

## **2024 Football FAQs** (updated April 2024)

Veteran registration (returning players): 2/9/24 through 2/23/24 online

New player Open interest form (google doc): 3/1/24 through 3/8/24

- Deadline to complete 1<sup>st</sup> round for new players is April 5 – April 8

2024 Football uniform fitting: is May 14 (varsity), 15 (JV), 16 (Freshman & Flag) (for cheer, last year was 6/1/23)

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/documents/health_safety/physical2page.pdf)

### **Key dates** (dates are still tentative for 2024 schedule, but included 2023 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 5, 2024: 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 2023 see below)

7-8 game season with playoffs for top 4 teams / ~~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

**2023 Season Schedule (as an example)**

2023 Schedule					Day of Week
<b>Week 1 - Aug 26/27</b>	Bluejays @ Stallions	Tom Holzer	August 26th		
	Colts @ Cougars	GC High School	August 26th		
	Orioles @ Braves	Walled Lake Western	August 26th		
	Lions @ Chargers	Walled Lake Central	August 27th		
	Novi @ Falcons	Bentley	August 26th		
	Liv. Eagles @ Redford Eagles	Thurston High School	August 27th		
<b>Week 2 - Sep 6/8</b>	Bluejays @ Colts	Tom Holzer	Sept 6th		
	Stallions @ Falcons	Bentley - Family Day	Sept 6th		
	Braves @ Liv. Eagles	Bentley	Sept 6th		
	Cougars @ Lions	Edsel Ford	Sept 6th		
	Chargers @ Novi	Novi Highschool	Sept 6th		
	Redford Eagles @ Orioles	Churchill	Sept 6th		
<b>Week 3 / Sept 16/17</b>	Colts @ Orioles	Bentley	Sept 17th		
	Stallions @ Cougars	GC High School	Sept 16th		
	Bluejays @ Chargers	Walled Lake Central	Sept 17th	12-8 Night Game*	
	Falcons @ Braves	Walled Lake Western	Sept 16th	1-9 Night Game*	
	Lions @ Liv. Eagles	Bentley - Family Day	Sept 16th		
	Novi @ Redford Eagles	Thurston High School	Sept 17th		
<b>Week 4 / Sept 23/24</b>	Liv. Eagles @ Stallions	Tom Holzer	Sept 23th		
	Chargers @ Colts	Tom Holzer	Sept 23rd		
	Redford Eagles @ Bluejays	Bentley	Sept 23th		
	Falcons @ Cougars	GC High School	Sept 23rd	12-8 Night Game*	
	Lions @ Braves	Walled Lake Western	Sept 23th		
	Novi @ Orioles	Bentley - Family Day	Sept 23rd		
<b>Week 5 / SEPT/OCT 30/1</b>	Stallions @ Lions	Edsel Ford	Sept 30th		
	Colts @ Novi	Novi Highschool	October 1st		
	Orioles @ Liv. Eagles	U of M	October 1st		
	Falcons @ Bluejays	Bentley - Family Day	Sept 30th		
	Chargers @ Redford Eagles	Thurston High School	October 1st		
	Braves @ Cougars	GC High School	Sept 30th		
<b>Week 6 / October 7/8</b>	Braves @ Chargers	U of M	October 6th		
	Colts @ Stallions	U of M	October 7th		
	Cougars @ Novi	Novi Highschool	October 6th		
	Bluejays @ Orioles	Bentley	October 7th		
	Lions @ Redford Eagles	Thurston High School	October 6th		
	Liv. Eagles @ Falcons	Bentley	October 6th		
<b>Week 7 / October 14/15</b>	Braves @ Stallions	Tom Holzer	October 14th		
	Redford Eagles @ Colts	Tom Holzer	October 15th		
	Novi @ Bluejays	Bentley	October 15th		
	Falcons @ Lions	Edsel Ford	October 14th		
	Cougars @ Liv. Eagles	Bentley	October 14th		
	Orioles @ Chargers	Walled Lake Central	October 14th		

  

Standard Time	
Flag: 8AM	
Freshman: 11 AM	
Jr: 1 PM	
Varsity: 3 PM	

  

Northville, GC & Redford Home game times	
Flag: 10AM	
Freshman: 12 PM	
Jr: 2 PM	
Varsity: 4 PM	

  

Home Games	Divisions
	<b>North / Lakes</b>
4	Northville Stallions
3	Novi Braves
3	Livonia Falcons
4	Livonia Eagles
4	Garden City Cougars
3	Swarthorn Lions
	<b>South / West</b>
3	Northville Colts
3	Novi Bobcats
4	Livonia Orioles
3	Livonia Blue Jays
4	Commerce Chargers
4	Redford Eagles

  

	HOST TEAM	Location	ETC
Play-Offs - Divisional Round October 22nd	#1 Seed NFC @ #3 Seed AFC	Colts	Tom Holzer 10:00am
	#2 Seed NFC @ #4 Seed AFC	Falcons	Stevenson 10:00am
Potential Consolation Games Home Team determined by Record October 21st	#1 Seed AFC @ #5 Seed NFC	Bluejays	Bentley 10:00am
	#6 Seed AFC @ #7 Seed NFC	Lions	Edsel Ford 10:00am
Play-Offs - Semi Finals October 29th	#2/3 Seed NFC @ #1 Seed AFC	Bluejays/Orioles	Livonia TMO 10:00am
	#2/3 Seed AFC @ #1 Seed NFC	Stallions	Tom Holzer 10:00am
SMYSA Championship November 5th	Sun	TMO	10:00am

  

Cheerfest October 28th	
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**2024 Season cost**

Program	Registration	Sport / practice packs	Fundraiser (1 or 2+ kids, max is \$200 per family)	Total per athlete
Flag Football	\$200	\$120	\$100 or \$200	\$420 or \$520
Tackle Football	\$300	\$120	\$100 or \$200	\$520 or \$620
Cheer	\$150	\$200	\$100 or \$200	\$450 or \$550

