
LA CAÑADA GLADIATORS

2012 CHEERLEADER APPLICATION

Cheer: **\$420** (No Applications will be accepted after June 30th)

Cheer cost is inclusive of both Registration Fee of \$120 and Uniform Fee of \$300 that includes:
shell, skirt, sleeves, briefs, shoes, poms, and spirit pack.

Returning Cheerleader (previous squad: _____). New Applicant.

Cheerleader's Age (determined as of 12/31/12): _____.

Competition Age (determined as of 8/1/12): _____.

Select Division

Mascot Gremlin Jr. Pee Wee Pee Wee Jr. Midget Midget
(Ages 6-7) (Ages 7-10) (Ages 9-11) (Ages 9-12) (Ages 10-13) (Ages 12-14)

(**Note:** In determining an appropriate division, ages are recommended, but exceptions can be made under certain circumstances and is at the sole discretion of the City Cheer Coordinator. If, for whatever reason, you would like to enroll your child in a division that does not correspond to your child's age category, please discuss it with the City Cheer Coordinator before enrolling your child. After a child is enrolled, movement between squads becomes much more difficult.)

Cheerleader Information

(Please print legibly. The Gladiators generally utilize email for notification purposes.)

Full Name: _____ D.O.B.(mm/dd/yy): _____

Address: _____ Age (as of 12/31/12): _____

City & Zip _____ Home Phone: _____

Main Email Address: _____

School Information for September 2012 (Mandatory)

School Name: _____ Phone: _____

School Address: _____ City & Zip: _____

Grade Player will be entering in September of 2012: _____ GPA¹ (end of 2012 school year): _____

¹ All applicants **must** possess and maintain a 2.0 GPA for the entire season. Failure to do so will result in **immediate disqualification** from the program.

Parental Information

Father's Full Name: _____ Father's Work Phone: _____

Father's Home Phone: _____ Father's Cell Phone: _____

Father's Work Email Address: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____ Mother's Work Phone: _____

Mother's Home Phone: _____ Mother's Cell Phone: _____

Mother's Work Email Address: _____

Insurance Information

Health Insurance Company: _____ Policy No. _____

Phone Number: _____

Parents Must Read & Initial The Following

By checking the appropriate box and initialing where indicated, you are acknowledging that you have read, understand and consent to the following. The Gladiators will not accept any application unless these boxes have been checked and initialed. ***No Exceptions.***

Conference: I understand that the La Cañada Gladiators is part of the San Gabriel Valley Jr. All American Football Conference, Inc. ("Conference"), and that it is required to abide by the rules and regulations of that organization. I understand that Conference requires that both parents (when applicable) read and sign the Adult Code of Conduct that is attached to this form.

Parent's initials: _____

Certification Day: I have been advised that Certification Day for the 2012 football season has been set for **August 18, 2012**. On Certification Day all potential participants' information, including academic records, is reviewed. If my child's paperwork is in order, my child will be "certified" by Conference to cheer during the season. Following Certification Day only those participants who have been certified by Conference may continue to practice with their respective teams. ***I understand that providing the necessary paperwork² for Certification is critical.*** If, for whatever reason, my child is unable to provide all of the necessary paperwork for Certification Day, or for whatever reason fails to certify, he or she will not be eligible to participate and not subject to any refund.

Parent's initials: _____

Squad Size and Placement: Each cheer squad must have a minimum of 5 girls to form a squad. Each squad has a limit of 35 girls. When 35 girls register for a particular squad, the Gladiators will not accept further application. Determination of appropriate squad is at the sole discretion of the City Cheer Coordinator. Please discuss any questions with the City Cheer Coordinator prior to enrolling your child.

Parent's initials: _____

² Prior to the commencement of the 2012 season you will be required to furnish: (1) an original birth certificate (or passport) for all new players; (2) an original report card for June/4th Quarter 2012; and (3) copy (front and back) of players' health insurance card. The birth certificate and report card will be returned prior to the commencement of the season in September.

Vacations: It is understood that family vacations and functions may conflict with the practice schedule. I have been advised that attendance at practice is of paramount importance and that a failure to attend to attend practice is often a significant factor in a coach's decision to cut any cheerleader.

