

2016 Texas Intercity Football, Inc.



**Rules and Regulations Supplement
Mini Pom Team Rules**

TEXAS INTERCITY FOOTBALL, INC.
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**2016 MINI POM TEAM SUPPLEMENT
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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NOTE: This booklet supplements Texas Intercity Football, Inc., RULES AND REGULATIONS

SM1.00 MINI POM QUALIFICATIONS

SM1.00 The Conference shall conduct an annual "Show Event" for its Mini Pom cheer teams.

- A. One Mini Pom team per Club must perform.
- B. This event is not competitive and is a "show event" only. The event will include each Club's Mini Pom team performing an introductory cheer or chant, a 90-second maximum cheer dance (no stunts or tumbling), and a cheer.
- C. The optimal time for this event is at least two (2) weeks prior to TIFI's annual Cheer Competition. The date will be set by the TIFI Conference Drill/Cheer Director. This event shall not conflict with the Conference football schedule, but may be held on Sunday.
- D. The optimal location will be indoors, preferably a gym. Site selection and arrangements shall be the responsibility of the Conference Drill/Cheer Director and President or their designee(s). Availability, seating capacity, restrooms and parking facilities are prime considerations in selection of a suitable site(s).
- E. The actual starting time for the Mini Pom Show Event shall be determined by the Conference Drill/Cheer Director.
- G. A fine of \$500 dollars will be levied if a Booster Club does not attend and perform per event by the TIFI Executive Board Members.
- H. Admission fees may be charged.
- I. Participation ribbons will be given to each participant.

SM1.01 All Booster Clubs shall have a Mini Pom cheer team for girls prior to equipment issue day to be eligible for the football teams to compete during the current season.

SM1.02 Mini Pom teams will consist of members to perform at football games and will act as a pep squad and/or cheerleaders.

SM1.03 Members who are five (5) years of age as of October 1st of the current year through seven (7) as of December 31 of the current year are eligible.

SM1.04 Grade does not apply to Mini Pom teams.

SM1.05 Members must be in regular full time school attendance.

SM1.06 Participant may play or be enrolled in any athletics, drill or cheer program. TIFI rules and regulations, Club discipline rules and policies will take precedence during any conflict between TIFI and any other program a participant is enrolled in.

SM2.00 MINI POM MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES

SM2.01 Each Mini Pom team is permitted a maximum of thirty (30) participants, or the number of participants the Mini Pom Director feels he/she can responsibly handle. This limit shall be approved by the Club Board of Directors.

SM2.02 Mini Pom directors and/or head coaches/assistants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

SM2.03 Staff members under the age of eighteen (18) years of age will be called "Junior Coach." Eighteen (18) years or older staff shall be called "Coach." At no time will junior coaches be allowed to be solely responsible for a team. All staff members have to be 14 years of age or older to coach.

SM2.04 At no time is anyone in charge of a Mini Pom team other than a Conference insured adult.

SM2.05 There will be one Mini Pom Director and as many assistant directors and coaches as she/he deems necessary. All staff members will submit coaches' applications. Staff appointments and applications are ratified by the Club President and submitted to the Conference Drill Director.

All coaches' applications must have a photocopy (Xerox type) of the applicant's current driver's license, turned in with a completed application and a 1/2 page completed Code of Conduct (if a returning member, with ID number) to the appropriate board member. Returning coaches applications must be turned in by the end of July in order to be ready for the first game. New coach's applications must be turned in at least two (2) weeks before the first game.

NOTE 1: Care must be taken when making photocopies of a driver's license to ensure that the photo and residential information are legible.

NOTE 2: Clubs will be billed for all costs.

SM2.07 The Mini Pom Director shall report directly to the Club Cheer Director. The Drill Director shall be the overall authority in all coaching matters and shall have full authority and responsibility to conduct the program for the team. This authority must not conflict with the President's responsibilities and authority as defined in Rules 1.05 and 15.07.

SM2.08 Changes to Mini Pom roster must be reported to the Conference Drill Director within 48 hours. A \$10.00 per day penalty for each day late will be assessed (see Rule 5.13).

