines in areas where there is not an existing Pop Warner Program.

Organization Set-Up:

Follow all guidelines currently in place under the guidance of the National Cheerleading Commissioner.

Recruiting:

- The process will begin by education through the regions.
- The National Office will promote on the website, www.popwarner.com
- Develop additional recruiting materials to bring in new programs in areas that do not have Pop Warner Football Programs.
- Field all calls with an outline of the possibilities for a new program, mail and communicate with prospective organizations.

Formation:

- Provide new organization with all Pop Warner materials:
 - Provide guidance and instruction with Incorporation, Charter Application, By-Laws, Boundaries
 - Inform of fees
 - 30.00 per squad for registration along with election forms
 - Insurance Commitment – B. Dietz will guide with information and visitation to explain process to new programs
 - League/Regional dues – Championship Fees
 - Provide Instructional Materials including Admin Manuals & rulebooks, spirit start up & Risk Management Manual
 - Set-up a Registration Day
 - Provide information on equipment and facility rental
 - Set-Up coaches education clinics at the start of their first season.

Guidelines for Newly Formed Spirit Associations/Leagues:

- Follow all guidelines as outlined in the Pop Warner Rulebook. Attend and participate in all planning meetings for League, Region and National Programs under the guidance of the RMT.
- Submit rosters and administer participant certification process
- Participate in the Pop Warner Championship Program, League, Region and National under newly formed divisions, Recreation/Youth. They may also participate in the Year-Round Program if interested.
- Participate in Pop Warner Scholastic Program under the current guidelines.

Challenges:

- If a Spirit Association or League is in place and later a Football program wants to form within those same boundaries, discussion will be facilitated by the National Office to assist in bringing the two programs together.
- The current cheer and dance without football programs will continue to exist under the current guidelines and competition system. They would not merge with these new formed squads in competition.
- Handling Growth in states that are not currently occupied by PWLS. Additional costs of travel and time commitment.
- Current Program Spirit Participants are prevented from moving to a new League from an Existing League.

Motion by Southeast. Seconded by Wescon.

Motion is to take the proposal to the field for discussion at the 2006 Regional Meetings.

Item Passes 7-1 New England voted against.

