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Pop Warner Cheerleading
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MHR Cheer Travel Policy

Procedural Changes for Travel:
National Championships
Orlando, Florida

I. Overview

The purpose for this policy is to develop more efficient and cost effective ways to send qualifying cheer squads to National Championships. This policy applies to players in the Junior Pee Wee, Pee Wee, Junior Midget, and Midget divisions.

II. Goals/Objectives

Goal 1: Reduce travel costs and volunteer administrative support.

Objective: To share travel responsibility with the membership by allowing families to purchase individual airline tickets for travel and to secure a travel deposit so that hotel accommodations can be booked immediately following Regional Championships.

Goal 2: Reduce last minute drops from the program.

Objective: To finalize rosters following Conference Championship by implementing a travel deposit program.

Goal 3: To ensure the safety and proper supervision of children during travel.

Objective: To allow parents to attend or arrange chaperones for their children during travel.

Goal 4: Maintain the reputation and integrity of the Morgan Hill Raiders' organization.

Objective: To offer recommendations and tools to assist families and chaperones in planning travel including money management and accountability.

III. Procedures

New policies and procedure for travel to National Championships

1. By November 1st of each calendar year, players will have \$500.00 in their travel fund or provide a \$500.00 deposit for hotel accommodations.
2. Players that do not make the deposit by November 1st of the current year will be dropped from the program. This will allow coaches four weeks to make changes to the routine before the Pacific Northwest Regional Championships.
3. Coaches will poll the membership to determine which parents plan to travel with their child. A list will be provided to the Girls' Athletic Director by November 1st. The coaches may select staff members or key parent to be designated chaperones to assist families who cannot travel with their child. No parent wishing to travel with their child should be turned away. The head coach will make every attempt to match parents to possible travel companion (another parent of a child on the squad). The goal is to have a 1-1 ratio of parents to children.
4. The league should perform background checks on any volunteer that chaperones a child other than their own. The league will perform background checks on chaperones selected by the head coach however; the ultimate decision to accept or select a chaperone remains the responsibility of the parent.
5. The length of travel authorized by the league should be limited to 4 days for the cheer program. Any individuals wishing to extend their trip will do so independent of the Morgan Hill Raiders. An exception to this rule should be considered only for Jr. Pee Wee cheer. Jr. Pee Wee cheer performs on Monday mornings, which means the team must arrive by the Saturday before. In doing so, players could miss the Pop Warner sponsored event at Hollywood Studios. The decision to extend travel dates to the Jr. Pee Wee Cheer squad will be based on a vote by the parents of the players on that squad. Final approval is at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
6. The head coach will provide all staff members and parents with a date in which player must arrive in Florida. Families can book their airfare independently. No child is allowed to travel alone. Parents need to make arrangements with their chaperones to cover the cost of airfare and travel expenses. The league will provide families with guidelines for travel and tools to manage expenses. All travel plans are arranged by parents. Once in Florida, the child must adhere to the Head Coach's rules and schedules until travel is

complete. All players staying beyond the recommended travel time do so at their own risk. All posters and visible room decoration identifying the family as a Morgan Hill Raider should be removed by the last authorized date of travel.

7. Those chaperones traveling with children other than their own are not permitted to leave children unattended. In accordance with Pop Warner rules, the use of alcohol at this 4 day Pop Warner event is not permitted. Doing so will result in suspension from Morgan Hill Raiders programs.
8. Families can utilize travel credits earned to fund travel to National Championships. The travel credits will be distributed following the receipt of the Morgan Hill Raiders Travel Fund Voucher Request Form. No funds will be distributed prior to the Pacific Northwest Regional Championships or after the first day of travel to National Championships. Fourth quarter Bingo credits do not apply to the current year.
9. Team sponsored fundraisers must be approved by the Girls Athletic Director one week prior to the event. Proper documentation must be provided to the Regional Pop Warner Cheer Director. All cash collections (Starbuck's, Safeway, etc) must be verified by a Board Member. Distribution of cash should be recorded and forwarded to the League Travel Fund Coordinator. Cash can be distributed to players once verified.
10. The tentative 2009 travel dates are listed below. These dates are subject to change. Please consult with your head coach for the Official Pop Warner competition dates prior to booking travel.
 - Jr. Pee Wee – December 5-8, 2009 (competition December 7, 2009).
 - Pee Wee- December 6-9, 2009 (competition December 8, 2009).
 - Jr. Midget- December 7-10, 2009 (competition December 9, 2009).
 - Midget- December 9-12, 2009 (competition December 11, 2009.)