

# HJFL

Weekly Newsletter  
August 1, 2011

HOWELL  
JUNIOR  
FOOTBALL  
AND  
CHEER  
2011



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GOLD  
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WHITE



## Welcome to the start of the 2011 HAJFL Season!

This is the first of the weekly newsletters distributed by the league to inform you of important information like game schedules, picture day, volunteer sign ups, etc. They are emailed every Wednesday....PLEASE READ! If you have a new email please send to [howelljrfootball@yahoo.com](mailto:howelljrfootball@yahoo.com) to make sure you're on the distribution.

Newsletters are emailed vs. printed to save on printing costs but we will print hard copies for those that request it. Let your team mom know if you would like a printed one.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to welcome all of you to the start of the 2011 season. Some of us have been waiting for this since the clock ticked 00:00

last October and some have been dreading the 2 or 2 ½ hour practices every night for most of the month of August. This is my favorite time of the year and I hope that you can and will enjoy it as much as I still do.

Howell Junior football continued to grow this year. We are starting the 2011 season with 667 football players and cheerleaders! We expanded the league by adding a third Instructional football team and instructional cheer!

We have been busy in the off-season and I hope that you will be able to enjoy the program that our hard work together, has made possible. This is our league and it is one to be proud of, but it takes all of us to make it work. Be sure to look for those volunteer sign-up sheets when they come out in a couple of weeks.

I will be coaching the Varsity White football team so if you have any concerns you'd like to discuss with me, please contact me through our league email address at [howelljrfootball@yahoo.com](mailto:howelljrfootball@yahoo.com). Your commissioner can answer any immediate questions you might have on the practice field.

Finally, everyone play safe and have fun. My goal for this program is to continue to provide our kids with a great experience, teach the required skills and techniques, instill in them a few life lessons and maybe win a few football games along the way.

Thanks for your time,

**HJFL President**  
**Matt Swift**

## Volunteer Policy



# volunteers

I'm sure you've read it a hundred times, but....the volunteer policy states that each family has to fulfill 3 two-hour volunteer spots on any of their home game days. Per family....not per child. For example, if you have two boys in the league, you are required to work 3 spots...not 6. **JESSICA MOLL** will be our VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR again this year. (Thank you Jessica!!) Jessica will track all the volunteers from all the games so we know who has worked & when. Sign-Up sheets will be available up at the Pods mid-August, to sign up for these jobs. Your team mom will let you know when/where.

# Board Of Directors

They have met twice a month since January to prepare for the season. Thank you board members for all the time you donate to the league.

Matt Swift  
President

Karl Kling  
Vice President

Gwenn Hollister  
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Tim Bazany  
Equipment Director

Lisa McQueen  
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Green Commissioner

Joel Keddle  
Red Commissioner

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Silver Commissioner

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White Commissioner

Juli Brown  
Cheer Director

Helen Lachowitz  
Assistant Cheer Director

Dave Pelic  
Field Director

Tom Biso  
Game Day Director

## League Happenings

### Football Equipment

Board Member Tim Bazany is our Equipment Director. He has done an outstanding job getting our equipment ready for the kids again this year. See schedule below for equipment handout/exchanges:

#### AT THREE FIRES PODS



Monday - Wednesday,  
4:00pM - 5:45PM

**Will close down right at 5:45!**

Game Jerseys will be in - in time for pictures on Sunday August 21st....no worries!  
Practice Jerseys - will be for sale the first week of practice for \$13. Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at the pods at your field.

### Team Mom (and dads!) Mtg

Team moms - please join us on the THREE FIRES bleachers Wednesday Aug 3rd for a mtg to cover various information on pictures, volunteering, etc! 7:00PM - Hoping 20 minutes tops!

Check out the TEAM MOM page on the [www.hajfl.com](http://www.hajfl.com) website for info.

### Thank You!

Thank you Brian Szuch and Mr. Manson for the extensive work you've done on our new practice fields in the off-season. Still work in progress but we're so grateful for your time.

### Picture Day

#### Sunday August 21st at Three Fires

Envelopes will be passed out to you by your team mom by Aug 18<sup>th</sup>.

Schedule will be posted 8/10th on [www.hajfl.com](http://www.hajfl.com)

### Practice Cancellations:



If practices need to be cancelled due to inclement weather, the board will send an email to parents as soon as that decision is made.

You can also check [www.hajfl.com](http://www.hajfl.com) for any notifications. Players are expected to come to practice unless they've heard otherwise from a coach or board member. We practice in the rain... lightning is a different story.

