

GARY STEELERS POP WARNER 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

Aug 1	1st day of practice (11a-1p) /ALL PAPERWORK AND FEES DUE
Aug 3-7	Practice (6-8p)/ Parent team meetings & equipment handout*
Aug 10 -14	Practice (6-8p)
Aug 17 -21	Practice (6-8p)
Aug 22	Weigh-ins and Badging at Porter County Fairgrounds (9am)
Aug 23	League Book Certs/Play Counters/Roster specialist/Weigh Masters Meeting
Aug 29-30	Week One Games
Aug TBD	Picture day

September (practices down to 3 days a week)

Sept 3	Emergency Certification/Weigh-ins/Badging (will miss 1st game)
Sept 5-6	Week Two Games
Sept 12-13	Week Three Games
Sept 19 - 20	Week Four Games
Sept 26-27	Week Five Games

October

Oct 3-4	Week Six Games
Oct 4	Princess Gala at Portage High School (Times TBA).
Oct 10-11	Week Seven Games
Oct 17	District Cheer and Dance Championships at Portage High School
Oct 18	Round 1 -- League Playoffs, MM and TM Bowl Games
Oct 24/25	Round 2 -- League Playoffs (Times and Location TBA)
Oct 31	Round 3 -- League Playoffs (Times and Location TBA)

November

Nov 1	Round 3 -- League Playoffs (Times and Location TBA).
Nov 7-8	NIPWLS Football State Championships (Times and Location TBA).
Nov 8	Regional Cheer and Dance Championships (Times and Location TBA)
Nov 14-15	Round 1 -- Regional Playoffs
Nov 21 - 22	Round 2 -- Regional Playoffs
Nov 27, 28, 29	Regional Championships
Nov TBA	Gary Steelers Banquet

December National Championships

****Dates subject to change based on unforeseen circumstances and changes to the Pop Warner National Calendar of Events****



GARY STEELERS 2020 REGISTRATION CHECKLIST



ALL FORMS MUST BE COMPLETE, LEGIBLE AND SIGNED:

- ☐ Registration fees \$125;
- ☐ Copy of birth certificate (note: original will be required before playoffs/cheer competitions for competitive teams)
- ☐ 2020 Pop Warner Participant contract & parental consent form
- ☐ 2019-2020 Pop Warner Physical form; completed after 1/1/19
(participants WILL NOT be allowed on the field if physical has not been turned in and cleared)
- ☐ Copy of 2019-20 School Report card (must be complete year)
- ☐ COVID-19 form
- ☐ 2020 GSPW Equipment Rental Agreement; read and signed
- ☐ Addl fees for Cheer & Football

**ALL FEES AND PAPERWORK MUST BE TURNED IN FOR REGISTRATION TO BE COMPLETE NO EXCEPTIONS!
WITHOUT THEM, YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GARY STEELERS PROGRAM.
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**

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WELCOME TO OUR family

WELCOME to the **GARY STEELERS POP WARNER** Youth Football and Cheerleading Program. Please take the time to thoroughly read this parent packet.

GARY STEELERS Pop Warner was founded on faith and belief. Everything here has been done with a commitment to excellence and a commitment to each other. **GARY STEELERS** Pop Warner means family – where people care about you, not just because you win or things go well, but they genuinely care. Nobody gives you anything in this world. You earn it. Steelers teaches respect ... the self-respect you have for yourself, the way you play the game, and the ways in which you believe. This is a game of respect. You are a **Gary Steeler**...you are special. You represent **GARY STEELERS** Pop Warner. You represent everybody that came before you, and everyone that will come after you.”

We are looking forward to you and your child(ren) being part of our family. Our program has been around since 1995 and has had incredible success from various football and cheer teams participating in the Pop Warner National Championship Super Bowl in Walt Disney World, Florida and several participants have been recognized on the local, regional and national level for outstanding academic achievements. For 2019, we have planned another fun and exciting season for our participants. We are confident that this will prove to be a positive and rewarding experience for your family.

