



Santa Clarita Warriors Football Parent Handbook 2022

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Mission Statement

The Santa Clarita Valley Athletic Association (SCVAA) came into existence to provide and promote a healthy atmosphere for training the youth of our community in the sport of football. The SCVAA is a non-profit organization and all coaches and adult personnel are volunteers. Our coaches, some of who are coaching for the first time, become involved primarily to share in the experience with the children. They are concerned with promoting safety, teaching the fundamentals of the game, and providing a fun environment. Winning is always secondary to these objectives.

Our organization is committed to providing a safe, healthy and fun place to cultivate the qualities that are inherent in the game of football. We believe that football teaches camaraderie, teamwork, discipline, and respect for others and a competitive drive. Warrior Football has made youth football a reality in the Santa Clarita Valley for over 54 years. We continue to be the largest and longest running youth football program in our valley.

The PYFL

Santa Clarita Warrior Football is a proud founding member of the Pacific Youth Football League (PYFL). The PYFL shares in the belief that the friendly spirit of competition and sportsmanship help build the youth of today.

The teams (aka chapters) listed [here](#) make up the PYFL. We can play any of these teams during our season and playoffs. Our league games do include travelling to other cities for games. In turn, many of these teams will travel to our valley and play us at our 2022 home field at Canyon High School. For more information on the PYFL please refer to their site (www.pacificyouthfootballleague.com) and [bylaws](#).

Divisions

2022 PYFL Weights & Ages

For 25+ seasons, the Pacific Youth Football League (PYFL) has prided itself on providing a youth football league that is dedicated to the safety and well being of its athletes.

When determining ages and weights for a division, age, mental maturation and size are all aspects which need to be considered. Over these 25+ seasons, we've observed that while size does play a factor, mental maturation mostly outweighs size.

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We do not believe a child should be forced to play up 2 age groups merely because they are heavier. Our reason for this belief is that it does not account for the mental maturity or speed of a child that is 2 years older.

Furthermore, we understand from time-to-time there will be the rare athletes who possess size, skill and speed. In that rare instance, the PYFL will celebrate these players and the special gifts they possess among their peers.

While weight limits are still in place, we are pleased to offer a safe, age appropriate football league by providing kids the best opportunity to play and experience the game of football with kids predominantly their own age. Below outlines the PYFL Ages & Weights. You can also access the PYFL Ages & Weights info [here](#).

A player must be at least 6 years of age prior to December 31st to be eligible for participation. For the Season, the playing age of the player is their age as of **July 31**. The player's weight and age determine the division they will play in as follows; see below table for more detail by age.

EXCEPT PLAY DOWNS: Play Downs use **December 1** to determine league age in Bantam, Midget and Junior Divisions. Put simply, your child cannot play down (upper age) if their birthday falls between **July 31** and **December 1**; even if they make weight.

SEE BELOW FOR PLAY DOWNS

PYFL Weights as of January

Gremlins	Pee-Wee	Bantam	Midgets	Juniors	Seniors
Age 6 Max Wt.: Unlimited	Age 8 * Max Wt.:120 lbs	Age 10 * Max Wt.:135 lbs	Age 11 * Max Wt.:150 lbs	Age 12 * Max Wt.:165 lbs	Age 13 * Max Wt.:190 lbs
Age 7 Max Wt.: Unlimited	Age 9 * Max Wt.:120 lbs	Age 11 * ! Max Wt.: 75 lbs	Age 12 * ! Max Wt.: 95 lbs	Age 13 * ! Max Wt.:105lbs	Age 14 * Max Wt.:190 lbs
	Age 8 & 9* "X" Man Player 121 lbs+ = "X" player	Age 10 * "X" Man Player 136 lbs+ = "X" player	Age 11 * "X" Man Player 151 lbs+ = "X" player	Age 12 * "X" Man Player 166 lbs+ = "X" player	"X" Man Player Unlimited Weight

No high school student, 9th grade or higher will be allowed to play, this includes any player that has successfully been promoted from or graduated from the 8th grade in June of the upcoming season. This includes any player who is being held back voluntarily or being home schooled. An appeal may be made to the PYFL Vice-President under special circumstances for repeat 8th graders to be able to play.

Required Paperwork

All necessary paperwork/forms can be found on our home page under the forms section located at <https://www.scvaawarriorfootball.com/>

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In order to complete your player's registration, you must turn in the following:

- SCVAA Registration Form – due on Paperwork Turn-in Day
- Signed Parent Code of Conduct – due on Paperwork Turn-in Day
- Signed Player Code of Conduct – due on Paperwork Turn-in Day
- Original PYFL Physical Form dated for 2022 – due before the first day of practice
- Report Card – due prior to the PYFL Certification This is required for all Senior and play down Junior athletes
- Original birth certificate for a new player to the PYFL. If you are a returning registered and rostered player from the PYFL in 2021 you can provide a photocopy of your birth certificate. – due before the first day of practice

You may send for a certified copy of your child's birth certificate by writing to the Los Angeles County Registrar or by visiting their Lancaster office:

By Mail:

Birth, Death and Marriage Records Section
P.O. Box 53120
Los Angeles, CA 90053-0120
(562) 462-2137

In Person Request:

Birth, Death and Marriage Records Section
1028 West Avenue J2
Lancaster, CA
(661) 945-6446
8:30 to 4:30 Monday - Friday

Call the office in Los Angeles to verify the cost BEFORE sending your request for a birth certificate. Mailed requests could take approximately thirty (30) days to receive. Please start your request NOW.

PYFL Certification

THIS IS A MANDATORY WEIGH IN. IF A PLAYER DOES NOT WEIGH IN, HE DOES NOT PLAY.

