

NFL

# For the Vikings, a full house

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Over the years, TV revenue, attendance and player contracts are not the only areas to grow as the NFL has grown in popularity. So have coaching staffs. Bud Grant's group in the 1960s could fit in a van. Now most coaching staffs surpass two dozen people, and the Vikings in 2022 under Kevin O'Connell are up to 29. Who makes up the new coaching staff for the Vikings? Where did they come from? How does it stack up against the rest of the league? Here's a brief introduction:



**KEVIN O'CONNELL**  
HEAD COACH

Won Super Bowl as Rams offensive coordinator in 2021; spent two years in Los Angeles (2020-21), three in Washington (2017-19), one in San Francisco (2016) and one in Cleveland (2015).



**MIKE PETTINE**

ASST. HEAD COACH  
Former Browns head coach (2014-15) and defensive coordinator for the Jets (2009-12), Bills (2013) and Packers (2018-20).



**WES PHILLIPS**

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR  
Passing game coordinator for Rams in 2021; coached tight ends 2013-21.



**ED DONATELL**

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR  
Has 31 years of NFL experience; won Super Bowls in 1997 and 1998 with the Broncos.



**MATT DANIELS**

SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR  
Spent past two seasons as assistant special teams coordinator in Dallas.

OFFENSE

SPECIAL TEAMS



**BEN KOTWICA**

ASSISTANT COACH  
WIDE RECEIVERS COACH  
First season with Vikings; 15 years of NFL experience, two as coordinator in Atlanta, 2019-20; former Army helicopter pilot.



**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**GRANT UDINSKI**

ASSISTANT TO HEAD COACH  
Assisted in Carolina (2020-21); former Academic All-America and defensive end at Towson.



**BRIAN ANGELICHIO**

TE/PASSING GAME COORDINATOR  
Worked in Green Bay from 2016-18; spent 2019 with Washington and 2020-21 with Carolina.



**RYAN CORDELL**

PASSING GAME SPECIALIST  
Worked as assistant in Cleveland (2019-21) and across departments in San Francisco (2014-18).



**JERROD JOHNSON**

ASSISTANT QB COACH  
Former Diversity Coaching Fellow in Indianapolis and San Francisco.



**CHRIS KUPER**

OFFENSIVE LINE COACH  
Played collegiately at North Dakota; worked under Mike Munchak in Denver from 2019-21.



**KEENAN MCCARDELL**

WIDE RECEIVERS COACH  
Back for a second season after stints in Washington and Jacksonville; 17-year NFL player.



**CURTIS MODKINS**

RUNNING GAME COORDINATOR  
Coached running backs for Denver (2018-21); offensive coordinator for Buffalo (2010-12) and San Francisco (2016).



**DERRON MONTGOMERY**

QUALITY CONTROL SPECIALIST  
First season in NFL; Arizona, Georgia and Michigan are among his college coaching stops.



**CHRIS O'HARA**

QUARTERBACKS COACH  
Worked with O'Connell in Washington from 2017-19 and with the Los Angeles Rams in 2021.



**JUSTIN RASCATI**

ASST. OFFENSIVE LINE COACH  
On staff with Kuper in Denver from 2019-21; played quarterback at James Madison.



**TONY SORRENTINO**

ASST. WR COACH  
Spent 2019-21 at Northern Illinois; four seasons in NFL with the Jaguars (2013-16).

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

DEFENSE



**JOSH HINGST**

DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERFORMANCE  
In second year with Vikings after serving in same role in Philadelphia 2013-20.



**MARQUIS JOHNSON**

ASSISTANT PLAYER PERFORMANCE  
In second season with Vikings; worked in San Francisco from 2017-18.



**ROY ANDERSON**

ASST. DB COACH/SAFETIES COACH  
16 years of NFL experience, past two with Vikings; also coached in Chicago, Indianapolis.



**STEVE DONATELL**

QUALITY CONTROL  
Son of defensive coordinator; first NFL coaching job; was defensive analyst with Stanford from 2019-21.



**DARONTE JONES**

DEFENSIVE BACKS COACH  
Returns to coaching staff after a season at LSU; spent 2020 with Vikings.



**GREG MANUSKY**

INSIDE LB COACH  
Former Vikings linebacker (1991-93) has 32 years of NFL experience; spent 2020-21 at Kentucky.



**DERIK KEYES**

ASST. DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERFORMANCE  
Enters fifth season with Vikings, the longest tenure on staff. Spent 2013-16 with Cleveland.



**DAN RIDENOUR**

SPORTS SCIENCE COORDINATOR  
Was assistant director of Nebraska's Athletics Performance Lab focused on health, training, rehab, tech and training integration in 2021.



**CHRIS RUMPH**

DEFENSIVE LINE COACH  
Spent 18 seasons at Division I college level and past two seasons in NFL, at Chicago last season and Houston in 2020.



**SAM SIEFKES**

ASST. LB COACH  
Worked as quality control coach for Vikings in 2021; former grad assistant at Wisconsin; coached at Wisconsin-La Crosse, his alma mater.



**MIKE SMITH**

OLB COACH/PASS RUSH SPECIALIST  
Worked with Pettine in Green Bay (2019-20), where he coached new Viking Za'Darius Smith; spent three seasons in Kansas City.



**A'LIQUE TERRY**

ASST. DEFENSIVE LINE COACH  
First NFL season; served as assistant at Hawaii and Oregon. Played offensive line at Wake Forest.