The **GARY STEELERS** in concert with Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc. is designed to teach the fundamentals of football and cheerleading, and is open to all boys and girls who meet age, weight (football), scholastic and health requirements. We not only strive to teach the fundamentals of these two sports but also to demonstrate to our participants the ideas of sportsmanship and fun. **NO TRYOUTS; NO CUTTING; AND MANDATORY PLAY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS.**

The **GARY STEELERS** organization stresses safety in all areas of football and cheerleading. We have excellent equipment, which is certifiable and is comparable to the High School and Collegiate programs. All volunteers submit to a background check and **ALL** coaches and team moms are certified through USA Football and other trainings.

We are dedicated to developing **GARY STEELERS Pop Warner** into the level of program we know it can be – you will notice considerable improvements to the **GSPW** program in the coming years! We're very excited about the things to come! Our goal is to provide your children with the best experience possible, both on and off the field, this is a team effort and we **NEED PARENTAL SUPPORT** – **YOU** play a vital role in the success of not only a season, but the entire organization year after year. We are an organization of volunteers and we need your support and participation.

Gary Steelers Pop Warner Policies & Procedures

Due to the fact that GARY STEELERS Pop Warner (SGPW) is part of a National Organization, we must adhere to strict regulations within our own local association in order for the program to run successfully. We require parents to cooperate with our policies and procedures. Please carefully review the following policies.

Paperwork Policy – All paperwork is due by August 1st. If all paperwork has not been submitted the participant may not be issued equipment. If failure to submit paperwork continues after August 1st the participant may not be allowed to participate in GSPW in any capacity during the 2020 season.

Payment Policy – All registration and fundraising fees must be satisfied before a player or cheerleader will be registered for the season. No participant will be allowed to partake in any organized practice unless all registration requirements have been met.

Fundraising Policy – We are a not-for-profit organization and our revenues are devoted to the safety, support and recognition of the GSPW participants. Uniforms, lights, safety equipment, referees for games, awards, cheerleading competition fees, insurance and security are just some of the many expenses our organization incurs. The total cost to put each player and cheerleader on the field far exceeds registration fees paid at sign-up. GSPW relies on your support through fundraisers to make up the difference.

Refund Policy – A \$25 administration fee will be deducted prior to August 1st. No refunds will be offered after Aug 1st. If GSPW does not fill a team you will receive a full refund.

Parent Participation Policy – GSPW is run 100% by volunteers. Due to the fact that there are many more jobs to be done than hands available to do them, we require the participation of parents throughout the season. You may be asked to assist with some of the tasks required to run the program.

Certification/Weigh-In Policy – GSPW requires that all participants, including coaching staff, attend the NWIPLS Mandatory Certification/Weigh-In, which is scheduled for August 22nd at Porter County fairgrounds. Any participant that misses the August 22nd date will not be allowed to participate in the first game of the season and WILL be charged a late certification/weigh-in fee. The participant will then have to attend the alternate certification/weigh-in, which is scheduled for August 29th at Hobart PW.

Image Release – Photographs, images, and/or video taken of my child may be used for promotional materials that include, but are not limited to, brochures, newsletters, newspaper articles, websites, etc. and may be used without prior notification.

Social Media – Any adult who criticizes, bad mouths, attacks, etc. an official, coach, volunteer, staff member or participant on any social media site including, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr and personal blogs, will be banned from any and all Pop Warner activities one (1) year from the date of the offense. Their child(ren) may be banned from any and all Pop Warner activities for the same period of time as well.

Football Equipment Hand Out/Turn In – Please see attached equipment rental agreement. Must be signed and turned in during equipment handout. (Scheduled for the week of July 22nd)

Field Use/Access – Access to the practice/game field is limited to certified and badged Pop Warner players, coaching staff, referees, officials and volunteers.

Turf Field Rules – There will be no food of any kinds on any turf field. Water is the only beverage allowed. Gum chewing is not allowed. Metal spikes or high-heeled shoes are not permitted. No chairs of any kind are allowed. Carts, canopies, umbrellas or any spiked object is strictly prohibited.