The PYFL conducts mandatory weigh-ins for all teams in each chapter. In order to certify, they require that each player submit a registration form, physical form, and original birth certificate. Your team manager will collect each of these items and prepare a team book prior to certification. The team book stays with the manager throughout the duration of the season. Original birth certificates will be returned to you. Your team manager will let you know during the first week of practice if any additional paperwork is needed prior to certification.

What to Expect on Certification Day:

Your team will meet in a central location and will be escorted by the coach and team manager to certification. Parents are not allowed in the certification area. It will be important to arrive promptly as your team cannot certify until all players are present. Only under certain circumstances will early certification be allowed and must be approved by the PYFL. If a player does not certify or make weight,

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they are immediately dropped from the team. Please let your team manager know as soon as possible if your player cannot make it to certification.

Any parent found falsifying residence information shall be banned from playing for the SCVAA Warriors program and is subject to the same action from the PYFL.

Equipment

Your player will be issued nearly everything they need to play football. A helmet and shoulder pads on loan which must be returned at the end of the season. And a home, away, and practice jersey and one pair of game pants, which are yours to keep at the end of the season. Equipment will be disbursed and returned at dates and times to be determined. Your team manager or coach will advise you of your team's designated time. A parent or guardian must sign for the equipment and is responsible for the safe keeping of all issued equipment. The league loans each player a certified helmet, shoulder pads, and game pants. At the completion of the season these items are to be returned in clean, good condition. Players may not throw or sit on the helmets and shoulder pads. The uniforms shall not be modified in any way.

Mandatory equipment not provided by the SCVAA Warrior Football include a colored (not clear) mouth guard/mouthpiece with lanyard, football cleats, practice pants with integrated pads, game day 5 pad girdle, game day knee pads and a protective cup/jock strap. Each player should bring their own labeled water bottle to each practice as we do not provide water for practice.

Your head coach or team manager will let you know exactly what needs to be worn to practice and on game days. If you have questions please ask before you buy anything.

Conditioning

Every athlete is required to have a minimum of twenty (20) hours of conditioning before they are permitted to participate in body-to-body contact. All conditioning must be done at an official practice under the supervision of a coach. These mandatory hours will be scheduled to start the season.

Conditioning activities from other sports are not acceptable and do not count towards the 20 hours. The SCVAA conditioning clinic (July 5th-7th) does not apply towards the 20 hours. It is critical that your child attends every practice during the first two weeks, so they do not fall behind.

Practices

Mandatory practice begins January 11th 2021. The first two weeks we will practice together as an organization. These practices count toward the mandatory conditioning hours. If a player misses any of these days they will fall behind on conditioning hours. Should your player fall behind in hours, the time can only be made up at an official Warrior Football practice. The player behind on hours will condition, with a coach, when the team moves on to contact drills. Once the hours are caught up, the player will return to team practice.

Practices can be conducted Monday through Saturday, during the month of August. You will be contacted by your coach or team manager to be notified of your practice time and location.

During the season, after the 1st game, the PYFL limits teams to 8 hours of practice per week. Most teams will practice Tuesday through Thursday, with a walk-through on Friday.

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Any player that regularly misses practices will be contacted by the coach or team manager to discuss the situation. Warrior Football has a duty to keep all players safe and there are guidelines to help guarantee that. Being at practice regularly helps ensure a player's understanding of the game, the plays, and keeps them in condition.

Practice – Drop Off and Pick Up

Typically, coaches require that players arrive no less than 15 minutes prior to practice start time. As they say in youth football, “If you’re on time, you’re late.” Players are expected to be fully dressed and ready to go when practice begins. This helps ensure practice ends in a timely manner; however there may be occasions when practice is extended. You are welcome and encouraged to stay and observe all practices. If you choose to drop off, please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the end time of practice. Coaches are responsible for unattended children and cannot leave until those children have been picked up. Please be considerate of our volunteers. We do not want our coaches to become babysitters. Your team manager and head coach will keep you well informed of their expectations

Game Day

All home games for 2022 will be played on Saturdays at Canyon High School. This can be subject to change. Away game sites can be at any location ranging from Lancaster to Santa Barbara.

- Football games are played on Saturday with start times between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Our first regular season game will be on Saturday, August 27, 2022
- Please note that schedules may not be available until the Wednesday prior to the first game. Your team manager will notify you as soon as they are available.
- We will have a eight (8) game regular season over 9 weeks. If your team makes the playoffs, the 1st round is October 29, 2nd Round November 5th, 3rd round is November 12th, and the Superbowl is November 19th.Location TBD.
- Coaches will notify players of the appropriate time to arrive at game sites. Usually this is 1-1.5 hours prior to game time.
- All players will receive a minimum of 12 plays per game per the PYFL by-laws.
- Players will be required to weigh in before each game per the PYFL bylaws. This is to ensure players are playing within the approved Ages & Weights.

Weather

Games and practices typically proceed regardless of the weather. If there is poor air quality or lightning there will be no games or practices. Questions regarding scheduled practices should always be addressed with the Team Manager.

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Refund Policy

Warrior Football has a strict no refund policy. Refund requests will be considered only under extreme conditions. The Football Board of Directors reserves the right to determine when or if a refund will be issued.

Returned Checks

Checks are accepted with proper identification. All checks should be made payable to SCVAA and include your team and division name. Returned checks will not be processed through the bank a second time; cash payment must be made on all returned checks. There will be a \$30.00 service fee on ANY RETURNED CHECK. You may be responsible for paying up to three times the amount of the returned check.

FAILURE TO MAKE SAID PAYMENT CAN RESULT IN YOUR CHILD BECOMING INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE AND/OR THE CHAPTER HOLDING YOUR TROPHY, TEAM PICTURES, ETC.

Thank you for joining the Warrior Football family. Good luck and have a great season!