



# Washtenaw Junior Football



## Information

### PROGRAM GOALS

The overriding goal of WJF is to teach young boys and girls through football and cheerleading by providing an environment where boys and girls are taught, both in word and by example, fairness, respect, teamwork, and good sportsmanship while enjoying a fun and competitive sport. Every child on a team participates in a minimum number of plays. There are no “try-outs” or “cuts.”

### UNITS AND LEAGUES

**This 2006 Season WJF will field 2 units...**

#### **Down River Junior Football League**

1. Wolverines “**Blue**” Unit
2. Wolverines “**Maize**” Unit

Washtenaw Junior Football is a member of the Downriver Junior Football League. Current members in the Down River League include Junior Football teams based in Allen Park, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Grosse Ile, Huron River, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, River Rouge, Riverview, Romulus, Southgate, Wyandotte, Woodhaven, and Taylor.

### TEAM ASSIGNMENT AND FORMATION

Each unit has a Freshmen, Junior Varsity, and Varsity squad (team). WJF will be fielding two Freshmen, two Junior Varsity, and two Varsity teams. A maximum size of 36 children per football team has been established for Maize and Blue. Cheerleading squad limits will be limited to 25 children per team. Football team assignments will be made according to League rules and at the discretion of WJF. Veterans return to their prior year unit. New participants are assigned to their unit based on high school attendance area in the order that their registrations are received. In the case of limited space, participants will be assigned to a waiting list. **Participants are assigned to teams in the order in which completed registration packets are received, priority given to the veterans and siblings.**

### **2006 Maize and Blue Football Player Age and Weight Limits**

*Down River Junior Football Age and weight limits:*

Freshman	Junior Varsity	Varsity
Ages 8 & 9 (Birth dates between 12/2/96 and 12/1/98) Weights up to 110 pounds	Ages 10 & 11 (Birth dates between 12/2/94 and 12/1/96) Weights up to 125 pounds	Ages 12 & 13 Birth dates between 12/2/92 and 12/1/94) Weights up to 150 pounds

***Mascots:** Children with birth dates after 12/1/98 are considered mascots, may participate in all practices and games. They can be assigned to any age group at the coach’s discretion. Cheerleading squads may include several mascots. However, because of the supervision required for younger participants, football teams may choose not to include mascots on their team.*

## BOUNDARIES

**Blue:** Children who live in Ann Arbor Pioneer High School, Saline High, Dexter, Chelsea High School, and other West Washtenaw County high school districts.

**Maize:** Children who live in Ann Arbor Huron High School, Ypsilanti High, Lincoln, and Willow Run High School, and other East Washtenaw County high school districts.

## SPECIAL REQUESTS

In order to comply with league rules, WJF will generally not honor special requests for team assignment, e.g. if you would like to be assigned to a specific coach's team or with a specific teammate.

## PRACTICES AND GAMES

The season is scheduled to begin with practice on Monday, August 14, 2006 at 6:00pm. Games are scheduled to begin Saturday or Sunday, September 9th or 10th. The season will run ten to twelve weeks depending if a team makes the post-season playoffs. Teams will be scheduled for 4 "home" games and 4 "away" games during the regular season. Home field locations may include Huron High School (Maize), Pioneer High School (Blue), Saline High School (Blue), and Eastern Michigan's Rynearson Stadium (Maize and Blue).

**Game Schedule:** All games are held either on Saturdays or Sundays and will be scheduled between the hours of 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. except for evening and night games. Junior Varsity plays after the Freshmen game has ended. Varsity plays immediately following the Junior Varsity game. Order of games may change for selected games. Each game generally lasts for approximately 2 hours. Teams play four (4) quarters, each twelve (12) minutes long with a half-time break. Participants are required to participate in post season playoffs and cheerleading competition.

### 2006 Schedule

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Maize Unit</u>	<u>Blue Unit</u>
Sept 9 or 10	Southgate	Dearborn Blue
Sept 16 or 17	Taylor "Cobras"	Dearborn Silver
Sept 23 or 24	Woodhaven	Taylor "Cobras"
Sep 30 or Oct 1	Allen Park	Southgate
Oct 7 or 8	Dearborn Silver	Dearborn Heights
Oct 14 or 15	Dearborn Blue	River Rouge
Oct 21 or 22	Wash "Blue"	Wash "Maize"
Oct 28 or 29	River Rouge	Allen Park

**Team Practice:** The Blue unit will practice at Forsythe Middle School in Ann Arbor. The Maize unit will practice at Southeast Park (at Ellsworth and Platt) in Ann Arbor. Practice will begin Monday, August 14, 2006. There will be four days of conditioning. Full contact practice will begin Friday, August 18. Practices will be held Monday through Friday, August 14 to August 31 from 6:00-8:30pm (Blue) and 5:30-8:00pm (Maize). No practice will be held from Sept 1 through Sept 4 (Labor Day). Coaches have the option of holding additional practices on Saturday, August 19 and Saturday, August 26. Beginning Sept 5, practice days will change to Tuesdays through Fridays from 5:30-7:30pm (Blue) and 5:30-7:30pm (Maize). Practice time may change to 5:00-7:00 pm in early October due to evening darkness. If teams qualify for playoffs, additional November practices will be scheduled.

