

Jackson Berger

Defensive Football Coach | Linebackers | Player Development | JSerra Catholic

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Biography

Jackson Berger is a football coach currently serving as an Assistant Linebackers Coach and JV Defensive Coordinator at JSerra Catholic High School in the Trinity League. His coaching philosophy is built around preparation, accountability, attention to detail, and developing players both on and off the field.

Berger began his coaching career at Palos Verdes High School, where he spent two seasons working with the varsity linebackers and one season as JV Defensive Coordinator. During his time at Palos Verdes, the program captured the 2024 CIF Division 2-A State Championship and returned to the CIF Southern Section Division 3 Championship Game in 2025.

In 2026, Berger joined the new, highly touted, NFL-rich staff at JSerra, taking the next step in his coaching career by entering one of the most competitive high school football environments in the country. His current responsibilities include linebacker development, defensive game planning, opponent scouting and film breakdown, tendency analysis, situational preparation, and coordinating the JV defense.

Berger believes great coaching starts with relationships and trust but is sustained through high standards and consistent preparation. His approach emphasizes teaching players the “why” behind their assignments, developing football IQ, playing with discipline and physicality, and preparing athletes to recognize and solve problems on the field rather than simply memorize calls.

As a young coach, Berger is committed to continually developing his knowledge of defensive football, learning from experienced coaches, and taking on responsibilities that contribute to the success of the entire program. His long-term goal is to continue progressing through the coaching profession while positively impacting the players and programs he has the opportunity to serve.

COACHING CAREER

Defensive Assistant / Linebackers — JSerra Catholic High School

| Football | 2026

Currently serving as an Assistant Linebackers Coach and JV Defensive Coordinator at JSerra Catholic High School, competing in the Trinity League, one of the premier high school football conferences in the country. Work with the varsity defensive staff in the development and preparation of the linebacker unit.

Responsible for defensive game planning, installation, weekly preparation, and in-game adjustments while developing younger players for future varsity roles. Contribute to varsity opponent scouting and film breakdown, identifying offensive personnel, formations, tendencies, situational concepts, and potential game-plan opportunities.

Key Responsibilities:

- Assistant Linebackers Coach – Varsity
- Defensive Coordinator – JV
- Linebacker development and position-specific instruction
- Opponent film breakdown and tendency analysis

- Weekly defensive game planning and preparation
- Defensive installation and practice preparation
- Situational scouting, including red zone and goal-line analysis
- Development of younger players for progression to the varsity level
- Compete within the Trinity League against nationally recognized programs and high-level collegiate prospects

Defensive Assistant / Linebackers — Palos Verdes High School

| Football | 2024 - 2025

Served two seasons at Palos Verdes High School as the Varsity Linebackers Coach and JV Defensive Coordinator, contributing to one of the most successful stretches in program history. In 2024, helped Palos Verdes capture the CIF Division 2-A State Championship, working with the varsity defense and linebacker unit throughout the championship run. The following season, helped the program return to postseason contention and reach the 2025 CIF Southern Section Division 3 Championship Game.

In addition to varsity linebacker responsibilities, served as the JV Defensive Coordinator, overseeing defensive game planning, installation, player development, and in-game adjustments. Worked extensively with developing younger players for the varsity level while gaining experience in opponent scouting, defensive scheme development, position-specific instruction, and weekly game preparation.

Key Accomplishments

- 2024 CIF Division 2-A State Champion
 - 2025 CIF Southern Section Division 3 Finalist
 - Two seasons as Varsity Linebackers Coach
 - One season as JV Defensive Coordinator
 - Contributed to defensive game planning, opponent scouting, and weekly preparation
 - Developed linebackers and younger defensive players for advancement within the program
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