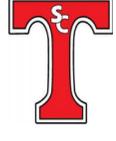




Commitment to Pop Warner



We are writing this letter to express our support for the National Pop Warner organization and local South Orange County Pop Warner football leagues. Numerous high school coaches from South Orange County recently discussed the state of high school football and the local landscape of youth football. This collective group of coaches has won league titles, CIF Titles and State Championships at the high school level. Additionally, these coaches have extensive experience in coaching football supported by numerous years as head coaches. It is a clear consensus of this group that our local Pop Warner organizations are the lifeblood of any high school program. Many local players have had successful high school careers, college careers and NFL careers that started in our local Pop Warner leagues. The Pop Warner organization has a long historic legacy with over 325,000 participants and 120 leagues nationwide. Pop Warner alums include NFL greats such as Peyton Manning, JJ Watt, John Elway and including local players such as Christian Yount, Max Tuerk, Sam Darnold, Nick Dzubnar, River Cracraft and Kyle Murphy. The National Football League Football Players Association (NFLPA) in 2014 stated that nearly 70% of all NFL players began their career playing Pop Warner football. The Pop Warner organization has been the foundation of youth football since 1929 and is the ELITE standard for youth football across America. Safety is the number one priority of the Pop Warner organization. They are one of the few organizations that enforces a national rule book and constantly refines rules and regulations nationwide to make the game safer for all participants. Additionally, Pop Warner football provides a matrix requiring players to play against other players of similar age and weight. As players get closer to high school age and their bodies have matured, players have the option of playing "Unlimited Weight" to prepare them for high school athletics. Finally, all coaches have been through extensive background checks, trained on the latest player safety techniques and first aid/CPR. With over 120 Pop Warner leagues, players are afforded the opportunity to play with their friends and other youth participants within their local area. There is a unique sense of "Community" amongst each team and each individual organization. These teams get to compete against other proven organizations while understanding that all teams are representing Pop Warner football. It is the consensus of high school head football coaches from Aliso Niguel, Capistrano Valley, Tesoro, San Clemente, San Juan Hills, Trabuco Hills, Laguna Hills, Dana Hills and El Toro that our local Pop Warner organizations are the best place to prepare for youth tackle football and for high school football. These elite and time-tested organizations instill life-long lessons of teamwork, dedication, character development, importance of academics and discipline on and off the field. The Saddleback Valley Pop Warner, Santa Margarita Pop Warner and South Coast Youth Football Pop Warner leagues have our full support and will continue to have our full support in the future.

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