

PLACEMENT ON A CHEER SQUAD

Pop Warner places great emphasis on the importance of matching players to reduce the risk of injury and avoid unfair Competitive advantages. GEPW’s Board and Coaches are liable to ensure reasonable care is taken to prevent risks of harm to themselves or others. One of the duties is to match participants of similar competitive levels. According to National Pop Warner Risk Management (Part H) “Pop Warner organizations are liable to ensure teams are appropriately match based on size, age, skill, and experience of sports athletes. Organizations will match their athletes by using reasonable guidelines.”

The following guidelines should be considered when placement on a team:

Safety	Skill	Experience	Age
Maturity	Progression	Years in the Program	

It is important to:

1. Have knowledge of a skill and experience level of the athlete prior to performing a skill. This is done to insure safety for all.
2. Understand the physical and emotional conditions of an athlete that may restrict participation.
3. Progression can the athlete progress with her team-mates without risk of injury to herself or others.
4. Age appropriate and is that athlete mature enough to compete at similar competitive levels.
5. Has that athlete been in the program long enough to understand What is expected of her.

* A squad, regardless of the ages of its spirit participants, must be rostered, certified and registered in the same age division as the football team with which it is associated (e.g., it cannot cheer at midget games and compete as a junior midget cheer squad). The only exception to this rule is a squad registered as “Cheer/Dance without Football”. Reference Rule 1 - Formation of Squads for the definition of Cheer/Dance without Football. (Pop Warner Rule Book Section: S:3 Age Divisions)

GEPW FOOTBALL TEAM PLACEMENTS

SQUAD	GRADES	AGE
FLAG	K -1 ST	UP TO AGE 7
MITEY MITES	2 ND -3 RD	UP TO AGE 9
JR PW	4 TH -5 TH	UP TO AGE 11
PW	6 TH -7 TH	UP TO AGE 12
MIDGETS	8 TH	UP TO AGE 15

Based on Age and Weight

Participant will be moved up to the next level ONLY IF they meet the guidelines mention above & APPROVED by Director of Cheer & Head Coach.

Any questions or concerns contact Adrienne Dayton 732-892-8171