



Mudsock Knights



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2024 KNIGHTS FOOTBALL INFORMATIONAL SHEET

Background:

The Knights program was founded in 1999 to provide youth football players in the Mudsock program an opportunity to compete against other community programs in Indiana. The program was founded on a high standard of work ethic and performance. Over the years, the Knights program has been considered as the gold standard with teams playing in multiple title games and capturing 5 State Championships. A significant element of the Knights' tradition over the years is that the athletes are strongly encouraged to carry the same work ethic and performance into their classrooms and to exhibit leadership in their everyday lives. Being selected to the Knights is a special honor and responsibility.

League:

The Knights compete in the Gridiron Developmental League, represented by community teams throughout Central Indiana. Any player in the 4th, 5th, or 6th grade that will not reach his 13th birthday prior to June 1 is eligible.

Competition:

Participation on the Knights demands a high-level of youth football competition. The players will be expected to put forth maximum effort at all practices and games. This level of competition allows for an accelerated development of the players' knowledge of the game on both sides of the ball. As coaches, we will remain committed to emphasize strong fundamentals in all aspects of the game. Knights players will be expected to comprehend sophisticated techniques and duties in all phases of the game. There is not a better way to prepare for junior high and high school football.

Coaching Staff:

The Knights' coaching staff is to be the most dedicated, organized, prepared and motivational coaching staff in the State.

Team Selection:

The Knights program is competitive by design. The goal is to assemble the best possible combination of players that will provide the overall program the opportunity to compete for league championships. The Knights limits rosters to no more than 40 players. Final roster cuts will take place following the last tryout. The Final Roster will be determined by the coaching staff. Selection criteria will include both tangible and intangible considerations such as size, speed, athletic ability, toughness, leadership, awareness, attitude, and effort. Playing time is not guaranteed.

Time Commitment:

The Knights will practice 3 nights a week with games on Saturday afternoons. During the preseason (first two weeks), the Knights will practice 4 nights. While the Knights is considered one team, there will be an "A Team Game" on Saturdays and a "B Team Game" following the A game or as scheduled. The goal of the "B Team Games" is to assure all players get the opportunity to gain playing experience. The Knights' schedule does not contemplate Fall Break and all players are expected to remain in attendance for practice and games. Perfect attendance should be everyone's expectation.

Costs:

In addition to the fees associated with participating in the Mudsock Youth Football Program, there is an additional charge of \$375 to participate in the Knights Program. This additional fee covers various items, including team events, uniforms, equipment, league fees, practice jerseys, awards, etc. Spirit wear will be made available for purchase to parents as well.

Key Dates:

- Knights Tryouts – November 6-8; 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at Mudsock Fields
- Team Announcement – By November 10
- Optional Knights Football Clinics – Jan / Feb / Mar / April / May / June (TBD)

Following events, dates TBD

- Parent & Player Meeting – November
- Knights Service Event – December
- Mandatory Coaches / Parent & Player Meeting – 3rd or 4th Monday in June
- Knights Practices begin – Monday, 2-3rd week of July
- Knights Meet the Team & Picnic
- Knights Camp (Fri-Sun), Rose Hulman College
- GDL Weigh-In & Scrimmage
- GDL Kickoff Classic (First Game)
- GDL Playoffs Begin
- GDL State Championship
- Knights Player Banquet