- A) Effective equipment issue day each season, all changes to Booster Club participants i.e., boys, girls, officers, coaches, etc. must be immediately reported to the Conference Drill Director, Conference Athletic Director and the TIFI Insurance Coordinator (TIFI Vice President). Submittal of insurance payments, as applicable, should also be made upon notification by the Conference Treasurer. A \$10.00 per day penalty for every day late will be assessed.
- B) A child may not practice until the day reported to TIFI's Insurance Representative for addition to the insurance rolls.

SM2.09 The season is defined as follows:

Season: Begins at equipment issue and ends after the last scheduled post-season game.

Regular Season: Begins at equipment issue and ends after the last game of the regular season (the game preceding the start of post season).

Post Season: Begins the day following the last regular scheduled game and ends after the scheduled All-Star game. Post-season events include but are not limited to: tie breaker games, quarter finals, semi-finals, Superbowl championships, drill competition, cheer competition, all-star game and Old Glory Days game.

Pre-Season: Begins the first day of registration and ends at equipment issue.

Off-Season: Begins immediately following post-season and ends at the start of pre-season.

SM3.00 INSURANCE

SM3.01 All members, directors, assistant directors and coaches will be Conference insured through their Booster Club.

SM4.00 UNIFORMS

SM4.01 The uniforms will be selected by the Drill Director and/or Mini Pom Director and approved by the Booster Club Executive Committee and the TIFI Drill Director and/or TIFI Cheer Director.

SM4.02 Tights or bloomers will be worn under skirts. Underwear will not be allowed to show.

SM4.03 The Booster Club Board of Directors must review and approve all direct costs to Mini Pom members/families. This approval shall include cost of uniform materials and any other uniform decorations deemed necessary or desirable. Props and any other individual requirements that result in additional family cost for improved team appearance and/or individual's safety requires like Executive Committee review/approval.

SM5.00 REGISTRATION

- SM5.01 The Conference and Booster Clubs are responsible to make Mini Pom registration information available to the public. Registration fees for Mini Poms will be determined by the TIFI Executive Board.
- SM5.02 The Mini Pom teams should register at the same time and place as the football and drill teams. Signatures of Mini Pom participants must be monitored on the registration form by a designated Conference monitor at registration.
- SM5.03 Members that register at any other time during the season may have up to three full weeks of practice before she can perform during games at the Mini Pom Director's discretion.
- SM5.04 Reserve Status
- a) A prior year Mini Pom member holds reserve status as a Mini Pom (if age eligible).
 - b) All other Mini Pom openings (up to the maximum number determined by the individual Club Drill Director) will be first come, first served in order of registration.
 - c) A prior year Mini Pom does not give reserve status to a football player.
 - d) A prior year Mini Pom that is eligible by age to be on the drill team has reserved status after all returning drill team members as long as there are still openings (by the individual Drill Director's drill team limit) in order of registration (first come, first served) until all openings are filled.
- SM5.05 Any member who participated in a TIFI Booster Club the previous season or is registered with a TIFI Club and assigned to their team for the current season is ineligible for participation in any other TIFI Club unless released from the previous Club in accordance with the transfer rules for players in Section 4.00.
- SM5.06 Each girl, except those returning, will present a certified copy of her birth certificate to her Drill Director before her first TIFI participation. Conference Executive Board member or a board designated representative from any other Club must certify date of birth for all new participants.
- SM5.07 Each girl will establish membership in her drill team's Booster Club prior to any team activity directly related to the team's performance.

SM6.00 MINI POM PRACTICE

- SM6.01 A team practice session is defined as any occasion when three or more cheerleaders and one or more instructors (director, assistant, or coach) assemble for practice, instruction and/or lectures. Social activities and guest appearances outside TIFI are not to be considered a practice. Rule 9.04 also applies here in its entirety (see NOTE under Rule 25.01). Penalties will be assessed by the TIFI Drill/Cheer Director at the discretion of the Gulf Coast Conference Executive Board.

- A. A team may accept guest appearances outside TIFI not to exceed three (3) per year, including school performances. These performances must receive prior approval from the Conference Drill Director or President.
- B. For post-season guest appearances, two (2) practice sessions are permitted (not Sunday) during the seven (7) days preceding the scheduled appearance, 45 minutes maximum per session.