Parent's initials: _____

Minimum Volunteer Obligations: While the Gladiators strive to balance minimal fundraising obligations with registration fees, I understand that each season the Gladiators pay a significant sum towards field and facilities maintenance, lights, equipment purchase and refurbishing, etc. Apart from registration fees, I am aware that the Gladiators only revenue source is a Pancake Breakfast. I understand that each enrolled player or cheerleader will be expected to sell or purchase a minimum of five (5) Pancake Breakfast tickets. I also understand that Gladiator parents or guardians are expected to work **a minimum** of one three-hour shift per year at one home game **per enrolled player or cheerleader**. (For example, a parent who has enrolled two participants in the program will be expected to work a minimum of 2 hours per year at 2 or more home games.) I have been advised that the date and type of service (snack bar, set-up, clean-up, security, etc.) will be assigned by my Head A.D. I further understand that if I have a conflict with my assigned game duty, date or time, it is *my* obligation to notify my Head A.D. *at least one* week prior to the assigned game and to arrange make-up work. I understand that volunteer obligations normally will be scheduled approximately two hours before my child's game or event and that, if I want to volunteer during my child's event it is incumbent on me to so advise my team's AD. ***I understand that failure to comply with volunteer duties may result in fines, reduced playing time or both.***

Parent's initials: _____

Fees and Refunds: The structure of fees and costs relating to cheerleaders is different from that of football. I understand that the entire amount of the overall cheer fee (**\$420**) is due and owing at the time this application is submitted. I have been advised that the "**Registration Fee**" for Cheerleaders is **\$120** and is NOT INCLUSIVE of the other remaining costs and expenses related to uniform and equipment expenses. Once my child is fitted and her uniform and warm-up suit are ordered there will be no refunds for any reason whatsoever relating to the "**Uniform Fee**". If, however, my child is injured and cannot continue with the program prior to "Certification", I am entitled to a refund of one-half the registration fee (**\$60**). After the beginning of the season, if my child voluntarily withdraws from the program for **any** reason, including, but not limited to, a failure to maintain the required GPA, or if my child is removed for disciplinary reasons, I understand that ***I am not entitled to any refund.*** I have been advised that any refunds will be paid within ninety-days (90).

Personality Incompatibility: I understand that the Gladiator Board, staff and coaches are all unpaid volunteers. I also understand that sometimes disagreements arise between parents and youth sports coaches over a variety of issues. I understand that the Gladiators ***will not issue any refund whatsoever*** if I withdraw my child from the program due to personality or other disputes as between or among my child's coach, myself and/or the Gladiator Executive Board.

Academics: The Gladiators and Jr. All American Football place a premium on academics. Participation in youth sports is a privilege, not a right. If, at any time during the season, my child's grades fall below 2.0 then my child will not be permitted to continue with the program and ***I will not be entitled to any refund whatsoever.***

Parental Misconduct: If a parent is asked to leave the program at any time for misconduct, ***no refund will be issued whatsoever.***

Discipline: One of the purposes of youth sports is to instill a sense of order and discipline. I understand that if my child is unruly or excessively disruptive to the point that it interferes with the orderly conduct of the team or cheer squad, his or her coach will first discuss this with me. If my child's conduct does not thereafter improve, he may be asked to leave the team. I understand that if this occurs, ***I will not be entitled to any refund whatsoever.***

Post-Certification: After Certification Day, if my child voluntarily withdraws from the program for **any** reason, including, but not limited to, a failure to maintain the required GPA, injury after Certification Day or my refusal to consent to move my child to another team within the Gladiators because of weight problems, or dispute with the Gladiator organization or any member thereof, then ***I am not entitled to any refund whatsoever.***

Parent's Initials: _____

Geographical Location: I have been advised that Conference rules require that all participants in the Gladiator program be located within its recruiting area (La Cañada) or an "open" area (La Crescenta, Tujunga, parts of Altadena and Pasadena). I understand that if I reside in an area that falls outside these areas, I will need special permission from Conference to cheer for the Gladiators. If I cannot obtain this, I understand that my child will not be able to cheer for the Gladiators.

Parent's initials: _____

Cheerleader Conduct: I have been advised that the Gladiators place great emphasis on conduct and behavior. All cheerleaders are expected to respect their fellow teammates, parents and coaches, and at all times display a positive and respectful attitude toward cheerleaders and parents from other cities within Conference. I have also been advised that attendance at all practice sessions is important. Cheerleading routines have become intricate and require a great deal of coordination, and this is achieved only when all members of a cheer squad practice regularly together. If, at any time, my child fails to display a proper attitude toward her fellow cheerleaders, displays disrespect to parents, officials or coaches, or regularly misses cheer practice sessions, this will be brought to my attention by a coach or other representative of the Gladiator organization. If, after this consultation, my child's conduct/attendance does not improve, she will be removed from the squad. The decision to remove a cheerleader based on conduct or attitude is within the sole discretion of the Gladiator organization. If my child is removed due to disciplinary/attendance reasons, I understand that **I am not entitled to a refund.**

