

ROCKET CITY FALCONS BASKETBALL

Coach and Volunteer Application

2026–2027 Season · Please print clearly

Rocket City Falcons Basketball is a non-profit 501(c)(3) athletic organization providing a Christ-centered basketball experience for home-school families in the Huntsville area. This application is required annually of every head coach, assistant coach, Director, locker room chaperone, and screened volunteer. A completed application from a prior season does not carry forward.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full legal name _____ Date of birth _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Cell phone _____ Home phone _____

Email _____ Text OK ☐ Yes ☐ No

Role applied for (check all that apply):

☐ Head Coach ☐ Assistant Coach ☐ Board Director ☐ Locker Room Chaperone ☐ Volunteer ☐ Driver

Team(s) or age group(s) preferred (10U / 12U / 14U / 16U / 18U, boys or girls) _____

Are you the parent or guardian of a current or prospective RCF athlete? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Name(s): _____

2. BACKGROUND SCREENING

Do not write your Social Security number on this form. Rocket City Falcons uses Protect My Ministry, an independent third-party screening service. After this application is received, you will get an email from Protect My Ministry with a secure link where you will enter your identifying information, including your Social Security number, directly into their system. The Club never sees, collects, or stores that number.

Screening is repeated annually. Results are reviewed only by the Club President — or by the Vice President where the President is the applicant or shares a household with the applicant — and remain in the vendor's system.

Residence history

A statewide Alabama criminal search does not reach records in other states. List every state and county where you have lived within the past seven years, other than Madison County, Alabama, so that the correct county searches can be added.

County

State

Approximate dates

3. REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

Answer every question. An answer of “yes” to questions 6 through 9 does not automatically disqualify you; those are reviewed individually. An answer of “yes” to questions 1 through 5, or to question 10 or 11, disqualifies an applicant from any role with athlete contact.

1. Have you ever been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or pleaded no contest to any sexual offense?	☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Have you ever been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or pleaded no contest to any offense against a child, including child abuse, neglect, endangerment, or exploitation?	☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Have you ever been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or pleaded no contest to any offense involving violence against a person?	☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Are you now, or have you ever been, required to register on any sex offender registry?	☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Has any child protection or human services agency in any state ever made a substantiated finding of child abuse or neglect against you, whether or not criminal charges followed?	☐ Yes ☐ No
6. Have you been convicted of driving under the influence within the past five years?	☐ Yes ☐ No
7. Have you ever been convicted of a drug-related offense?	☐ Yes ☐ No
8. Have you ever been convicted of an offense involving theft, fraud, or dishonesty?	☐ Yes ☐ No
9. Are any criminal charges currently pending against you?	☐ Yes ☐ No
10. Have you ever been removed, terminated, suspended, asked to resign, or declined from any paid or volunteer position involving children or youth?	☐ Yes ☐ No
11. Are you currently the subject of any investigation involving a minor?	☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered “yes” to any question above, describe the circumstances, including dates and jurisdiction. Attach a separate page if needed.

You must notify the President within 72 hours if, at any time during your service, you are arrested or charged with any offense, or if any agency makes a finding against you. Participation is paused pending a new screening and review.

4. EXPERIENCE AND APPROACH

Experience in basketball as a player, coach, or volunteer:

Your philosophy on coaching and leadership, and how you handle players, parents, and volunteers:

5. STATEMENT OF FAITH AND CHURCH

Coaches and Directors affirm the Rocket City Falcons Statement of Faith, provided with this application, and are active participants in a Christian church.

Church name _____ City / State _____

How long have you attended, and in what capacity are you involved?

Briefly describe your Christian faith:

☐ I have read and I affirm the Rocket City Falcons Statement of Faith.

6. REFERENCES

Provide two references who can speak to your character and to your ability in the role you are seeking. Do not list a relative or a member of your household. The Club contacts at least one reference for every new applicant.

Reference 1

Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Years known _____

Reference 2

Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Years known _____

7. TRANSPORTATION (COMPLETE ONLY IF YOU MAY DRIVE ATHLETES)

Coaches and volunteers may transport athletes who are not their own children only with written parent permission and never one-on-one. A second adult or second athlete must always be in the vehicle.

Do you expect to transport athletes? ☐ Yes ☐ No License state _____

Auto insurance carrier _____ Policy expires _____

☐ **I hold a valid driver's license and current auto liability insurance, and I will notify the President if either lapses.**

8. AUTHORIZATION, ACKNOWLEDGMENT, AND SIGNATURE

By signing below, I confirm each of the following:

☐ Everything I have stated on this application is true and complete. I understand that a false or incomplete answer is itself grounds for rejection or removal, regardless of what it concerns.

☐ I authorize Rocket City Falcons Basketball to obtain a background check through Protect My Ministry, and to repeat that check annually for as long as I serve.

☐ I authorize the Club to contact the references I have listed, and to review my publicly visible social media accounts.

☐ I have received, read, and signed the Rocket City Falcons Child Protection Policy, and I agree to follow it in full.

☐ I will report any suspicion of child abuse or neglect directly to law enforcement or the Department of Human Resources immediately, and notify the President the same day. I understand that I do not need anyone's permission to make that report, and that no one may ask me to delay it.

☐ I will notify the President within 72 hours of any arrest, criminal charge, or agency finding involving me during my service.

☐ I understand that I may not coach, supervise, chaperone, or transport athletes until my screening and my annual child safety and concussion training are complete and uploaded to DragonFly MAX.

☐ I understand that I serve at the discretion of the RCF Board of Directors and may be suspended or removed at its determination.

Printed name

Date

Signature

Season