Dryden/Imlay City Football Co-op
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4 years as assistant at other levels

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9 years Head Coach
3 years as assistant at other levels

We coached together for 8 years at the Varsity level, 11 years total. Compiled a 33-32 record in 11 man, going 24-14 in our final 4 years.
Why Co-op?

Football participation numbers were down across the state this year.

Larger schools are losing JV and Freshman teams.

Smaller schools are switching to 8 Man.

Both options put underclassmen against larger, more experienced upperclassmen.

The new MHSAA transfer rule limits options.
Imlay City has historically had a Freshman, JV and Varsity team. This year they only had a Varsity team.

Dryden switched to 8 player football in 2013 due to low participation. This year they were only able to play in 4 games due to injuries.

Both schools relied heavily on underclassmen in 2018 to fill out a Varsity roster.

By forming a co-op, players will be able to compete against athletes closer to their own age/ability level.
Imlay City and Dryden already have an existing relationship sharing services.

The schools are less than 15 minutes apart.

Most people do not consider the schools to be rivals.

There is a history of working together in the offseason dating back at least a decade.

The coaching staffs are familiar with each other.

**Most Importantly:** Student athletes will be able to continue playing football!
By The Numbers

**Imlay City Football**

**High School**
36 Players came out for JV/Varsity Football
32 Players finished the season

**Middle School**
21 8th Graders
7 7th Graders
- Many 7th Graders play Jr. Spartans (more info later)

**Dryden Football**

**High School**
14 Players came out for Varsity Football
7 Players were able to finish the season

**Jr High**
7 Players came out for Jr. High
- Not enough to field a team

By combining programs, we will be able to offer more opportunities to those who want to play football.
## School Responsibilities

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JV/Varsity Practices

Summer workouts-
July is typically the busiest month
Typically behind Imlay City high school, 3-4 days per week
Flexibility in times- will survey players
7 on 7s- Working on scheduling with Caro and Brown City
Possible Overnight Camp- Mid July, details to come

Two-a-days-
Start August 12th, 4-8:30 with 30 minute break (tentative)
Mandatory Saturday practice, August 17th (morning)
Practice at the football complex by Imlay City Middle School
Locker room at the field
Practices get shorter after week 1
**JV/Varsity Practices Continued**

**Regular Season Practices**

At football complex, Typically 4-6pm

**Monday** - Film/Offensive Indie Work/Install

**Tuesday** - Defensive Indie Work/Install

**Wednesday** - Full run-through

**Thursday** - Special Teams/Game Sim

**Friday** - Game day

Monday we do film in my room after school

Weight Room is open after school on other days

**Other Practice Items**

- We may have an evening practice on Sunday, August 25th.
- We will have an evening practice on Labor day
- These will both be mandatory
- We did 3 joint practices with Brown City last season and hope to continue this. This may require a mid-week drive to Brown City after school
Varsity Schedule

8/22     Scrimmage @ DHS       (TBA)
8/29     Vassar                 7:00 PM
9/6      @ Almont               7:00 PM
9/13     Cros-Lex               7:00 PM
9/20     Algonac                7:00 PM
9/27     @ Armada               7:00 PM
10/4     @ Yale                 7:00 PM
10/11    @ North Branch        7:00 PM
10/18    Richmond               7:00 PM
10/25    @ Capac                7:00 PM
# Middle School Football

## Practices
At football complex by the middle school

Start 1-2 weeks before school (depending on school start date)

Start at 3:00 during the school year, were typically done by 5:00

## Games
Play on Wednesdays

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The Junior Spartans provide an alternative to the middle school program for some 6th and 7th grade students

- Approximately 80 students in 3 divisions: Freshman- 8U, JV- 10U, Varsity- 12U
- Practices start on August 1st, and the season runs until the end of October
- 8U practices 6-7:30 x 2 days per week
- 10U practices 6-7:30 x 3-4 days per week
- 12U practices 5:30-7:30 x 4 days per week
- No practices on Friday- players are encouraged to attend the Varsity Game

The league consists of two divisions

**South**
- Imlay City
- Almont
- Anchor Bay
- Capac

**North**
- North Branch
- Lapeer Sharks
- Vassar
- Lakeville

- Games are on Saturdays
- 8U plays 6 games
- 10U plays 6 or 7 games
- 12U could play up to 8 games (with playoffs)

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