

NHYFA – APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION FORM

1. **Offer of Membership and Conditions of Membership:** By signing this Application for Membership and Registration form, I (we) agree and understand that:
 - a. It does not constitute a guarantee of an offer of membership, team placement or playing/cheering time;
 - b. Membership in the NHYFA is a privilege and conditional upon an offer of membership and team placement extended by the NHYFA within the sole discretion of the NHYFA Board of Directors;
 - c. Prior to participation, Players and Cheerleaders must obtain and submit a Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Examination and Certification of Authorized Medical Examiner (form CIPPE) as posted at www.nhsports.org or www.piaa.org.
 - d. Decisions regarding placement and playing time for Players and Cheerleaders are delegated to and made subject to the evaluation of the Coaches as may be designated by the NHYFA Board of Directors; and
 - e. Players/Cheerleaders and Parents/Legal Guardians shall abide by all NHYFA policies, rules and regulations, including, but not limited to, those established by the North Hills School District, as well as satisfy all financial obligations associated with membership in the NHYFA.

2. **Sportsmanship:** Although open to eligible children, their parents and legal guardians, membership in the NHYFA is a privilege. Accordingly, the conduct of players, cheerleaders, parents and legal guardians, must comport with that privilege. Consistent therewith and in an effort to make youth football a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, the NHYFA requires all to adhere to certain standards of sportsmanship. This campaign is designed to require all participants and spectators to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all games, practices, scrimmages as well as any and all associated organization activities. Simply for purposes of illustration, and in no way to be exclusive, the following points of emphasis are made and any player or cheerleader may be subject to discipline, including termination of membership, who:
 1. Uses obscene or vulgar language and/or gestures at any time, including swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
 2. Engages in any conduct, which may be deemed abusive, or harassment.
 3. Engages in any inappropriate physical conduct.
 4. Engages in any type of destruction of equipment or property.
 5. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
 6. Uses or possesses tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs before, during and/or after a practice, scrimmage, game and/or associated organization activity.

Further, at any time, any designated member of the NHYFA Board of Directors, Officer, Coach or Trainer shall be able to take all reasonable and necessary action to preserve the welfare of players/cheerleaders and the team.

3. **Waiver, Release and Indemnification Agreement:** I (we) understand and appreciate that the risk of injury associated with football and cheerleading is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury and/or death does exist. By my child's participation, I (WE) KNOWINGLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND HAZARDS THEREOF, including, but not limited to those known and/or unknown, foreseen and/or unforeseen. Further, I (we) agree to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the NHYFA, its Board of Directors, Officers, Coaches, Trainers and all other representatives and members, from any and all liability, loss, expense, attorney's fees, and claims for injury or damages which in any way relate and/or refer to participation in games, practices, scrimmages, as well as, any and all associated organization activities.

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4. **Financial Obligations:** Satisfaction of all financial obligations to the NHYFA is the sole responsibility of the player/cheerleader and his/her parent/legal guardian. All registration and other fees are due and must be paid in full to the NHYFA before any player/cheerleader may participate in any way. Proper maintenance and safekeeping of any and all equipment and uniforms provided by the NHYFA is the sole responsibility of the player/cheerleader and parent/legal guardian. These items must be maintained in a clean and presentable condition (as determined within the sole discretion of the NHYFA Board of Directors) throughout the duration of the season and in such condition at time of return. All equipment and uniforms provided by the NHYFA must be returned, upon request, reasonable wear and tear solely excepted. The failure to return any equipment or uniforms as requested shall constitute an unfulfilled financial obligation equal to the full replacement cost of any unreturned item.

Any unfulfilled financial obligation shall be the basis of denial of participation in games, practices, scrimmages, as well as, any and all associated organization activities until the obligation is fulfilled. Any financial obligation is deemed unfulfilled if delinquent for a period in excess of two (2) weeks.

Should it be necessary for the NHYFA to initiate suit to recover any unfulfilled financial obligation, the NHYFA is entitled to any and all interest, costs, penalties and attorneys fees as permitted under applicable law.

No fees are refundable and no financial obligation due the NHYFA may be waived after submission of team rosters to the league. If a player/cheerleader thereafter withdraws from NHYFA membership or if membership is terminated for any reason, all fees paid are forfeited and payment of any unpaid fees and other financial obligations are accelerated and become immediately and fully due and payable. However, compromise of financial obligations may be considered for players/cheerleaders whose participation is prevented by major illness or major medical reasons.

Should a player/cheerleader sustain some documented financial “hardship”, upon written request to the NHYFA Treasurer, the NHYFA Board of Directors may consider some compromise of financial obligation including individual payment plans.

5. **Insurance and Authorization for Treatment:** I (we) knowingly assume all financial responsibility for any and all injuries related to participation as a player/cheerleader and understand that the NHYFA does not offer primary insurance. In the event of injury or any other claim, I (we) agree to seek reimbursement from our insurance or other indemnitor. Further if neither a parent nor legal guardian is present at the time of injury or illness, I (we) hereby authorize representatives of the NHYFA to secure emergency medical treatment as may be deemed appropriate under the circumstances.
6. **WE ARE THE NHYFA:** The Board of Directors of the NHYFA recognizes the need for volunteers. No organization can thrive or survive without volunteers. All parents/legal guardians are required to fulfill assigned duty for concession stand and mandatory fundraisers that periodically may be conducted. Parents/legal guardians are strongly encouraged to further volunteer their time to make youth football and cheerleading a more desirable and rewarding experience for all.

I (we) have read, understand, and agree to all the terms and conditions stated above

PLAYER/CHEERLEADER SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: ____ / ____ / ____

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (Printed): _____

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: ____ / ____ / ____