

# Junior High Football Coach

The Junior High Football Coach is responsible for leading and developing student-athletes in grades 6 through 8 in a positive, instructional, and team-oriented environment. This position emphasizes skill development, fundamentals, sportsmanship, and preparation for participation in the varsity football program. The coach will work closely with the Varsity Head Coach and function as an integral member of the overall football staff.

## Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Teach football fundamentals, skills, rules, and strategies appropriate for the junior high level
- Prioritize player development, learning, effort, and sportsmanship over wins and losses
- Implement and run the offensive and defensive systems as directed by the Varsity Head Coach
- Prepare and organize effective practices focused on instruction, repetition, and safe skill development
- Foster a positive, inclusive team culture that supports growth, confidence, and teamwork
- Attend varsity practices and games as required to ensure alignment and continuity within the program
- Communicate clearly and professionally with players, parents, school staff, and administrators
- Maintain accurate records, including attendance, equipment inventories, and required documentation
- Model and enforce excellent sportsmanship and ethical behavior at all times
- Ensure player safety by following all district, league, and MHSAA guidelines
- Support and promote the values and expectations of the school and athletic department

## Qualifications

- Strong knowledge of the sport of football
- Prior playing and/or coaching experience preferred
- Ability and willingness to teach and implement varsity offensive and defensive systems
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with middle school-aged students
- Strong communication and organizational skills
- Ability to work collaboratively as part of a coaching staff
- Commitment to positive youth development and character education

## Desired Characteristics

- Patient, positive, and student-centered coaching approach
- Reliable, organized, and detail-oriented
- Respectful and professional in interactions with athletes, parents, officials, and colleagues
- Passion for teaching fundamentals and helping young athletes grow

## Additional Requirements

- Completion of all district and state coaching requirements and certifications
- Willingness to comply with school policies, athletic codes of conduct, and safety protocols

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