

South Lyon Panther Organization

WELCOME PACKET



Our Mission Statement:

“To promote teamwork, sportsmanship, character development and community fellowship through cheer/pom and football participation.”

www.southlyonpanthers.org

Player/Family Responsibilities

🐾 **Volunteering** – This organization is run solely on volunteering and is vital to our existence. Based on the number of families and number of hours needed throughout the season, each family is required to sign up for volunteering positions throughout the season. The number of times is still TBD for the 2011 season. Volunteer sign up is done at equipment pick up.

🐾 All players will need to provide copy of a current physical, copy of either a current report card or a hard copy of the student info page from Skyward Family Access, and a copy of a birth certificate. Since we are not a part of the school district or South Lyon Recreation department, we do not have access to physicals that may have been turned in to them. We need an actual hard copy for our records. A child cannot participate (practice or play) until these records are in hand.

🐾 Parent and players must agree to and sign LCAJFL conduct forms.

🐾 Parents will share duties bringing water to practices and games.

🐾 Parents need to make sure that your child is dropped off prior to the start of practice and picked up promptly at the end of practice.

This list is a summary of activities that parents are required to follow and participate in. There are other volunteer opportunities within the organization that can be found in the Panther By-Laws.

Odd & Ends

🐾 You will have an opportunity to meet your coach and fellow teammates prior to the start of practice. This “meet & greet” will be held in late June or July depending on the coach’s scheduling. At this time you will receive information regarding team specific guidelines, practice format, and other pertinent information.

🐾 Equipment pick-up is usually scheduled the 2 Saturdays prior to practice-dates TBA. Your coach will inform you what time your team is scheduled. Football and Cheer/Pom will be held at the same time. Your child must attend in order to be properly fitted. Players will need to try on equipment.

🐾 Practice starts August 1, 2011. Practice locations TBD at this time.

🐾 **Game schedules are determined by the LCAJFL and will not be available until late August.** The last two weeks of the year are determined by the records of the varsity teams. Schedules are also determined by field availability around the LCAJFL. Some communities do not have the same field availability as other communities and may have to play more or less home games.

🐾 Play-off games will be organized at the end of the season between the South Lyon Panther teams only. The games will start the week after the end of the LCAJFL league season. Games are tentatively Tuesday, Thursday, with a Championship game on Saturday. Dates are TBD.

🐾 Equipment return - ALL equipment (Football and cheer/Pom) must be returned. Families that have not returned equipment will not be in good standing. This can put voting rights and veteran status in jeopardy.

🐾 **Refunds** - Refunds (less \$15 administrative fee and \$50 jersey fee) will be given to players

More Odd & Ends

that drop before the first practice. Players that receive refunds will also receive their jerseys. **There will be absolutely no refunds given after the first day of practice.**

🐾 By-Laws can be downloaded and printed off the web-site.

Schedule of Events

January

- Newly elected board takes over
- Survey on prior year's season

February

- Head Coach Nominations
- Feedback on last year's coach's (Via survey)

March

- March 14 - Board meeting, 7PM @ MMS - Head Coach presentations followed by the board's election of coaches.
- Registration – sign up for veterans and new participants. All participants will be registered and sized on the 22nd for veterans and on the 24th for new registrants. Registration will be held in the SLHS commons from 6 - 9 PM.

April

- April 11 - Board Meeting, 7PM @ MMS
- Coach's Clinics - dates TBD

May

- May 10 - Board meeting, 7PM @ MMS

June

- June 14 - Board meeting, 7 PM @MMS

July

- July 12 - Board meeting, 7 PM @ MMS
- Equipment pick-up - TBA

August

- August 1 - First day of practice
- August 20 - Jamboree/Picture Day
- August 27 - first game

September

- Practice drop to 3 days

October

- Homecoming Parade SLH and SLE
- October 9, 2011 in Fowlerville

November

- Playoffs – Following last game of regular season
- Year end celebration
- Equipment drop-off

December

- Election of new board

FAQ

The following questions and answers were developed from the most common questions and concerns addressed throughout the past season and in responses to the Panther Organization Survey.

1. What equipment will I have to purchase for my child?

🐾 Football players will be required to provide their own football cleats (plastic, not metal), athletic supporter and cup, practice jersey socks, and a girdle. A “girdle” (for hip pads, knee pads and thigh pads) and a practice jersey is encouraged, but not required.

