

2023 Football FAQs (updated April 2023)

Veteran registration (returning players): 2/20/23 through 3/12/23 online

New player Open interest form (google doc): 3/20/23 through 3/31/23

- Deadline to complete 1st round for new players is April 10th at 8pm

Uniform fitting: is TBD (in 2022, it was 5/15/22 and 5/26/22 for football)

Links:

LJAL: <https://www.ljal.com/page/show/3780479-ljal-football-and-cheerleading>

Livonia Blue Jays Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LJAL-Blue-Jays-98039884388/>

Livonia Blue Jays website: <https://www.livoniabluejays.com/>

SMYFA (league and rules): <https://smyfa.com/>

Football parents need to buy (prior to 1st practice)

- Girdle (tackle only)
- Mouth guard w/ strap (all)
- Water bottle / jug (all)
- Cup and cup underwear (all)
- Cleats (black preferred, next option is blue / white)

Physicals are required prior to the season starting. They must be dated after April 15th. Your standard yearly physical will include a sports physical – or print off the MHSAA physical form for your physician
MHSAA form: https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/documents/health_safety/physical2page.pdf

Key dates (dates are still tentative for 2023 schedule, but included 2022 as a reference on page 2):

- **June 19 – June 21, 2023** for non-mandatory Blue Jays football Camp at Grant Elementary School: right after school ends for year; kids wear cleats/running shoes, shorts, and t-shirts
- August 7, 2023: First day of practice and beginning of conditioning
 - Each player must complete 3 days of conditioning prior to hitting. Helmet and cleats only
- Football practice before games begin:
 - Monday through Friday from 5:30 – 8:00 (be at the field ready at 5:15)
- Football practice after games begin:
 - Tuesday through Friday for Saturday games. (For Sunday Games, no practice on Friday w/ practice on Saturday 10-11:30) 5:30 – 7:30 (be at the field ready at 5:15)

Games (still working on schedule, but 2021 see below)

7 game season with playoffs / ~~consolation game~~

Team to register for (based on your school):

- Livonia Blue Jays (Livonia School District from Cleveland, Grant, Hayes, Cooper and Emerson); New Players: South of Schoolcraft – East of Farmington.
- Livonia Eagles (Livonia & Clarenceville School Districts from Botsford, Coolidge, Grandview, Roosevelt, Riley*, Holmes*, Johnson*** and Frost***); New Players: North of 5 Mile – East of Merriman and Between 5 Mile and Schoolcraft – East of Farmington
- Livonia Falcons (Livonia School District from Buchanan, Cass, Hoover, Riley** and Holmes**); New Players: North of 5 mile – West of Merriman
- Livonia Orioles (Livonia School District from Garfield, Webster, Rosedale, Randolph, Kennedy, Johnson**** and Frost****); New Players: South of 5 mile – West of Farmington

