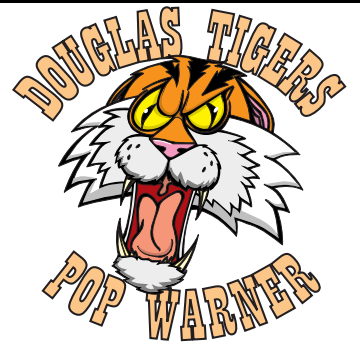


Tiger Beat

DOUGLAS POP WARNER PARENT'S NEWSLETTER

Week of August 29, 2016



AL BARBIERI JAMBOREE

Isn't that a great way to kick off a season?! The Jamboree is a good forum to experience contact, check out the other teams, observe technique and execution, and all the other things you want from a pre-season scrimmage. The hard work and commitment of our athletes and coaches was clearly evident Saturday. Every one of our Tiger teams was PAWESOME on Saturday! You can all be proud of your efforts – players, coaches and parents. It has taken a lot of effort from all of you to get to this point. Congratulations on your commitment. We now go to the next phase of our season.

WEIGHT

If your child has not certified yet he/she needs to get certified to play in the first game. That means weighing in sometime between now and then, or even at the first game. If you were close on your weight remember that you must make weight at the original weight at the first game. After that it goes up one pound every other week.

TIGERTHON

We are collecting on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Keep going if you are looking to earn your jersey. If you have not met the minimum you might wish to make an effort. Serious consideration is being given to structure our sign up fees differently next season in order to offset those that do not meet the minimum standard. Do your part Tigers! We are one and it takes a Team to make it work. Have a great Labor Day Tigertthon experience!

PRACTICE

After Labor Day the National Pop Warner rules mandate a cut back in practice times. We will practice 3 days a week, 2 hours each day beginning next week. Your coach will advise you of which days you are practicing. It will be that way for the remainder of the season.

MANDATORY PLAY MONITORS

One of the most important and satisfying volunteer positions in Pop Warner is the role of Mandatory Play Monitor. The monitors watch and record the play of the athletes to insure that every child gets his/her minimum required number of plays. The monitors have a close up view of the game as they are on the sideline. Two monitors are required for each team every game. Failure to comply can result in a forfeiture and the Head Coach sitting out the next week – this is very important stuff! We will train you. The **Mandatory Play Clinic** will be at the snackbar area, **Wednesday, September 7, at 6:00.**

INDIVIDUALITY

Your child's uniqueness is important to your coach. Some athletes are more unique than others, however, and it is important that your coach know about them. We've had many individuals participate successfully over the years with personal challenges. Yours can too if you help us identify them early. If your child has ADD/ADHD, deafness, blindness, physical/mental limitations, mind/body altering prescriptions, etc. it is important that your Head Coach know about it. Your coach will work to enhance your child's experience and learning curve taking your child's uniqueness into consideration. Be assured, your child will play/cheer at the level they achieve, placement and participation will not be affected by the coach's perception of your child's situation other than how it affects their actual on-field level of performance.

COMMUNICATION

If you have questions it is very important that you bring them forward. If you have them somebody else probably does, too. This program is open – there are no secrets.

We strive to improve the program at every opportunity and often our changes and improvements come from people just like you – an innocent question, a problem or a concern. We'd love to hear from you. If you are hearing things on the field that are disconcerting to you contact us – rampant rumors can be destructive and can be stopped with good communication.

PHOTO CONTEST

Tigers At Play Facebook Photo Contest had a lot of great submissions this week. You guys are Pawesome! Keep it up! It's fun to see our Tiger World through your eyes. Two winners this week! **Jocelyn Diaz** for her photo "**Sister football players carrying bags.**" and **Ginny Thomas** for "**Touchdown Fuller!**" To enter put "Contest" in the Facebook entry and tag Lisa Wetzel or Jessie Fair. Winners get a \$10 shopping credit at the snackbar good for merchandise not for use on food or drinks.

HEADS UP FOOTBALL

Football practices are different with the implementation of Heads Up Football than they ever were before. We are proud of the total commitment to the Heads Up Football that our coaches have all made. It is clear on the field of play that they are all on board for the new training methods and mindset. That is good news to all of you parents! The game is safer due to the methodology and attitudes required for property application of the HUF program. Our Tigers are safer as a result. Be mindful of your duties as parents, observe and listen to your athletes for any indication of disconcerting contact that should be followed up on. Thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 7th: MPR Clinic
September 9th or 10th: First Game
Saturday, September 17th: PHOTO DAY

HELPFUL HINTS

If your child is still working on making weight coordinate with your coach. We can weigh them any day as long as we have notice. We have to be able to buy a newspaper for the verification video that we will shoot as required by the League.

Share your pictures by emailing them to our Tiger webmaster at webmaster@douglaspopwarner.com. Mike Gerth from PC Medic is our long time webmaster. Mike works hard to put up a variety of pictures for everyone to enjoy. Contribute your shots so others can enjoy them too.

If you have questions about what is going on, not going on, is going to happen, etc., call your coach or one of the following: Parent Advocate: Lisa Wetzel- 781-5472; Director of Football Operations: Mike Dillon-690-3388, Cheer Coordinator: Tasha Hamilton- 354-5613, or Jim Valentine- 781-3704, dpwtigers@hotmail.com.

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Thanks for your participation and cooperation!

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