



Maine South High School Athletics



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As a follow-up to our meeting on Tuesday, July 20th, here are a few talking points, per your request, that need to be addressed/clarified:

- I met with the Maine South Varsity Football staff on Thursday, July 22nd to make them aware of the concerns in the community and reminded the staff that Maine South supports all football programs in the Park Ridge community and that regardless of where our prospective athletes play youth football, they will be given a fair opportunity upon arrival at Maine South. All of our coaches were very receptive to this and were in agreement.
- Per Coach Inserra, **none** of our coaches on the Maine South Staff will be coaching any Fall youth football teams as it aligns with the Maine South FB season.
- With regards to the flyer handed out at camp, we have confirmed that it was NOT created by any member of our coaching staff, but rather the organization. I will be in touch with the organization mentioned in the flyer requesting they keep the Maine South name off of all future Handouts.
- Our coaching staff agreed that they are open to assisting with youth coaching clinics (like in previous years) for all youth programs in the community (in accordance with IHSA guidelines)
- With regards to coaching in the Spring, our coaches choice of who they will coach will be up to the individual. Coach Inserra and myself will ensure that there is equal support for all youth programs during their respective seasons.
- **Park Ridge Youth Football Night**: We ARE still planning to host this during our first football game on Friday, Sep 10, 2021 . Coach Inserra and I are continuing to discuss more in detail of how it will look for our youth programs choosing to participate.
- **Use of Wilson Field for Weekend Games**: I would like to lock down dates and times for the Fall season this week (week of August 2) so that we can plan accordingly with our facilities as we have multiple Park Ridge sport organizations requesting usage. Let me know a good time to discuss this.

If there are any additional questions or concerns that need to be addressed, please feel free to contact me and we will get back to you. We are looking forward to hosting our youth programs on campus and excited for the future of Maine South Football.

Sincerely,

Matt Ryder

Director of Athletics

CC: Dave Inserra