Parent's Initials: _____

Grades: I am aware that Conference mandates that any player or cheerleader be required to maintain at least **a 2.0 GPA** throughout the school year. Grades are checked at the beginning of each season and again during October. Conference and/or the Gladiators may also randomly check grades during the season. I agree to assist Conference and the Gladiators and I will not withhold academic information from them. I also agree not to alter or in any way attempt to deceive Conference or the Gladiators as to my child's academic records or information. I will timely assist them in obtaining any necessary information from my child's school in order to comply with this requirement. I have been advised that academic falsifications or alterations will result in my child's immediate dismissal from the program and could also result in his or her being banned from any team in Conference the following season. I have also been advised that academic falsifications or alterations could result in severe sanctions against the team on which my child participates. If, at any time, my child's grades fall below the required GPA, or I refuse to allow Conference or the Gladiators reasonable access to academic information, I understand that my child will be ineligible to continue to participate. **The Gladiator program does not allow any of its participants to apply for academic probation. If my child's GPA falls below 2.0 he or she will be immediately dismissed from the program.**

Parent's Initials: _____

Gladiator Emphasis on Scholastics and Sportsmanship: I understand that during playoffs, which typically occur during the first three weeks in November, Conference honors scholarship and sportsmanship award winners from each team. These ceremonies require the recipients **to attend in person** to receive their respective award(s). I understand that attendance is **mandatory** at these functions regardless of whether any of our teams are participating in playoffs. I understand that the Gladiator Organization strongly emphasizes both sportsmanship and academics, and encourages parents and players to do likewise. I acknowledge that good character and scholastic achievement are both far more important than any transitory success in youth sports. I understand this commitment and will make every effort to attend these functions with my child if he or she is a recipient of a scholastic or sportsmanship award.

Parent's initials: _____

Conduct: It is unfortunate that parental and fan conduct at practice and at games has become an issue of great concern in youth sports. The Gladiator program has implemented a no-tolerance policy toward player and parental misconduct. I pledge to conduct myself respectfully at all times towards all members of the Gladiator program, including other parents, coaches, board members, players, and participants. If I have any issue or problem with a coach, parent or board member, I will conduct myself with courtesy in trying to resolve any problems. I understand that if I violate this rule, my child will be removed from the program and no refund will be issued.

Parent's initials: _____

Cheerleader Release

I hereby give my consent for the above named minor to participate and compete in the La Cañada Gladiator Junior All American Football Program as a cheerleader. By executing this Release, I understand and acknowledge that cheerleading is an inherently dangerous physical activity that involves acrobatic and gymnastic stunts, and one in which severe physical injury may occur.

I, the undersigned, hereby release and discharge the La Cañada Gladiator Jr. All American Football Program and the San Gabriel Valley Jr. All American Football Conference and their respective officers, directors employers, agents, servants, coaches, trainers, assistant and volunteers (hereinafter "Releasees") from any and all liability arising out of or in connection with the above described activity or all liabilities associated with any and all claims related to such activity that may be filed on behalf of or for the above named minor.

For the purposes of this agreement, liability means all claims, demands, losses, causes of action, suits or judgments of any and every kind that occur during the above described activity and that results from any cause other than the negligence of the Releasees.

Date: _____ Father's Signature: _____

Date: _____ Mother's signature: _____

Parental Participation Information

To make our program a success adult supervision and assistance is vital. In fact, without parental volunteers the program simply could not operate. We understand that most parents are very busy and may not have significant time to volunteer. We can work with you and find something for you to do that will comport with your work and family schedule. If you are interested in participating in the Gladiator program alongside your child, please let us know by checking the box below. A board member will later contact you and we can explore options. Keep in mind that soon your little one will not be so little – when your child gets into high school the Booster Club will be more than happy to put you to work – but you will lose the opportunity to actually participate with them. Take advantage while you can!

Gladiator Cheer Coach/Assistant Coach³ Gladiator Cheer Athletic Director/Assistant Athletic Director⁴

General Volunteer – will help when and where I can.

Name: _____

Please contact me at the following number(s) : _____

Please contact me at the following email address: _____

Note: In order to be a cheer athletic director, assistant athletic director, coach or assistant coach, Conference requires that all applicants *must* attend a coaching/AD clinic and be fingerprinted via LiveScan. Several clinics are scheduled before the season begins and at least one is usually scheduled after the season begins. To ensure your staff position, it is best to sign up earlier so that you will have time to attend a clinic. All staff, in addition to attending the clinic, must be approved by the Executive Board. Further information concerning clinics is available from the Gladiators website www.lcgladiators.org. If you have any questions, please contact the cheer coordinator, Sandra Smith at TSMKC@aol.com.

Make all checks payable to:

La Cañada Gladiator Football

P. O. Box 515

La Cañada-Flintridge, CA 91012

Please email any questions or comments to: Sandra Smith, Cheer Coordinator at tsmkc@aol.com

Gladiator Web page: www.lcgladiators.org

³ The team coach is responsible for working directly with each squad and its members.

⁴ The team athletic director is responsible for the management and administration of the squad. All coaches and Ads must attend a pre-season clinic.