Board members will let coaches and parents know if lightening has been spotted. If lightening is spotted everyone is to remain in their cars for 30 minutes.

From LCAJFL: Due to inclement weather, games may be officially delayed, suspended or cancelled by mutual agreement of both communities and commissioners. Games may be rescheduled. The waiting period is 30 minutes after the most recent lightning strike before a game may restart.

### Parking

All cars must be in a parking spot, there is no parking allowed on school driveways, per Howell Police Department.

### New Instructional Team

Please welcome our new Instructional Team the WARRIORS lead by Head Coach Art Kraft. Coach Kraft has coached for years for Milford Jr. Football (but lets not hold that against him:) Good luck this season to all three of our Instructional teams!

Game Schedules will be distributed by LCAJFL around Aug 15th

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### Pizza Night

Looking for Dinner?



Starting Aug 9th, Sponsor Hungry Howie's will sell pizzas from the Hungry Howie's Truck at the practice fields:

Every Tuesday @ Three Fires, 7:30  
Every Thursday @ Parker, 7:30

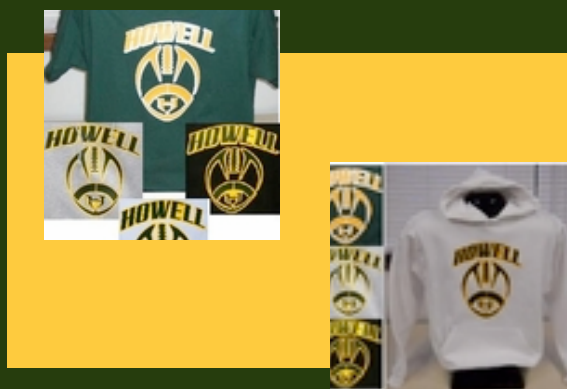
**\$7 Large Pep. Pizzas** \$1 each goes  
**\$10 Pizza & Bread** to league

### Contact us...

HOWELL WEBSITE - [www.hajfl.com](http://www.hajfl.com)  
LEAGUE WEBSITE - [www.lcajfl.com](http://www.lcajfl.com)  
HAJFL PHONE - 517.518.2836  
HAJFL email - [howelljrfootball@yahoo.com](mailto:howelljrfootball@yahoo.com)  
Or [howellcheerleading@yahoo.com](mailto:howellcheerleading@yahoo.com)  
PO BOX 412, HOWELL MI 48844

BOARD MEETINGS - Tuesdays @ 8:15PM @ Three Fires Bleachers. Location will alternate between TFMS and Parker. Details to be posted in newsletter.

# HAJFL SPIRIT WEAR SALES



**HAJFL apparel** and accessories for football players, cheerleaders, parents, friends and family will be displayed for sale:

Monday through Thursday at Three Fires (by the pods)

5:45 - 8:15pm

and

Monday through Thursday at Parker High (near tennis courts)

5:45 - 8:15pm

Practice Jerseys will be for sale for \$13, at the pods before practice Monday through Wednesday.

All items are available to purchase online, and in-person on specific game days/sale events. These dates will be advertised and listed in the weekly newsletters

Visit the HAJFL ONLINE STORE via our website, [www.hajfl.com](http://www.hajfl.com) or at [www.sportsnapparel.com](http://www.sportsnapparel.com). Click on HAJFL on the lower left of the screen.

Orders that were taken at equipment pickup in June/July will be delivered to your practice field on the 1st day of practice.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have. By phone (517) 223-1157.

## Sponsor Spotlight



Every week we will feature sponsors; who they are and what they do for the league & community. We appreciate their support & encourage you to patronize their businesses!



**Good Luck to**

**Varsity Green  
&  
Varsity Gold**

**Football Players!!**

**They will be playing on  
Ford Field  
during  
half-time on Friday,  
August 12, 2011**

This is a once in a life-time  
for the kids and they will  
never forget it!!

# 2011 Gate Passes for SALE!!!

Gains entry to HAJFL home games,  
one punch per person

Cards – 5 games - \$12

Cards - 10 games - \$24

H AJFL Football players, cheerleaders & Howell  
Coaches get in free to home games!

Kids under 10 - \$1 with card  
(under 6 is free)

For sale at the pods  
during Volunteer Sign Ups (end of next week),  
and in concessions.

No refund for lost or unused cards -valid 2011 only



Pay by cash or check written to HAJFL.