

# 2010 Fall Season YMCA OF WNC POP WARNER

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## \*ABOUT YMCA of WNC POP WARNER\*

The YMCA of Western North Carolina Pop Warner League will provide the youth of Asheville and Buncombe County the opportunity to experience the game of football in a safe, fun, fair and positive environment.

### The YMCA of WNC Pop Warner Difference:

- Pop Warner is the only national youth sports organization in America that requires participants to perform in the classroom. Tutoring is available for any child with a desire to play that does not have a 2.0 grade point average or higher. For younger children not receiving report cards, tutoring is available for those that have an un-satisfactory progress report.
- Additional safety of participants is provided through proper instruction and by grouping players according to age and weight.
- Team size limits allow all players to play in every game.
- Scholarships are available to ensure every child has access to play regardless of the ability to pay.
- Winning teams may have the opportunity to play in National Championships.
- Limiting practice to two nights per week allows youth to enjoy football and still have quality family time.
- Coaches receive formal training through a USA Football Coaching Clinic.

### First 2010 Season Sponsors:

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Our ability to provide access to football for all youth in our community is made possible through the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign and community Sponsors. If you are interested in contributing as a donor, or being a Sponsor for the YMCA of WNC Pop Warner League please contact Mary Michael at [mmichael@ymcawnc.org](mailto:mmichael@ymcawnc.org) or 209-9606.

## Popular Questions

### How is the League set up?

- Based on community response, teams will be formed throughout the City and County with practice and game sites as close to players' homes as possible.
- In addition to location, each team will be formed based on participant weight and age.
- In the event players in a particular area do not have enough players of a particular weight and age to make a team they will be notified of the nearest available team and its practice location by August 1. In the event an alternate location is declined by a player, a full refund will be issued as long as there have been no more than 4 practices attended by the player at the alternate site.

### When does the season start & finish?

- To allow families to enjoy a full summer, Training Camp will be held August 16-20. Participants will be divided by age and weight. Camp is held Monday through Friday from 6-8 pm. NOTE: A fee of \$30 is required for participation in Training Camp. Training Camp is NOT mandatory. No assessments are made of players. Financial assistance is available for Training Camp. More details about Training Camp will be available July 15.
- On the final day of Training Camp families are invited to join us for Family Fun Night- Friday, August 20. Families do not have to participate in Training Camp to attend Family Fun Night.
- After the full week of Training Camp, team practices will begin the week of August 23.
- Coaches will inform you of the location, time and date of your first practice. Each practice will last no more than two hours and is organized by the coach.
- Games will begin with a league-wide Jamboree on Saturday, September 11.
- The season will conclude with League Championship Games on Saturday, October 30.
- A Celebration Banquet for participants and their families will be held Saturday, November 6.

## Season Dates at a Glance

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|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Aug 16-20      | Training Camp                 |
| Aug 23         | Practice Begins               |
| Sept 11        | Jamboree Scrimmage Games      |
| Sept 18-Oct 16 | Saturday Regular Season Games |
| Oct 23 & 30    | Saturday Playoff Games        |
| Nov 6          | Celebration Banquet           |

## What equipment do participants need?

- All players will be provided with helmets, shoulder pads, padded pants, as well as practice and game jerseys.
- Helmets provided are approved by the NOCSAE, the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment.
- All equipment provided **must** be returned to the YMCA in reasonable condition by November 15, 2010.
- Each player will be responsible for providing their own socks, shoes, chin strap, mouth-guard and athletic supporter or compression shorts (for males only).
- Coaches will distribute uniforms prior to the first practice.
- Shoes must be sneakers, molded rubber cleats (soccer style) or detachable rubber or plastic (football style) cleats. No metal cleats are permitted. Cleats may not exceed 1/2" length. No special kicking shoes allowed.
- A note on eyeglasses: When worn, eyeglasses must be of athletically-approved construction with non-shattering glass (safety glass) or contact lenses.

## What are weigh-ins?

- For safety of all participants, each child will be assigned to his or her team based on weight and age.
- Players will be weighed at the beginning of the season and before each game to ensure that he or she is the correct weight for the division to which he or she is assigned.

## What if I have more questions?

- Additional information will be provided in the Parent Handbook available June 5th online and at all YMCAs located in Asheville.



# Super Saturday

## Memorial Stadium

June 5th from  
3-5pm

Join us for food, fun and football.

Activities for the whole family.

Sign-Ups & Program Information Booths On-Site

## REGISTRATION

### Registration Forms & Payment Required On the Date of Sign Up

#### 1. Registration

2 Registration Documents:

- 1- 2010 Participant Contract & Parental Consent
- 2- 2010 Parental/Guardian Permission and Waiver

Registration forms are available at all Asheville YMCA locations or online at [popwarnerymca.org](http://popwarnerymca.org).

#### 2. Payment

##### Scholarship & Payment Plans Are Available

**\*Early Bird Registration– Before April 21, 2010\***

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| YMCA Members | \$125 |
| Non-Members  | \$160 |

**Registration after April 21, 2010**

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| YMCA Members | \$140 |
| Non-Members  | \$175 |

*Registration ends when the program is filled or by June 11, 2010.*

### Documentation to Begin Practice & Play Required by July 15, 2010

#### 3. Medical Form

The 2010 Physical Fitness and Medical History Form completed by a Licensed State Examiner.

#### 4. Proof of Age

A certified copy of the participant's birth certificate bearing a seal of the issuing office of the state of birth OR a Passport .

#### 5. Proof of Scholastic Fitness

A final report card, or progress report depending on the participants grade level, for the 2009/2010 school year. Participants must have a 2.0 (for younger children a satisfactory progress report) or higher, or they must complete a Scholastic Eligibility Form. Players completing Scholastic Eligibility forms may play if grades improve. Scholastic volunteers will provide tutoring for students at practice locations.

**Any issue, or lack of information for ANY of the above items will result in delay of participation and/or the inability of a child to participate for the entire season.**

## SPECIAL PARENT REQUEST

The YMCA of WNC Pop Warner League is a community program available to all youth in our area. To be successful we need your involvement. Each participant's parent/guardian will be asked to serve during the season in a volunteer capacity. While this is not required for involvement, it is a great way to be connected to the program and to help others! If you have interest now please contact us at 651-9622 or at the [popwarnerymca.org](http://popwarnerymca.org) website.

Thank you.