2022 Season Schedule (as an example)

2022 Schedule						
		Day of Week				
Week 1 - Aug 27/28	Chargers	@ Colts	Tom Holzer Field	28-Aug		Standard Times Flag: 9AM Freshman: 11AM JV: 1 PM Varsity: 3 PM
	Novi	@ Braves	Walled Lake Western	27-Aug		
	Eagles	@ Redford	Thurston High	27-Aug		
	Stallions	@ Bluejays	Bentley	27-Aug		
	Orions	@ Garden City	GC Highschool	27-Aug		
	Dearborn	@ Falcons	Bentley	28-Aug		
Week 2 - Sep 10/11	Bluejays	@ Dearborn	Edsel Ford High School	10-Sep		GC & Redford Home game times Flag: 10AM Freshman: 12 PM JV: 2 PM Varsity: 4 PM
	Falcons	@ Novi	Novi Highschool	10-Sep		
	Braves	@ Stallions	Tom Holzer Field	11-Sep		
	Colts	@ Eagles	Bentley	10-Sep		
	Redford	@ Orions	Bentley	11-Sep		
	Garden City	@ Chargers	Walled Lake Central	11-Sep		
Week 3 / Sept 17/18	Eagles	@ Falcons	Bentley	17-Sep		Night Game Times: Flag: 1PM Freshman: 3 PM JV: 5 PM Varsity: 7 PM
	Chargers	@ Orions	Bentley	18-Sep		
	Bluejays	@ Braves	Walled Lake Western	18-Sep		
	Redford	@ Novi	Novi Highschool	18-Sep		
	Colts	@ Dearborn	Dearborn High School	17-Sep		
	Stallions	@ Garden City	GC Highschool	17-Sep		
Week 4 / Sept 24/25	Falcons	@ Bluejays	Bentley	25-Sep	Night Game *	Home Games Divisions North / Lakes 3 Commerce Chargers 4 W. Braves 4 Livonia Blue Jays 3 Livonia Eagles 4 Livonia Falcons 3 Livonia Orions South / West 4 Novi Bobcats 3 Northville Colts 3 Northville Stallions 4 Dearborn Lions 4 Garden City Cougars 3 Redford Eagles
	Chargers	@ Eagles	Bentley	24-Sep		
	Orions	@ Braves	Walled Lake Western	24-Sep		
	Dearborn	@ Garden City	GC Highschool	24-Sep		
	Novi	@ Stallions	Tom Holzer Field	24-Sep		
	Redford	@ Colts	Tom Holzer Field	25-Sep		
Week 5 / October 1/2	Eagles	@ Orions	Bentley	1-Oct	Weekend Night Game*	
	Bluejays	@ Chargers	Walled Lake Central	2-Oct		
	Braves	@ Falcons	Bentley	2-Oct		
	Colts	@ Novi	Novi Highschool	2-Oct		
	Dearborn	@ Stallions	Tom Holzer Field	2-Oct		
	Garden City	@ Redford	Thurston High	1-Oct		
Week 6 / October 8/9	Orions	@ Falcons	Bentley	8-Oct		
	Eagles	@ Bluejays	Bentley	8-Oct		
	Chargers	@ Braves	U of M	9-Oct		
	Redford	@ Dearborn	Fordson Highschool	8-Oct		
	Garden City	@ Novi	Novi Highschool	9-Oct		
	Stallions	@ Colts	EMU	8-Oct		
Week 7 / October 15/16	Orions	@ Bluejays	Bentley	15-Oct		
	Falcons	@ Chargers	Walled Lake Central	16-Oct		
	Braves	@ Eagles	Bentley	16-Oct		
	Stallions	@ Redford	Thurston High	15-Oct		
	Colts	@ Garden City	GC Highschool	15-Oct		
	Novi	@ Dearborn	Edsel Ford Highschool	15-Oct		
Play-Offs - Divisional Round October 22/23	#1 Seed North	@ #1 Seed South		10:00am		
	#3 Seed North	@ #2 Seed South		10:00am		
	#3 Seed South	@ #2 Seed North		10:00am		
	#4 Seed South	@ #4 Seed North	7th Place Game	10:00am		
	#5 Seed South	@ #5 Seed North	9th Place Game	10:00am		
	#6 Seed South	@ #6 Seed North	11th Place Game	10:00am		
Play-Offs - Semi Finals October 30th	#2/3 Seed North	@ #1 Seed South		10:00am		Cheerfest: October 29th
	#2/3 Seed South	@ #1 Seed North		10:00am		
SMYFA Championship November 6th	Sun			10:00am		

2023 Season cost

Program	Registration	Sport / practice packs	Fundraiser (1 or 2+ kids, max is \$200 per family)	Total per athlete
Flag Football	\$200	\$100	\$100 or \$200	\$400 or \$500
Tackle Football	\$300	\$100	\$100 or \$200	\$500 or \$600
Cheer	\$150	\$200	\$100 or \$200	\$450 or \$550

