



MACOMB MUSTANGS 2025 SEASON INFORMATION



Your one-stop, got-it-all guide for the
2025 football and cheer season



The 2025 football and cheer season marks the 25th year of partnering with central Macomb County families as they support their young athletes in football and cheer competition.

To honor a quarter century of youth football and cheer, we will be celebrating all season long, with special guests and special events. Join us as we look back on the last 25 years and look forward to the next 25!

Happy Anniversary!

**25
Years**

PRACTICES

Where:

Macomb Town Center Park
20354 25 Mile Rd
Macomb, MI 48042

August (before Labor Day), starting 8/4/25

Monday - Friday

6pm - 8pm

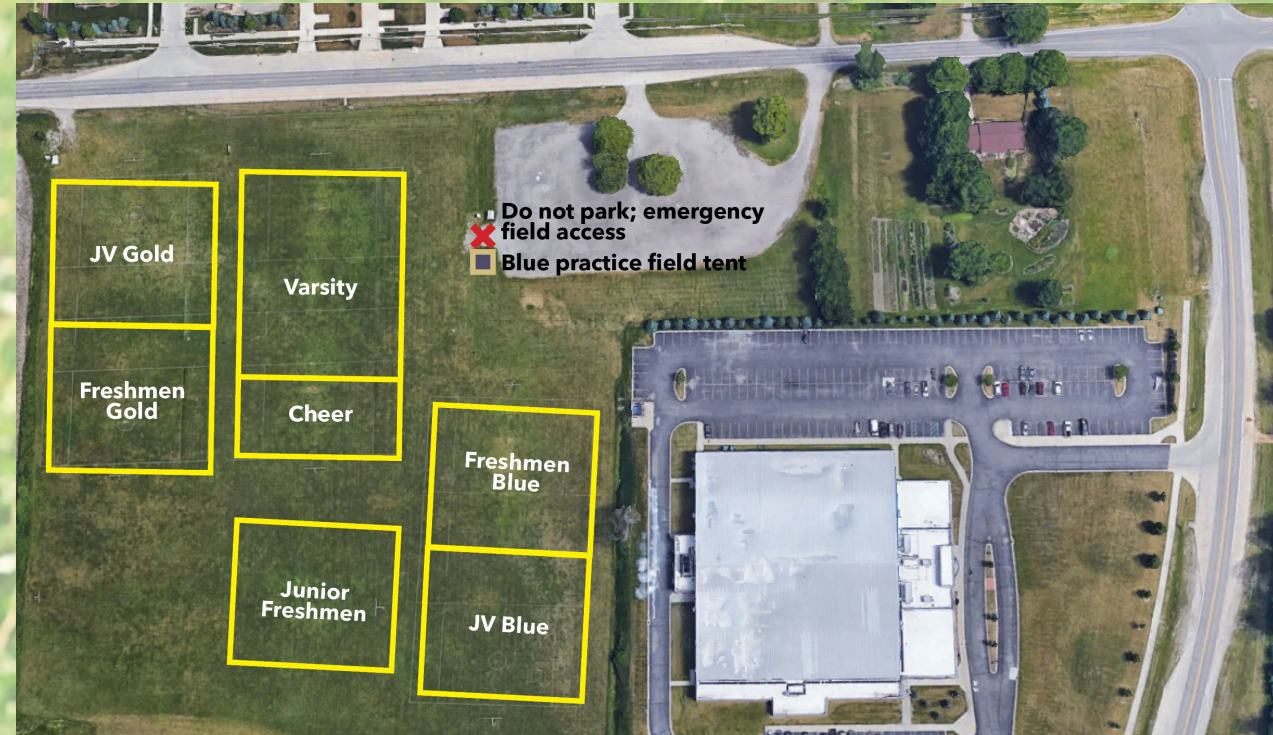
Labor Day - end of the season

Tuesday - Thursday

6pm - 8pm

Friday (at coach's discretion)

6pm game walkthrough



WEATHER IMPACTS ON PRACTICE

In cases of inclement weather, alternate arrangements may be made and will be communicated by your athlete's coach or by the organization.

As the fall deepens and daylight wanes, cheer practice will be moved indoors (coaches communicate locations). Football will continue to practice outdoors.

Barring inclement weather, football practice is held outdoors. Ensure your athlete is properly attired for cooler fall weather.



GAMES

Home

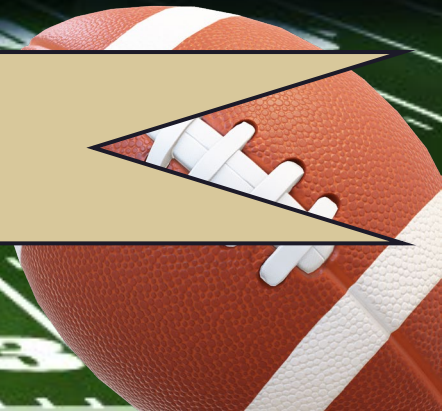
De La Salle Collegiate High School
14600 Common Rd
Warren, MI 48088

Away

Most MYFCC fields are within an hour of the Mustangs' home field.