## COACHES

The teams are coached and assisted by volunteers, many of whom are parents. All football and cheer coaches receive CPR training. WJF also performs criminal background checks on every coach.

## EQUIPMENT

WJF provides game uniforms, practice pants, all required pads, helmets, and mouth guards for football players. Parents are expected to supply appropriate football shoes (all-purpose rubber, non-detachable cleats for grass), socks, practice shirts, athletic supporters, arm pads, neck rolls, and protective cups for their children. For cheerleaders, WJF will provide a cheerleading uniform and pom-poms. Equipment pick-up will be held on August 5, 12, 13 and 20. **Equipment must be returned at the end of season.**

## REGISTRATION FEES, FUNDRAISING, and Scholarships

WJF is a non-profit organization that depends on funding from registration fees and selected fundraising. For 2006, the registration fee is \$250 per football player. If a family has more than one sibling participating, the fee for any additional football players is \$200 per player. The cheerleader fee is \$50 per child. The fees provide funds for player equipment, uniforms, field rentals, league fees, trophies, etc. There will be targeted fundraising activities such as spirit sales (e.g. clothing) and others. All fees must be paid in full in order for a child to secure a spot on a team, obtain equipment, and participate. WJF offers a limited number of scholarships based on financial hardship. For scholarship information, visit the WJF website at [www.washtenawjrfootball.org](http://www.washtenawjrfootball.org). We will accept partial payment upon request. If you select the partial payment option, a minimum of \$150.00 will be due at registration and balance due before July 16, 2006.

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

### **Veterans (returning players and cheerleaders ONLY from 2005 season)**

- Maize and Blue Veterans (returning players & cheerleaders) Walk-in veteran registrations will be held on May 13th, 2006. Veteran registrations received during this session will be assigned team placement before registrations received after May 13th only **if full payment is made and all required registration paperwork has been submitted**. All registrations received on veteran registration day will have the same priority.
- The **physician note/physical form** may be mailed later but **must be received by June 16<sup>th</sup>** to hold place on roster.
- Registrations received after veteran registration date (May 13<sup>th</sup>) will not be accepted as Veterans' registrations. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, all registrations will be put on hold until teams have been confirmed.
- **Complete Registration**
  - *Full payment of \$250 fee payable to Washtenaw Junior Football;*
  - *WJF Registration form complete and signed;*
  - *Notarized Medical Consent;*
  - *Physical or Note from Physician dated on or after 4/15/2006;*
  - *Copy of birth certificate (original birth certificate must also be presented to registrar for review.*

### **New Players Open Registration (first year with WJF)**

- New Players & Cheerleaders (first year) Walk-in Open registration will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup>. All registrations processed on this date will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Team assignments are based on high school attendance area. All new players must attend in-person this Open Registration Session (May 20<sup>th</sup>) to complete and provide registration documentation including payment of registration fee.

**A team placement is reserved** (1) on a first-come, first-served basis, (2) upon receipt of all completed League and WJF Registration Forms, participation fee, and birth certificate photocopy, (3) presentation of original birth certificate to Registrar, and (4) physical or note from physician. Please note that veterans will lose their priority status if veterans do not register on May 13<sup>th</sup> at Veteran Walk-in Registration.

**Important:** A participant's parent/guardian must complete the Registration forms. Both an original and a photocopy of the participant's birth certificate are required for registration for new players or players who did not participate in 2005.

### **FEES**

Fees for the 2006 Washtenaw Junior Football season are:

	<b><u>Fee</u></b>	<b><u>Football Players</u></b>	<b><u>Cheerleaders</u></b>
<b>1 Player or 1 Cheerleader</b>	Registration Fee	\$250	\$75
<b>2 Players or 2 Cheerleaders</b>	Registration Fee	\$450	\$150
<b>3 Players or 3 Cheerleaders</b>	Registration Fee	\$650	\$225

Please make checks payable to: **Washtenaw Junior Football**

### **RETURNED CHECK POLICY**

If a check made payable to Washtenaw Junior Football is returned for any reason, your child's registration will be placed on hold and you will be charged a return check fee of \$25 for each returned check.