SM6.02 Practice will begin the same day as football.

SM6.03 Practice is allowed for up to 45 minutes up to three times per week except Sunday.

SM6.06 Any girl who attends one (1) full practice a week is eligible to perform that Saturday if she is in good standing.

SM6.07 Members guilty of persistent incorrigible misconduct, while participating with a TIFI recognized drill team may be suspended or discharged from participation upon action of the Booster Club Executive Committee. Notification in writing of such action must be furnished to the Conference Drill Director and/or Conference President.

NOTE: Misconduct, as defined by the "Webster's New World Dictionary Second College Edition" means "behavior which does not conform with the required standards of decorum" (TIFI Rules and/or Club Rules).

SM6.08 Building cheerleading stunts and tumbling are not permitted for Mini Pom practice or games.

SM7.00 MINI POM PERFORMANCE

SM7.01 No Mini Pom member will be allowed on the "field of play," in the end zone, on any field boundary line, or inside the opposing club's official team area during a game. Under no circumstances will Mini Poms be allowed to perform in an opponent's team area during a game in progress.

SM7.02 Mini Pom cheerleaders are permitted to perform cheers and chants at the TIFI scheduled Pee Wee football games for two (2) twenty-minute halves with the clock continuously running. There will be a 10-minute half time at which time the Mini Pom cheerleaders may perform a short dance (90 second maximum) on the "front" side of the field of the main seating area from the hash mark to the sidelines. The maximum time on the field shall be 7 minutes, which includes stepping onto the field for line up AND exiting the field after the performance. The Mini Poms may also perform a dance on the sidelines or track area. Both teams may perform together. If the performance is separate, the visiting team shall perform first with a maximum of 3½ minutes (whether on the field or sidelines/track area), which includes lining up for the performance and exiting the field or sidelines/track area. Coaches are permitted on the field to direct the Mini Poms how to line up and to help them exit the field. At no time during games or halftime will Mini Pom cheerleaders be permitted to build cheerleading stunts or tumble. Regardless of the amount of time elapsed at the half time, when officials return to the field to commence the second half of the Pee Wee game, the music (if any) must stop and all Mini Poms must immediately exit the field.

SM7.03 The Club's Mini Pom Director is responsible for its members when they are assembled.

- A) The Club Drill Director will be responsible for making the decision whether weather conditions permit a performance. The team may be dismissed if they cannot perform. This decision must be confirmed with the Conference Drill Director.
- B) The Club Drill Director may dismiss the girls only to parents or responsible adults.

SM7.04 Mini Pom cheerleaders are required to perform at home pee-wee football games. Immediately following the Pee Wee football game, all Mini Pom cheerleaders will be released to their parents/guardians. Cheering at other regularly scheduled Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior games is not permitted.

- A. Mini Pom cheerleaders are required at all post-season pee-wee football play-off games for their own Club, if they have a pee-wee football team competing in the play-offs, including final championships.

SM8.00 MINI POM CONDUCT

SM8.01 The Club's Mini Pom Director is responsible for assuring that the conduct of the Mini Poms in her charge reflect favorably on TIFI and the Club.

SM8.02 The Club's Mini Pom Director and Cheer Director are expected to secure the proper conduct of the Mini Pom cheerleaders primarily through the application of strong leadership and personal example.

SM8.03 Booster Club rules for the current season that governs the suspension of participants or limit the participation of a member on performance (game) day will be submitted to the Conference Drill Director prior to the first official registration day. If the rules are contained in a Club's by-laws, the Club will copy the rules onto a separate piece of paper which will be submitted to the Conference Drill Director. After registration day and during the playing season, these rules may be changed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Booster Club membership (not just the Booster Club Executive Committee). Any such rule change must be submitted to the Conference Drill Director before the rule change can be enforced.

SM8.04 Any chants, cheers or remarks that degrade, defame, or belittle any team or individual shall not be tolerated. Any violation must be reported to the Conference Drill Director within 24 hours, and is subject to penalty by the Gulf Coast Conference Executive Board.