

Seymour Wildcat Athletic Department Virtual Coaching Guidelines

Expectations

- As of now, the virtual coaching window will be open from June 1-August 17.
- Player participation is voluntary (players cannot be coerced or penalized for non-participation).
- All players must comply with CIAC guidelines, having an updated physical on file in Family ID, and must also meet academic eligibility standards.
- A coach must not suggest at any point to physically gather with any other teammates to perform any type of activities as this would be a direct violation of the social distancing ordinances.
- A coach must not engage in 1-to-1 virtual meetings with a player for any reason.
 - Always have a second coach present during such meetings.
- There will be no in-person meetings/sessions at any point during the virtual coaching window, even if social distancing guidelines are eased. Directives as to when players and coaches can meet will come directly from the school administration.
- As a mandated reporter, if a coach witnesses or suspects anything concerning in regards to a player, the coach must:
 - Notify the athletic director or assistant athletic director immediately.
 - File an initial report to the Dept. of Children and Families within 24 hours, by calling 1 (800) 842-2288.
 - Submit a written [Report of Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect](#) within 48 hours of the initial report.
- Players should not be required to purchase any equipment to engage in virtual sessions.
- All school and athletic rules apply during any virtual coaching/training sessions, as outlined by the [SHS Athletic Handbook](#).

Acceptable means of communication between coaches and players/families.

- Google Meets
- Zoom
- Skype
- Phone/email correspondence

Acceptable Virtual Coaching Activities

Utilizing the acceptable means of communication listed above, coaches are permitted to:

- Host team meetings
- Review playbooks
- Facilitate team-building sessions
- Analysis of game/practice film through Hudl (as in typical in-season film sessions)
- Facilitate sport-specific drills and/or conditioning sessions, provided that:
 - No purchase of equipment required
 - Safety precautions are reviewed for such sessions
 - Injuries are reported, following normal department procedure (Google Form)

****NO VIDEOS OF ATHLETES SHOULD BE UPLOADED OR STORED FOR ANY REASON****

For specific guidelines on virtual meetings, please review the [Seymour Distance Learning Etiquette](#) document.