

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2022 PYTFC season! We are very excited to get this season underway! The information below was discussed during the parent meeting. We are hoping this may help to answer any questions you might have for the upcoming season. If you find that you still have questions, please talk to one of the Board members so that one of us can assist you.

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Parent Reps: Each level of cheer and football has a Parent Rep. The Parent Rep. will be the liaison between coaches/parents and will be your first point of contact for questions/concerns. Your Parent Rep. will be who you notify if your athlete is going to be late/miss a practice/game, and they will be the ones sharing all PYTFC updates and announcements with you.

Remind App: Parent Reps will be sending out all communication for your athlete's squad/team via the Remind app. It is an easy way to send out information and there are no text strings with responses. If you reply to any communication, **it is a private message to the person who sent the message.** If you do not have the Remind code for your athlete's squad/team please contact your Parent Rep. You can sign up for Remind using texts or via the app. If you would like additional family members to receive updates, please let your Parent Rep know so they can be sure to help you get them added to the Remind updates. Please make sure your contact info is always up-to-date in Remind so you can be contacted with any information in regards to practices, games, volunteer reminders, etc.



Weather Advisories: We are working hard to make sure the safety of your athlete(s) are the most important part of our program. If there are any cancellations due to weather before practice, you will be notified via Facebook, website, and from your Parent Rep. Please make sure you are watching for updates and staying close to the area in case there are weather advisories.

The Cheer Athletic Director has the discretion to cancel cheer practice due to inclement weather.

Heat Advisory: Per IHSA rules, if the heat advisory (mixture of temperature and humidity) reaches 95 degrees, football players will only practice with helmets. We will have water breaks often to keep athletes hydrated. For heat advisories of 101 degrees and higher, there will be NO practice. If I8 cancels practice, all teams do not practice for that day.

Lightning: If lightning is spotted within a 5-mile radius, we will cancel practice. There may also be a last-minute cancellation due to continuous lightning or storm tracking. With that said, given that some levels are not required to have a parent stay at practice, please stay close to the practice/game field so that you can pick up your athlete right away should a practice/game be canceled. We do not want to have coaches and their children having to wait for parents to show up, as their safety is important as well. You will be notified of any cancellation from your Parent Rep., website, and Facebook. Your Parent Rep. notice will come faster than a Facebook or website notice during practices and games.

Facebook and Website: All paperwork, notifications, copies of handouts, updates, etc. can be found on our PYTFC Facebook page or our website pytfreapers.org.

Website: Please bookmark our website! pytfreapers.org

Practices: Please make sure athletes come prepared for practice.

All **football players** are required to come to practice with their helmets, mouth guards, pads, spikes, and a shirt/jersey to go over their pads.

All **cheerleaders** should wear clothing that is easy to move and be flexible in. Shorts/sweatpants, t-shirts/tank tops, along with ATHLETIC shoes. (No hoodies or baggy style clothing.) No sandals, UGG style boots, or any other shoe is allowed. Cheerleaders will be sent home to change if they do not come prepared for practice. Make sure you are not wearing any jewelry. Small studs in ears are ok for practice, but not game days. Please make sure your daughter has a water bottle at each practice and game.

WATER UPDATE: WE **WILL** HAVE WATER DISPENSERS AVAILABLE THIS YEAR! However, in effort to prevent a potential outbreak of COVID-19, we are asking all athletes to **bring a water bottle that can be filled/refilled.**

If you are going to be late, or will not be at practice, please let your Parent Rep. know right away. Athletes should be at practice 10 minutes before it begins- Please be **ON TIME** dropping your athlete(s) off **AND** picking them up.

*****PLEASE REMIND YOUR ATHLETE NOT TO CUT THROUGH PEOPLE'S HOUSES BEFORE/AFTER PRACTICES. WE HAVE HAD COMPLAINTS.*****

Games: A parent or guardian **MUST** be present at **ALL TIMES** during football games. You will be **REQUIRED** to sign-in before the game **AND** at half time. If an athlete is **NOT** signed in, they **WILL NOT** be allowed to play until they are signed in. Please take the time to enjoy watching your athlete cheer/play the game they have been practicing very hard for. **WATER UPDATE:** WE **WILL** HAVE WATER DISPENSERS AVAILABLE THIS YEAR! However, in effort to prevent a potential outbreak of COVID-19, we are asking all athletes to **bring a water bottle that can be filled/refilled.**

On Game Days:

Football players should come prepared with **ALL** their gear, but they should not be wearing their shoulder pads or helmet until otherwise told. They need to come wearing their game jersey, game pants, and spikes for weigh-ins. They should have their shoulder pads, helmet, and mouth guard in hand.

Cheerleaders should make sure to bring **ALL PARTS** of their uniform to **EACH** game. This includes warm-ups. There will be times you might be required to wear warmups instead of uniforms, please make sure you have **ALL** parts at each and every game. Wear your uniform, including shell (top), skirt, spanx/bloomers and **WHITE SHOES** and **WHITE SOCKS**. (Believe it or not, we have had girls show up in hot pink or neon green socks) If your cheerleader shows up in anything but white shoes/socks, your cheerleader will not cheer said game. Your cheerleader can wear any bow that has a variation of purple/black/white in it. Each cheerleader needs to be sure they have a water bottle at games as well.

Sign-Ins: Parents/guardians are **REQUIRED** to sign their cheerleader/football player in **BEFORE** the football game **AND** at half time. If athletes are NOT signed in, they **WILL NOT** be able to participate until they are signed in. If a Parent Substitution Form is filled out and submitted, that person **IS REQUIRED** to sign-in your athlete just as a parent/guardian is required to. Please see your Parent Rep. for sign-ins upon arrival at the field and as soon as half-time starts. Your Parent Rep. also has an athlete they are watching and if they have to track you down once the game has started, they are missing their child playing/performing.

Parent Substitution Forms: If you are unable to attend your athlete's game you are required to complete/submit a Parent Substitution Form. These forms allow a person to be present in your place if you cannot be at a game. The forms **MUST** be completed by the last practice of the week and/or at least 24 hours before the game. Failure to do this will result in the athlete not being able to participate in the game. These forms can be found on the website: <https://pytfreapers.org/forms%5Cdocs>.

Concussions:

We have an Athletic Trainer present at all home games. If your athlete is assessed and it is suspected that the athlete may have a concussion, the athlete should be evaluated for a concussion. Once a concussion has been confirmed by a doctor, the athlete **CANNOT** return to practices **OR** games until the doctor releases the athlete with written documentation.

Volunteer Times: You will be notified by your team's Parent Rep. of your assigned volunteer days. If you cannot make your assigned days/times, please notify your Parent Rep. immediately so we can work to get you reassigned. Reassignment requests will only be open for 1 week from the time assignments are received. In the event of an emergency on your volunteer day, please notify your Parent Rep. right away so we can work to accommodate you. **Reassignment is not guaranteed.** Your athlete will not be able to participate in the following game until the volunteer time is made up. If you miss your volunteer times and it is the last game, your athlete will lose their veteran status.

Tobacco Products: Tobacco products are not allowed on school grounds. Smoking/vaping must be done inside your vehicle.

IHSA: If IHSA shuts down due to COVID, we will also be required to shut down.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any Board member or your Parent Rep.

Thank you,

PYTFC Board of Directors