Check the calendar to see where your athlete's games are being played each week. Your athlete's coach will also communicate weekly where games will be played.

Games are Saturdays or Sundays beginning in late August;
Jr Freshmen (10am), Freshmen (12pm), Jr Varsity (2pm), Varsity (4pm)



FINANCIALS

Our volunteer board stewards the Mustangs' financial resources to maximize the power of every dollar that comes into the organization.

Cheerleader and football athlete **registration fees only cover approximately two-thirds (2/3) of our operating budget.**

The budget gap is closed by sponsorships and fundraising. The crucial role of fundraising cannot be overstated.



WHY WE FUNDRAISE



We love your kids.
Simple as that.

We strive to provide the most encouraging, supportive, and fun atmosphere possible, with exciting and festive events like Pep Rally, Homecoming, and our annual First Week Pizza Party.



Youth sports are expensive, no one is denying that. To support our Mustangs families and keep registration costs low, we fundraise to bridge the budget gap.

This way, we can absorb increased and/or unforeseen costs without passing them on to our families via registration costs.



Your kids are important. We want them safe and protected, looking and feeling good as a team.

Our fundraising efforts allow us to ensure we are outfitting our Mustangs athletes in proper protective equipment and quality uniform apparel, year after year.

HOMEcomings RAFFLE

Our Main Fundraiser

Each season, we sell raffle tickets to our **Homecoming raffle**. These raffle ticket sales generate funds to help meet the financial needs of the program not covered by registration fees.

Raffle Ticket Policy Basics:

- First book of 10 tickets is \$100
- Each additional book is \$50
- Minimum of one book per family

2025 Raffle Prizes

1st

\$1,000 Cash

2nd

\$500 Cash

3rd

TBD

4th

TBD

FUNDRAISING



The Mustangs conduct several optional **FUN**draisers throughout the season and preseason.

- **Annual Golf Outing** (summer, just prior to official practice start - **save the date - August 2, 2025; 8:00am shotgun start!**)
- **Football Squares** (football season, various games)
- **Other events** to be announced soon!

Participation is not required, but these fundraisers provide an opportunity to support the organization and get to know your fellow Mustangs families a little better...off the field.

PROVIDED EQUIPMENT

Cheer

- Shell
- Bodysuit
- Skirt
- Bow

Football

- Helmet
- Shoulder pads
- Game pants
- Practice pants
- Belt
- Knee pads

ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT



FOOTBALL



REQUIRED

- Mouthguard
- Girdle
- Cup
- Cleats
- Player Pack
(practice jersey, shorts, Dri-FIT shirt)

RECOMMENDED

- Padded shirt
- Concussion cap

OPTIONAL

- Gloves

CHEER



REQUIRED

- White sports bra
- White cheer shoes
- White ankle socks
- Navy spunks*
- Navy leggings
- Player Pack (track suit)

*officially called "cheerleading briefs"

EQUIPMENT POLICY

Basic Policy

\$100 deposit check at
Equipment Handout

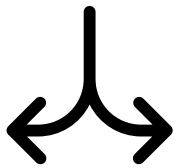


ALL equipment
returned in good
condition?

AWESOME!



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Missing or
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Official Policy

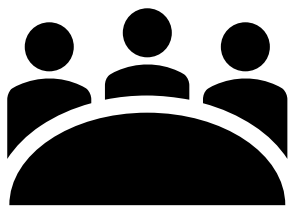
Participants in the Macomb Mustangs Youth Football and Cheer Club shall be provisioned with equipment to be used during the season. Once issued, the participant's family assumes responsibility for maintaining the good condition of the equipment while in their possession. Said equipment shall be returned in good, clean condition at season's end or immediately upon demand if return is required sooner. The participant's family is obligated for paying the cost of any equipment lost, destroyed, or not returned.

To ensure return of provisioned equipment, an Equipment Deposit check of \$100 **per participant** shall be required at Equipment Hand-Out. No equipment will be issued without the equipment deposit.

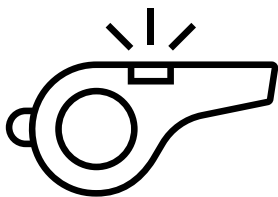
If all equipment is returned in good, clean condition, other than what is considered normal wear, then the Equipment Deposit check shall be returned to the family at Equipment Turn-In. If equipment has not been returned in satisfactory condition, the Equipment Deposit check will be cashed by the organization. If the cost of replacement or repair exceeds the equipment deposit, the participant's family's volunteer commitment check will be cashed. If the cost of replacement or repair exceeds both the equipment and commitment deposit checks, the participant's family will be responsible for the balance to replace or repair.

