



### **FAQ's Parents:**

Q: Can I pick my child's coach?

A: The coaches and players will be assigned by the LTYA League office.

Q: When will I know which team my child is on?

A: Teams will be formed, and your head coach will communicate with you. Our goal is to have teams announced by May 21st, 2024.

Q: What paperwork is required?

A: Pop Warner requires a birth certificate, report card, medical History, Participant/Parental Consent Form, etc. and your team parent will send a follow up email with all the particulars. It is required to be completed prior to the first practice so begin gathering the above now.

**Birth Certificate** - Legible copy

**Report Card** - Should have all grading periods for the 2023-2024 school year.

**[2024 YOUTH PARTICIPANT MEDICAL HISTORY FORM](#)**

**[2024 PARTICIPANT CONTRACT AND PARENTAL CONSENT FORM](#)** - Name must match birth certificate exactly.

Q: Will there be any summer activities?

A: No, there are no summer activities prior to August 1st.

Q: When will the practices begin?

A: Practices begin for all teams on August 1st, 2024

Q: How often will my child practice?

A: The first two weeks (Aug 1 - Aug 11) we practice 5 days/nights per week at 2-2.5 hours per practice. When school begins (August 14th) we drop to 2-3 days per week, starting the week of August 19th.

Q: Where will my child's team practice?

A: The time & location (within LTISD school district) of practices will be determined and communicated the week prior to practice starting.

Q: Does my child need to attend the practices in August?

A: Yes, it is very important to not miss practices, but the first two weeks, in particular, as the players must meet milestones of practice time before they can progress. We have conditioning hours in helmets that must be met before transitioning to helmet and shoulder pads which then leads to full pads. If your child misses these, they will still need to be done and they may miss out on some drills, scrimmages, or games trying to catch up.

Q: When, and where will the games be?

A: The scrimmages begin Saturday August 24th and regular season games begin the holiday weekend playing each Saturday through the end of October and possibly into early November. Games can be anywhere in the local Austin area and some possible travel to San Antonio.

Q: Do we have practices and or games on LTISD holidays?

A: Yes, practices and games are held on school and national holiday periods.

Q: Do all teams play in the postseason?

A: Yes, plan on games each Saturday through the first Saturday of November. NOTE: If your team qualifies to go beyond Hill Country Pop Warner play will continue through November and there will be an additional fee for play after the Hill Country Pop Warner season.

Q: What if my child cannot attend a practice or a game?

A: Notify your head coach as early as possible so they may coordinate the practice and or game accordingly. If your child is going to miss a game, please make sure the [Pop Warner Absentee Form](#) is submitted to your Team Book Parent.

Q: What equipment do I need to provide for my child?

A: The following is mandatory and cannot be substituted:

- Helmet - White with Black Facemask \*\*Must be certified with a manufacturer decal for 2023 or 2024 season\*\* This cannot be removed.
- Mouth Guard - must be a color, cannot be clear and must be attached to their facemask (an extra mouthguard is always a good idea), if you want to make a backup and put in a sealed clear plastic bag we can put it with the coach's bags. If your child has braces, please check with your orthodontist.
- Shoulder Pads
- Football Cleats/Spikes - Any color, but sneakers or athletic footwear is NOT an acceptable option.
- Game Football Pants - Black and you can purchase them from any retailer or online store: Amazon/Dicks, Riddell Team Store, etc.
- Game Socks - Black Over Knee Height
- Water Bottle - They can only have sports drinks on the grass field, all turf fields mandate water only.
- [Riddell Team Store Online Instructions](#) [Riddell Team Store](#)

Q: What is the optional equipment I can get for my child?

A: The following is optional and is not required:

- Helmet Visor - Must be clear (not tinted).
- Gloves - Any color
- Hand Towel
- Cool Towel
- Hand warmer - later in the season
- Equipment/Gear Bag

Q: Does LTYA provide a game jersey for my child?

A: Yes, the game jersey will be personalized and reversible issued by LTYA

Q: How do I get the correct game jersey size for my child?

A: You must attend a fitting, date to be communicated by LTYA office.

Q: Does my child get to choose their game jersey number?

A: You will be asked to provide 3 jersey numbers in preferred order with the confirmed spelling of your child's last name to appear on the back of their jersey. Head Coach will make final determination of roster jersey numbers.

Q: Are there any volunteer activities available for the parents?

A: Yes, the volunteers are as important as our players. We really appreciate your time and commitment to the below opportunities:

- **Team/Book Parent**: This is the most important member of the team! This is primarily the documentation of all our players' information to ensure we are a valid team with our paperwork with Pop Warner. It is extremely important and critical that you respond immediately when they reach out for the required information.
- **Videographer**: Each game will be videotaped. It is crucial to our success and is very easy - no expertise required. The coaching staff will review the videos after each game and share with the players. It is invaluable to teach each and every player to improve.
- **Photographer**: Each game will be shot via still shots and having multiple photographers is always a plus. We would also appreciate the pictures during all team events (practices, scrimmages, & games).
- **Chain Gang Manager(s)**: Want to watch the home games from the sidelines? It's a great view and you can be a part of the game too by coordinating our Chain Gang volunteers (3) each home game!
- **Minimum Play Rule (MPR)** - Want to watch the games from the field? It's a great view and you can be a part of the game by tracking each child's plays for home and away games.

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A: List of all the HCPW and LTYA certifications.

- [Heads Up Football Coach Training- Completed Annually](#)
- [2024 Official Volunteer Application-Completed Annually](#)
- [Background Check-Completed Annually](#)
- [Coach's Risk Management Handbook 2024 Completed Annually](#)
- [Concussion Training Course](#)
- [PCA Double-Goal Job Description](#)
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