

SOUTHERN REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

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If you have any questions or concerns **AFTER READING** the provided information, please email jlistersrsd.net. Also, keep in mind that **ALL dates and times are subject to change.** Dates with “TENTATIVE” and “TBA” are especially important as we are waiting formal approvals. **ALL Changes and important schedule additions are communicated throughout the summer & season to your student-athlete. Follow @MrListerSRMS on Twitter for updates.**

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2017

Southern Regional Middle School Football

Dear Parents and Players,

Philosophy:

- We are a feeder program that focuses on building a solid 8th grade unit that acquires the fundamentals skills and character traits associated with the game of football at Southern Regional that stays together and plays together from start to finish.
- ALL student-athletes are given the same focus and attention as they are the future of this program.
- Our ultimate aim is progressively assembling an 8th grade team that can transition from 8th grade to 9th grade successfully. This mentality is mirrored in the district's creation of freshmen, sophomore and junior varsity teams. Winning has never been and never will be our primary concern.
- **We are most concerned with teaching our student-athletes the game, the Southern Regional way. A way that does not measure success by wins and losses but by progress and character. We look to instill and reinforce a sense of responsibility and desire, a desire to be the best in everything they do, on and off the field.**

Playing Time:

- ALL 7th & 8th graders ARE PERMITTED to play in games.
- **We place student-athletes in the positions they will experience the most success individually and for the team at the current time.** We assess commitment, skill sets, maturity levels, AND current abilities in making this assessment. **Student-athletes are positioned based on the needs of the team.** Please note that a position played today could change tomorrow, and a position played this season could change next season based on the needs of the team.
- While ALL student-athletes, 7th and 8th, are provided the SAME thorough attention and coaching, not all student-athletes are created equally. The coaching staff never places a student-athlete on the competitive field of play that has not YET exhibited the ability at practice to perform their duties, protect themselves, and protect their teammates.
- No student-athlete is guaranteed playing time.

Thankfully Yours,
The Southern Regional Middle School Coaching Staff

Those in search of weight regulated and/or guaranteed, competitive playing time, please consider looking into **American Youth Football League (AYFL)**:

For more AYFL information, please visit <http://southernramsayf.org/index.html>

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2017 IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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- **May 5 - PHYSICAL PAPERWORK AND PERMITS ARE DUE (DO NOT FORGET TO PROVIDE A CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS) ON OR BEFORE THIS DATE TO THE MAIN OFFICE IF YOU PLAN ON RECEIVING A PHYSICAL FROM THE SCHOOL DOCTOR.** Passes and information are distributed only to student-athletes that submitted properly completed paperwork on time.

*Please note, you CANNOT participate in the summer strength and conditioning program without an UP TO DATE PHYSICAL THAT IS ON FILE WITH THE SCHOOL ON THE SCHOOL ISSUED PAPERWORK. Your physical MUST stay UP TO DATE THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER AND SEASON. Failing to keep your student-athlete's physical up to date will result in an interruption to participation.

- **May 23 - Physicals are provided for current 7th and incoming 7th graders who will play football. Incoming 7th graders MUST CALL and make an appointment with the Athletics Office at 609-597-9481 Ext.4262 by May 5, the same day forms are due. Physicals will occur during the school day from 8AM to 12PM at the Middle School. An UP TO DATE physical MUST be on file at the school in order to participate in the summer program AND the season.**
- **JUNE 1 - A record of a current PHYSICAL ON THE SOUTHERN ISSUED STATE FORM and an ATHLETIC PERMIT must be on file by this date WITH Middle School Athletics to participate in the SUMMER PROGRAM. Spots are limited.**
- **6/5, 6/6, 6/7 - Junior Ram YOUTH Football Camp - Camp is designed for ALL 1st through incoming 8th graders playing or interested in football. The registration form and cost will be made available on <http://athletics.srsd.net/>. Forms and money should be mailed to the address indicated or submitted to the Athletics Office in the 11/12, care of Charles Donohue Jr.**
- **June 20 - August 10 - STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING PROGRAM - This program takes place throughout the summer. Players MUST have a CURRENT PHYSICAL ON THE SOUTHERN ISSUED STATE FORM AND AN ATHLETIC PERMIT filed with the school by June 1st to participate. ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT AND EXPECTED. A total of 12 opportunities are offered. Players are expected to attend and sign in for 10 of them. Player involvement and equipment handout is driven by this attendance. Therefore, any vacations, other sporting camps, employment, etc. should be either scheduled around conditioning or planned in an attempt to minimize player absences. Players with the most credits attained receive equipment first, 8th graders then 7th graders. If extra equipment is available, it will be awarded to those with lesser credits WHEN they have earned the expected credit total.**
- **July 24 through August 4 - The VARSITY COACH RUN CLINICS (TBA) for ALL Middle School Football players takes place on the ANTICIPATED dates noted below from 8AM to 10AM. During these dates, football specific skills and information will be covered as a preview for our camp.**
- **AUGUST 15 - Starts MANDATORY "HEAT ACCLIMATION" & "TRAINING CAMP",** It is ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY that NO players miss these pivotal dates in August, as these are crucial to player safety and development. Players will ease themselves into the rigor of the sport, learn safety techniques, ALL base schemes, and basic program fundamentals needed as a foundation for the season. If ANY time is missed during these two weeks, your student-athlete will lose valuable educational time that he will struggle to attain any other way. It is advised that your student-athlete be present or choose another avenue.

