



Expectations of SDK Football Coaches

Expectations / Requirements

- Be on time and organized for meetings, practices and games
- Practice times are from 6:00 – 8:00 in the beginning and from 6:00 – 7:30 once it starts to get dark earlier. The SDK Communications Coordinator will let you know when the time will change. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Once practice time changes, coaches can have their players there at 5:45 **strictly** for warm ups. This will allow them to **start** practice promptly at 6:00.
- The 7th & 8th grade teams can practice out in front of the High School from 5:30 – 7:30 once the time has changed when that area is not in use.
- Coaches are allowed to require their players be at the field a **maximum** of 1 hour prior to game start time.
- Use appropriate language –**Cussing will NOT be tolerated.**
- Stay current on Virtus Compliance through their Parish. This must be completed for **ALL** coaches on the field.
- Head Coach must have USA Football Certification. Coaches completing the certification program will receive \$1,000,000 of liability insurance at no cost. Otherwise, each coach will be required to maintain an individual insurance liability plan through his/her own insurance carrier.
- All coaches on the field must have completed the USA Football's *Heads-Up Play Program*
- One coach must remain at the facility until every player has been accounted for
- Weather decisions by SDK Football Leadership supersedes everything. When practice is cancelled for weather **ALL** players and coaches must immediately leave the field.
- No additional practices or games are to be scheduled without the approval of the SDK Athletic Director; any changes to practice schedule must be approved
- All teams must work together to ensure fair use of the field for each time. We realize the space is tight, but all teams need ample use of the field to run their practice.
- Depending upon the home field game schedule, your team may be responsible for setting up / tearing down the field equipment (yard markers, scoreboard, down and distance chains)

Expectations Relative to Players and Parents

- No parent is to be on the practice / game field. If a discussion needs to take place, it will take place at the Athletic Field entrance
- Each peewee player is required to be given 4-5 plays per half. Each 7th and 8th Grade player is to be given 5 plays per game. Each team is required to assign a coach or



parent to monitor this. This should be kept each week should SDK Leadership need verification.

- Prior to the first practice, coaches will receive a report as to whether all paperwork is completed in order to participate. Players not on the “cleared” list will not be able to practice.

South Dayton Knights Football Coach’s Code of Ethics

1. Be positive in your approach to the players. Reserve criticism for private and make it constructive. **Cursing is not permitted.**
2. No coach at any time should smoke or use smokeless tobacco or consume alcoholic beverages while on the playing or the practice field.
3. Coaches at every level will teach fundamentals, conduct practices and run offense/defense in a manner consistent with the direction of the Varsity Program.
4. Coaches will commit to exceeding the league-mandated minimum play requirements. Every player who puts forth a positive effort and shows good attitude should be provided every opportunity to play in games.
5. Coaches should recognize that while the goal at each grade level is to be competitive, the ultimate goal of the SDK Football Program is to deliver a full roster of players to next year’s coaching staff – whether it be in the SDK or High School Program.
6. Coaches will run for the most part, the “high school” plays. These will be selected by SDK Leadership and they will be called the same thing the high school calls them. The objective is for the players to learn more and more “high school” plays each year they play for SDK to help them grow to Alter High School football players.

FAILURE TO COMPLY

A breach in expected coach’s conduct will be reviewed by the SDK Football Athletic Director (President) and may be subject to disciplinary action up to dismissal of coaching duties. Corrective actions include but are not limited to a verbal warning, written warning, meeting, complete or seasonal dismissal from the program, depending on severity.

If the SDK Athletic Director determines that dismissal is necessary, the coach will no longer be allowed to participate in practices and cannot be present on the sideline during games. The program will also expect the coach to refrain from communicating with players and families through SDK Football resources, including email lists.

Coaches who have been dismissed for the balance of a season can be eligible to coach the following season, pending review, discussion and approval. This process requires the offending coach to submit, in writing, a formal request for reinstatement. The request must outline the efforts the coach has undertaken to redeem and overcome the cause for previous dismissal. Further discussion between the coach and the Athletic Director may also be necessary.