

Mario Castillo

#### Coach's Bio

Mario Castillo is entering his eleventh year of coaching football at the high school level. Coach Castillo has served as an assistant coach for the Rancho Mirage High School Rattler's Football Team since its inaugural year. "It has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my career as a coach working alongside our head coach, Coach Matthews, to construct a team that exemplifies the values of personal sacrifice, hard work, teamwork and a commitment to excellence on the field and in the classroom."

Coach Castillo began his coaching career at Coachella Valley High School where he served as a positions coach (offensive and defensive lines), at all three levels (freshmen, J.V., and Varsity), from 2004-2012. Coach Castillo served as a defensive and offensive coordinator at the freshmen and J.V. levels in 2004 and from 2008-2012. Coach Castillo also served from 2009-2011 as the freshmen head coach and as the J.V. head coach in 2012. In 2013, Coach Castillo joined the Rattler's family and served as the defensive line coach. 2014 saw Coach Castillo serve as the Varsity Team's Defensive Line Coach. This year, Coach Castillo is proud to serve as the J.V. Football Team's Head Coach and Defensive Coordinator. He will also reprise his role as the Varsity Team's Defensive Line Coach.

Coach Castillo was born and raised in the Coachella Valley. A proud graduate of Coachella Valley High School, Mario Castillo completed his undergraduate education at the College of the Desert and University of California, Irvine where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. Coach Castillo earned his credentialing degree from Chapman University and the California State University, San Bernardino. He has worked as a social studies teacher for sixteen years, working at Mecca Middle School, Coachella Valley High School and Palm Desert High School.

Mr. Castillo will begin working as a social studies teacher at Rancho Mirage High School in 2015, which will allow him to have a greater role in his players' lives. "I'll be able to work closely with the school's teachers, counselors, administrators, coaches, secretaries, service personnel, custodians and security personnel to monitor the academic progress and on-campus behavior of both the football and track & field student-athletes I work with," Coach Castillo says. Coach Castillo possesses a driving motivation to help his players reach their academic and athletic goals and he is therefore glad to be on campus to be available for his student-athletes whenever they need aid.

Coach Castillo believes that athletic participation by members of the student body is an integral part to promoting academic success, school spirit, pride in one's community, and social responsibility. The characteristics that a coach can impart to a young person such as teamwork, good sportsmanship, responsibility, integrity, personal improvement and the determination to finish what you start are qualities that they can carry with them and use for the rest of their lives.