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May 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5 PHYSICAL PAPERWORK and PERMITS ARE DUE TO MAIN OFFICE
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23 Physicals for current <u>7th grade</u> and incoming <u>6th grade players</u> that submitted properly completed paperwork on time	24	25	26
29	30	31		

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June 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 LAST DAY TO SUBMIT UP TO DATE PHYSICAL AND ATHLETIC PERMIT Proof of UP TO DATE Physical and Permit MUST be filed with Middle School Athletics	2
5 Youth Football Camp 6pm-8PM Fields #6 & #7 (Registration Form available on http://athletics.srsd.net/)	6 Youth Football Camp 6pm-8PM Fields #6 & #7 (Registration Form available on http://athletics.srsd.net/)	7 Youth Football Camp 6pm-8PM Fields #6 & #7 (Registration available on http://athletics.srsd.net/)	8 Youth Football Camp Rain Date	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20 CONDO 8AM – 10AM MS Practice Field	21	22 CONDO 8AM – 10AM MS Practice Field	23
26	27 CONDO 8AM – 10AM MS Practice Field	28	29 CONDO 8AM – 10AM MS Practice Field	30

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July 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 CONDO 8AM – 10AM MS Practice Field	5	6 CONDO 8AM – 10AM MS Practice Field	7
10	11 CONDO 8AM – 10AM MS Practice Field	12	13 CONDO 8AM – 10AM MS Practice Field	14
17	18 CONDO 8AM – 10AM MS Practice Field	19	20 CONDO 8AM – 10AM MS Practice Field	21
24	25	26	27	28
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8/15 - Mandatory Attendance Begins

August 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
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7	8 CONDO 8AM – 10AM MS Practice Field	9	10 CONDO 8AM – 10AM MS Practice Field	11
14	15 HEAT ACCLIMATION CONDO 1:30PM – 3:30PM MS Practice Field EQUIPMENT HANDOUT PICK-UP BEHIND THE MS	16 HEAT ACCLIMATION CONDO 1:30PM – 3:30PM MS Practice Field Helmets Only	17 HEAT ACCLIMATION CONDO 1:30PM – 3:30PM MS Practice Field Mouthpieces & Uppers Only	18 HEAT ACCLIMATION CONDO 1:30PM – 3:30PM MS Practice Field Uppers & Helmets Only
<p align="center">8/15 - Mandatory Attendance Begins</p>				
21 PRACTICE 8AM – 9:30AM Offense - Full Gear 10AM – 11:30 Defense – Helmets Only	22 Full Gear PRACTICE 8AM – 9:30AM Defense - Full Gear 10AM – 11:30 Offense - Helmets Only	23 Full Gear PRACTICE 8AM – 9:30AM Offense 10AM – 11:30 Defense	24 Full Gear PRACTICE 8AM – 9:30AM Defense 10AM – 11:30 Offense	25 Full Gear PRACTICE 8AM – 9:30AM Offense 10AM – 11:30 Defense
28 Full Gear PRACTICE 8AM – 9:30AM Defense 10AM – 11:30 Offense	29 Full Gear PRACTICE 8AM – 9:30AM Offense 10AM – 11:30 Defense	30 Full Gear PRACTICE 8AM – 9:30AM Defense 10AM – 11:30 Offense	31 Full Gear PRACTICE 8AM – 9:30AM Defense 10AM – 11:30 Offense	

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September 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Teacher Orientation OFF
4 LABOR DAY OFF	5 1 st DAY BACK FOR STUDENTS Practice Plans TBA	6 Practice Plans TBA	7 Anticipated Game Day	8 PRACTICE 2:15PM – 5PM
11 PRACTICE 2:15PM – 5PM	12 PRACTICE 2:15PM – 5PM	13 PRACTICE 2:15PM – 5PM	14 Anticipated Game Day	15 PRACTICE 2:15PM – 5PM
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25 PRACTICE 2:15PM – 5PM	26 PRACTICE 2:15PM – 5PM	27 PRACTICE 2:15PM – 5PM	28 Anticipated Game Day	29 PRACTICE 2:15PM – 5PM

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October 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 PRACTICE 2:15PM – 5PM	3 PRACTICE 2:15PM – 5PM	4 PRACTICE 2:15PM – 5PM	5 Anticipated Game Day	6 PRACTICE 2:15PM – 5PM
9 PRACTICE 2:15PM – 5PM	10 PRACTICE 2:15PM – 5PM	11 PRACTICE 2:15PM – 5PM	12 Anticipated Game Day	13 PRACTICE 2:15PM – 5PM
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November 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 PRACTICE 2:15PM – 5PM	2 Anticipated Game Day Equipment Collection	3 Obligation Cards Turned into Office for missing Equipment
6	7	8	9	10
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>This week, students are off for the NJEA Convention; however, in the past, we have had to make-up games during this week. Please be aware that we may hold practice and play a game this week.</p> </div>				
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20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	