### **REFUNDS**

If you need to cancel your registration, your fee will be refunded according to the following policy:

1. Refunds will be issued if the WJF **Registrar** or **President** receives your request for refund **in writing by August 12, 2006**. Refunds can ONLY be approved by Registrar or President. The written request must be received or post mark via US mail. Refund requests can also be submitted via e-mail.

2. Reduced refunds will be issued if you request a refund **in writing to WJF Head Registrar or President, before September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006.** All WJF equipment must be returned prior to the refund being issued. The following is the refund schedule:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Percent of Refund</u>
Thru August 12 <sup>th</sup>	100%
August 13 <sup>th</sup> to Sept 1st	50%
Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup> and after	No Refund

3. No refunds will be given after September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006.
4. Requests for refund must be made in writing and submitted to: **Washtenaw Junior Football PO Box 2591, Ann Arbor, MI 48106**, or provided to the WJF President or Head Registrar ONLY.
5. Refunds take six to eight weeks to process from the time they are submitted to WJF.

## PARENT/Guardian PARTICIPATION

Parent or Guardian participation is extremely important in order to make our football program a success. WJF is an all-volunteer organization. **Parents are required to commit during the season for a minimum of four hours per family either by working during home games or helping out with team events. Parents' failure to keep their volunteer commitment will result in their child not allowed to participate in games.** The only way to maintain a quality program for our children is for us all to pitch in. Positions include team parents and game day roles such as announcers, chain gang, 50/50 raffle, and concessions.

## BANQUET

At the end of the season there will be a team banquet. The banquet date depends on when the season will end (i.e. if a team is in the playoffs). Recognition is given to each player for his or her contribution throughout the season. Banquets are usually held during 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of November.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### MAILING ADDRESS

Washtenaw Junior Football  
P.O. Box 2591  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106

### WEBSITE

The Washtenaw Junior Football (WJF) website is located at [www.washtenawjrfootball.org](http://www.washtenawjrfootball.org). Information is available on the website about a wide variety of subjects involving WJF.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Please call Greg Yarrington (President, 2006) if you have any questions and/or concerns at **734-834-3455** or contact any of the other WJF Board Members. A list of WJF Board Members is provided on the WJF website [www.washtenawjrfootball.org](http://www.washtenawjrfootball.org).



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## 2006 Timeline

The following is a list of important dates for the WJF 2006 season:

**All Walk-in Registration sessions will be held at Scarlett Middle School located on 3300 Lorraine, Ann Arbor MI 48108 from 10am to 2pm on the specified dates below.**

May 13...**Veteran** Registration (Walk-in) for all **Maize** and **Blue** players who participating in **2005**. Physicals are due July 16<sup>th</sup> or roster spot not held.

May 20<sup>th</sup>...**Open** Registration (Walk-in) for all players including new players. All registrations and signed medical forms (physician statement)\* must be received by WJF by July 16<sup>th</sup> in order to be confirmed on the 2006 roster. New players' registrations will be put on hold until rosters are confirmed.

July 23...Roster Confirmation sent out

August 5...Varsity squads' equipment handout (Climate Control, 490 Maple, Ann Arbor, and Time: 11am – 1:30pm) / Cheerleader Registration.

August 12...JV squads' equipment handout (Climate Control, 490 Maple, Ann Arbor, and Time: 11am – 1:30pm). **Final Day for full refund** (see Refund Schedule).

August 13...Freshmen squads' equipment handout (Climate Control, 490 Maple, Ann Arbor, and Time: 1pm – 3pm)

August 14...1<sup>st</sup> day of conditioning practice, Parent Meeting (required), and Parent Handbook distribution. Practice starts at 6:00pm.

August 18...1<sup>st</sup> day of contact practice (Friday)

August 20...Make-Up Equipment handout (Climate Control, 490 Maple, Ann Arbor, and Time: 1pm to 3pm)

September 1... Final day for partial refund

September 3...Registration closed

September 5...Practice goes to 4 days a week with a start time of 5:30pm

September 9/10...First games

September 11 or 18...Possible picture days

October 3... Practice start times change to 5:00pm

October 28/29...Last regular season games

November (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> week) or December (1<sup>st</sup> week)...Team Banquets

\*A Physician's Statement can be EITHER a form or note from your physician giving their approval for your child to participate in WJF activities. This must be completed, dated on or after April 15, 2006, signed by a physician and a parent/guardian, and received by WJF before you are considered registered. Please contact your doctor to see what is required for you to obtain this. A physical may be required by the physician. This documentation MUST be received no later than July 16, 2006.