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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Regional, League and Association Contacts
FROM: The Pop Warner National Office
RE: Amendment to the Pop Warner Administrative Manual
DATE: November 9, 2009

In accordance with Pop Warner's Policy regarding the Use of Summary Authority, please be advised that the following amendment to the Pop Warner Administrative Manual, Chapter 12, Hearings and Appeals is effective immediately

The following text:

USE OF SUMMARY AUTHORITY

Summary Authority is to be applied in all cases where quick action is needed to stop, alter, change, or otherwise modify a condition which cannot be allowed to continue until a hearing is held. This may involve a threat to the safety and well-being of juveniles (e.g., a team holding contact without helmets), an obvious violation of League or National rules (e.g., use of "ringers"), or something which adversely affects the image and good name of the League and/or Pop Warner in the community (e.g., two associations fund-raising in the same area.).

Summary Authority may be exercised only by officers of the League. When all officers are present, the Commissioner shall exercise it. In his absence, summary authority may only be exercised by the highest ranking officer present in the following order: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or Board Members.

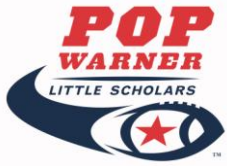
The Powers of Summary Authority include ordering a game or practice stopped, as well as to suspend, on the spot, any adult or juvenile judged to be the cause of a problem. Summary Authority is to be used with the utmost caution. In no case does it substitute for final action. The League must schedule a hearing to arrive at a final disposition of the case.

shall be immediately replaced with:

USE OF SUMMARY AUTHORITY and THE POP WARNER DISCIPLINARY REVIEW BOARD

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The Pop Warner Disciplinary Review Board (DRB) is a tribunal that will swiftly address and resolve any behavioral occurrences or disputes taking place during the post-season in order to



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preserve the integrity of the program and to enable every participant a fair chance to compete and enjoy the experience. The DRB will utilize an arbitration process to address occurrences associated with events including but not limited to the Pop Warner Super Bowl and National Cheer and Dance Championships, and Pop Warner Regional Championships and Qualifiers as necessary. As such, the DRB will utilize a streamlined version of the Hearing and Appeals Process outlined in this Chapter in order to provide timely decisions. A copy of the DRB Policies can be found at www.popwarner.com and will be provided at the Pop Warner Super Bowl and National Championships.

Summary Authority may be exercised only by officers of the League or National/Regional Staff as needed. When all officers are present, the Commissioner shall exercise it. In his/her absence, summary authority may only be exercised by the highest ranking officer present in the following order: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or Board Members.

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