

Head Coach Tyson Ditmore is happy to return to Horizon after his most recent coaching job at Glendale Mountain Ridge High School, where he served as the associate head coach and defensive coordinator. Now in his eighth year of coaching, Ditmore's career has spanned multiple facets of the game, both as a player and a coach.

Ditmore played as a wide receiver, running back, and defensive back at Las Cruces High School (New Mexico), helping his team to victory in the 2002 5A state championship. He continued his career into the college arena, playing safety for four years for the University of New Mexico under the tutelage of Rocky Long. Ditmore's college play culminated in UNM's win over Nevada in the 2007 New Mexico Bowl championship, and he continued to excel in the sport as he played for two years in the Arena Indoor Football League as a jack linebacker, eventually becoming an on-field player coach.

After a post-university career in the medical device sales field, Coach Ditmore felt a calling to return to the sport he loves, earning his post-baccalaureate degree in Special Education and embarking on his coaching career. His coaching experiences began at his alma mater in Las Cruces, quickly growing to new opportunities in Arizona, first at Paradise Valley High School and then on to Horizon. While coaching the Huskies, Ditmore coordinated the special teams, coached safeties, and was the JV head coach; his proudest moments came when he was part of the coaching staff for the 2021 5A state championship team.

As his players can attest, Coach has a firm "tough love" policy on the field, but a caring, open-office approach off it. He knows the value of hard work, and will push his players to excellence, though he makes it a top priority to communicate with his athletes at all times.

When he's not on the field or with his physical education classes at Horizon, Coach Ditmore can be found with his girlfriend Nicole (and his Goldendoodle puppy, Mavis) at just about any outdoor sporting event in the beautiful Arizona sunshine.

Coaching History

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| 2023-2024 | Mountain Ridge High School (Glendale, Arizona) <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Associate Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator |
| 2021-2023 | Horizon High School (Scottsdale, Arizona) <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Special Teams Coordinator● Safeties Coach● JV Head Coach |

- 2019-2021 Paradise Valley High School (Phoenix, Arizona)
- Freshman Head Coach
- 2008-2009 Las Cruces High School (Las Cruces, New Mexico)
- JV Defensive Coordinator
 - Running Backs/Defensive Backs Coach
- 2007-2008 Manzano High School (Albuquerque, New Mexico)
- Defensive Backs Coach

Player Highlights

- 2009 Player Coach/Defensive Coordinator (AIF, New Mexico Wildcats)
- 2008-2009 Two-Year Team Captain (AIF, New Mexico Wildcats)
- 2004-2007 Safety (University of New Mexico)
- Three bowl game appearances
 - 2007 New Mexico Bowl Champions
- 2001-2004 Las Cruces High School (Las Cruces, New Mexico)
- 2002 5A State Champions