The family of the participant(s) shall furnish participating child(ren) with the prescribed shoes, socks, supporter, and such other personal equipment as is necessary for their health and safety.

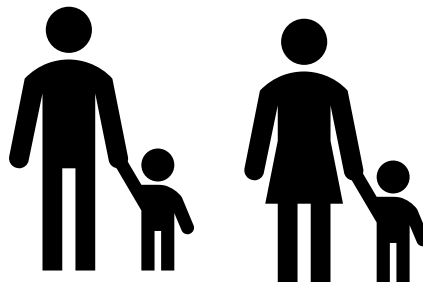
VOLUNTEERING IS AT OUR CORE



Volunteer board



Volunteer coaches



Parent volunteers



**A Successful
2025 Mustangs
Season**

Every position in the Mustangs organization is filled with a passionate volunteer, from the board members to the coaches to the parents who got to the field early to make hot chocolate, coffee, and prep the concession booth on a chilly October morning.

We volunteer for the same reason we fundraise: to keep costs down for our families and to provide an amazing experience for our Mustangs athletes. Join us on game days (and beyond) to have some behind-the-scenes fun as we build a supportive and fun athletic community for our Mustangs athletes!

LET'S WORK TOGETHER

number of commitments

One athlete

Four (4) volunteer commitment slots

Two or more athletes

Four (4) volunteer commitment slots *per athlete*; maximum eight (8) per family

when to volunteer

A different game

Our standard is that you volunteer at a home game other than your athlete's. That means it will be at a different time or day. Our varsity games always need volunteers.

who can volunteer

Anyone 16+

can fill a volunteer slot on behalf of your athlete; however...

Volunteers must be **18+** to volunteer in jobs which handle money.

signing up

Web links

will be sent out approximately a week before each home game. Sign up online and check in at the concession stand at your assigned time.

Volunteer hours

Our Game Day Chairman or Commitments Director can sign off on volunteer hours.

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT POLICY

Basic Policy

\$300 deposit check at
Equipment Handout

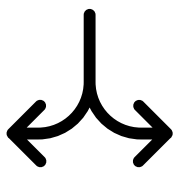


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Official Policy

Participation in the Macomb Mustangs Youth Football and Cheer Club is contingent upon further participation by adults serving as organizational volunteers. Each family must fulfill **four (4) commitments per child with a max of eight (8) commitments per family.**

For the 2025 season, the Mustangs will be permitting a certain number of "commitment buyouts." You may buyout four (4) commitments for \$300.00 or eight (8) commitments for \$500.00. If you participate in the commitment buyout, you agree to the immediate cashing of either a \$300.00 (four (4) commitments) or a \$500.00 (eight (8) commitments) deposit check. Upon successful collection of those funds, you will be released from volunteer commitments for the 2025 season. The number of buyouts permitted is at the discretion of the Commitments Director and will not negatively affect the ability of the Mustangs to successfully host, manage, or maintain a safe and functional environment for all official MYFCC and/or Mustangs events. Buyouts will be issued in the order in which they were requested; if the Mustangs are unable to permit your buyout request, you will be notified and you will be required to furnish a \$300.00 commitment deposit check per our standard commitment policy, and you will be required to fulfill commitments as defined above.

Those families not participating in the commitment buyout will be required to submit a check at equipment handout for \$300.00 as a deposit to ensure volunteer commitment participation. This is a **per family** deposit. Checks will be collected at equipment handout; no equipment will be issued without the commitment deposit. The \$300.00 commitment deposit check will be cashed if commitment obligations (see above) are not fulfilled. Online commitment sign-up will only be accessible to those who submit deposit check.

GAME DAY VOLUNTEERS, CONCESSION HELPERS, and SPECIAL EVENT HELPERS, are critical to the success of our program. Game day activities include, but are not limited to: chain gang, spotters, announcer, game clock, field set-up and tear-down, merchandise, clean-up crew, security, concessions, and 50/50 raffle. Sign-up for these activities will take place once the game schedule is known and at a later date closer to the start of the season as determined by the Commitments Director. At the end of the season, your \$300.00 commitment deposit check will be returned at equipment turn-in, after confirmation of successful completion of volunteer obligations and complete return of issued equipment to the Mustangs (equipment must be in good, clean condition in order to meet this requirement).

Volunteers are obligated to appear when scheduled and remain for the entire scheduled time. If commitments are not fulfilled as required, the participant's parent/guardian authorizes the Macomb Mustangs to cash the commitment deposit check of \$300.00. Additionally, failing to meet the commitment requirement will jeopardize that participant's returning player status for the following season.

DON' T BE A STRANGER

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If you have a question about a particular area of our program, contact the appropriate board member. Our board is always happy to help!

2025 football and cheer.

Let's do this.



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