🐾 **Football players:** Panthers will provide a helmet, shoulder pads, knee pads, thigh pads, hip pads, tail bone pads, practice and game pants, practice and game pants belts, rib protector, one mouth piece and a game jersey.

🐾 Cheerleaders will be required to provide their own white shoes (not through Panthers).

🐾 **Cheerleaders:** Panthers will provide the skirt, shell, midriff, spunks, socks and poms.

2. How can I learn about events and information about the Panther organization before, during and after the season?

🐾 There are a number of avenues to obtain information. First and foremost, the Panther Board of Directors Meetings are held the first week of every month. Also, Special Meetings and “Working” Meetings may be held by the Board at different times throughout the year. All meeting dates, times and locations will be posted on the Panther website at www.southlyonpanthers.org. Parents are encouraged to attend each and every meeting of the Board of Directors. Second, information will be posted at the Panther website including, but not limited to, the Minutes of the monthly Board Meetings.

Third, Board Members may be contacted through the email addresses listed on the website. Fourth, each and every Board Member is approachable at anytime. The Board will do its best to have at least one Board Member present at practice fields and game fields throughout the season.

3. What is the Livingston County Area Junior Football League (“LCAJFL”)?

🐾 The LCAJFL is the league in which the Panthers compete. The LCAJFL is comprised of football teams from eleven (11) different communities: South Lyon, Hartland, Brighton, Milford, Lakeland, Byron, Fowlerville, Whitmore Lake, Howell, Hamburg and Webberville. The LCAJFL sets certain rules and regulations for the 11 communities (including, but not limited to, the six-play rule, rules regarding the player selection process, as well as the “once a color, always a color” rule). To review all of the rules and for more information about the LCAJFL, please go to www.lcajfl.com.

4. Who runs the Livingston County Area Junior Football League (“LCAJFL”)?

🐾 The LCAJFL is run by a Board of Directors who are comprised of the Head Football Commissioners of the eleven (11) Communities as well as a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer (whom are elected by the eleven (11) Commissioners).

5. How is the game schedule determined?

🐾 The Panther Board does not prepare the game schedule. Each year, the game schedule is prepared by the LCAJFL

FAQ continued

President, Vice President and at least one (1) other appointed LCAJFL Board Member.

6. How can I find out how the Panther organization's money is being spent?

🐾 A monthly financial statement is available at each regular monthly Board Meeting. Parents are encouraged to attend each and every Board Meeting to provide input and suggestions.

7. Is there a requirement for parent volunteers?

🐾 Each family is required to volunteer for designated positions for at least three (3) home games during the season. The only exceptions to this are for Board Members, Coaches, Unit Directors, Color Commissioners, and other auxiliary Board Members (i.e color concessions managers and color treasurers).

8. Do I have to volunteer for my child's game?

🐾 No. In fact, it is encouraged that you volunteer for another game so that it does not interfere with watching your own child's game.

9. Is the Panther organization affiliated with the South Lyon School District or the South Lyon Recreation Department?

🐾 No, the Panther organization is an independent organization separate and distinct from both the South Lyon Schools and the South Lyon Recreation Department. The only connection is that the South Lyon Schools graciously allow the Panthers to use the South Lyon High School practice fields and both High Schools' game fields for games. Also, both High School football programs are very supportive of

the Panthers. Please remember that the Panthers are guests when on the High School properties.

10. Can I use my child's physical received for school sport for Panthers?

🐾 If your child received a physical examination for his/her school for the same year, yes he/she may use it for Panther; HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD KEEP A COPY OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICAL BECAUSE THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN A COPY FROM THE SCHOOL AFTER YOU PROVIDE IT TO THE SCHOOL.

11. What do I do if I have a complaint?

🐾 If a problem arises, direct said complaint to the unit director then the head coach; if no resolution takes place, take the problem to the commissioner of your color. If still unresolved, go to the head commissioner or vice president of your respective sport (football or cheer/pom). Your final step is to bring it to the Board of Directors.

12. How much is registration?

🐾 The football fee is \$225 and the cheer/pom fee is \$175. There is a \$50/ch multiple child discount.

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