

ROCKET CITY FALCONS BASKETBALL

2026–2027 Participation Packet

Application · Emergency & Medical Information · Code of Conduct · Waiver & Release · Consents

1. Our Mission and Purpose

Rocket City Falcons Basketball exists to provide competitive basketball to homeschool families in the Huntsville, Alabama area in a distinctly Christ-centered environment. We field 10U, Middle School (12U and 14U), Junior Varsity (16U), and Varsity (18U) teams for both boys and girls as participation allows, and we compete in the Mid South Home School Athletic Conference (MHAC).

Our purpose is not only to develop basketball players. It is to point our athletes — and everyone who watches them — to Christ. We want our players to compete hard, improve measurably, enjoy the game, and carry themselves in a way that honors God in victory and in defeat. Every commitment in this packet exists to serve that purpose.

Rocket City Falcons Basketball is a non-profit athletic organization governed by the RCF Board of Directors and served by coaches, assistant coaches, and volunteers who profess Christian belief. The program is self-funded through participation fees, fundraising, sponsorships, and donations.

2. Term, Scope, and What This Packet Covers

Term. This Agreement applies to the 2026–2027 Rocket City Falcons season, **September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027**, and remains in effect for that period unless replaced in writing. This Agreement also covers any evaluation, tryout, or skills-training session in which my child participates before September 1, 2026 in preparation for the 2026–2027 season, and takes effect on the date I sign it.

Scope. “Program activities” means all Rocket City Falcons activities at any location, including tryouts and evaluations, off-season and summer skills-training sessions, practices, scrimmages, home and away games, conference and post-season tournaments, team travel, team meetings, and team service or social events.

One packet, one signature. This document replaces the separate RCF Application and Emergency Contact form, Player Agreement, and Liability Waiver used in prior seasons. Sections 3 through 14 are all part of a single agreement; the signature page at Section 15 covers all of them.

Also required before an athlete may practice or compete: (a) a completed pre-participation physical examination form dated on or after **April 1, 2026**, and (b) the RCF Concussion Information Sheet, which is provided with this packet for your records.

3. Player Information

Player's Full Name		Preferred Name	
Date of Birth		Grade in 2026–27	
Sex	☐ Male ☐ Female	Division	☐ 10U ☐ 12U ☐ 14U ☐ 16U ☐ 18U
Player's Cell		Text OK?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Player's Email		Seasons with RCF	
Street Address			
City		State / ZIP	
Cover School			

4. Eligibility

As an MHAC member program, RCF follows the eligibility guidelines published by the National Christian Homeschool Championships (NCHC). NCHC eligibility requires that the student-athlete be home-educated and that a parent maintain the role of headmaster and curricular director for at least 51% of the student's education. Full-time enrollment in a traditional public or private school — including a hybrid or university-model school that exceeds NCHC limits — is not recognized as homeschooling, because educational direction in those schools is not parent-directed. Guidelines: nchcclive.com/guidelines

Please check each box to confirm:

- ☐ The player is home-educated and a parent maintains the role of headmaster and curricular director for at least 51% of the player's education as defined by NCHC / MHAC eligibility guidelines.
- ☐ The player began the 2026–2027 school year in homeschool and will be continuously homeschooled through the season.
- ☐ The player maintains a 2.0 GPA or better and is academically eligible to participate.
- ☐ A completed pre-participation physical examination form has been submitted to RCF, or will be submitted before the player's first practice.

5. Parent / Guardian Information

Parent / Guardian 1

Full Name		Relationship to Player	
Same address as player?	☐ Yes ☐ No	Primary Number	☐ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Work
Cell		Text OK?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Home		Work	
Email			
Address (if different from player's)			

Parent / Guardian 2

Full Name		Relationship to Player	
Same address as player?	☐ Yes ☐ No	Primary Number	☐ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Work
Cell		Text OK?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Home		Work	
Email			
Address (if different from player's)			

6. Emergency Contacts and Medical Information

Emergency contacts should be adults other than the parents/guardians listed in Section 5.

Emergency Contact 1		Relationship	
Phone 1		Phone 2	
Emergency Contact 2		Relationship	
Phone 1		Phone 2	
Physician's Name		Physician's Phone	
Insurance Carrier		Policy Number	

Health insurance in force?	☐ Yes ☐ No	Date of last tetanus shot	
Allergies (food, medication, insect, other) — write “none” if none			
Current medications and dosages — write “none” if none			
Chronic conditions (asthma, diabetes, seizures, heart condition, prior concussion, etc.)			
Prior injuries or surgeries a coach or first responder should know about			

7. Authorization and Release of Liability

I am the parent or legal guardian of the player named in Section 3, and I authorize my child's participation in the Rocket City Falcons Basketball Program (“RCF” or “the Program”). I understand that participation is voluntary and is not required for the completion of any school, program, or government requirement.

I understand and agree that participation necessarily involves the risk of injury, including serious injury and death, from causes that include but are not limited to:

- accidents, falls, and collisions with other participants, officials, equipment, walls, or floors;
- strenuous and prolonged physical activity, overuse injury, dehydration, and heat illness;
- illness, including communicable illness contracted from other participants or spectators;
- head, neck, and spinal injury, including concussion;
- defects or hazards in the playing area, facility, or equipment;
- weather-related conditions, and travel to and from Program activities; and
- the ordinary negligence of coaches, officials, volunteers, and other participants.

ON BEHALF OF MY CHILD, MY FAMILY, AND MYSELF, I KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY ASSUME THESE RISKS.

In consideration of my child's participation in the Program, and on behalf of my child, myself, and other family members, I release, discharge, hold harmless, and indemnify Rocket City Falcons Basketball and its directors, board members, officers, coaches, volunteers, insurers, agents, and representatives, together with participating host facilities, sponsors, vendors, officials, drivers, and other participating organizations, and I covenant not to sue them, as to any and all claims for personal injury to my child, property damage, medical expenses, and economic loss arising directly or indirectly out of my child's participation in Program activities, or out of any first aid, medical care, or treatment provided to my child in connection with those activities. This release is intended to be construed as broadly as the law allows.

Governing law and severability. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Alabama. Any dispute arising under it shall be brought in the state or federal courts located in Madison County, Alabama. If any provision is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions remain in full force and effect. This Agreement is binding on me, my child, and our family, heirs, next of kin, legal representatives, beneficiaries, successors, and assigns.

8. Participation and Safety

I represent that my child is in good health and physically able to participate in strenuous and prolonged physical activity. I understand that RCF may request health information about my child or ask that my child undergo a medical examination. If RCF determines that my child has a physical, mental, or other condition that may affect their ability to participate safely and appropriately — or that may affect the safety of other participants — RCF may determine that my child cannot participate. I understand that while RCF wants every child to be able to play, such decisions may have to be made in the best interests of my child and of other participants.

I agree to inform RCF promptly, in writing, of any change to my child's health, medications, allergies, or physical restrictions during the season.

9. Consent to Medical Treatment and Financial Responsibility

If my child is injured or becomes ill during Program activities and I am not present to make medical decisions, I authorize RCF and its staff, coaches, assistant coaches, volunteers, supervisors, and drivers to arrange for and consent on my behalf to emergency medical and dental care and treatment, including examinations, tests, radiological studies, surgery, hospital care, and medications for pain or other conditions as prescribed by the medical personnel attending my child.

I understand that RCF carries a commercial general liability policy that includes limited excess accident medical coverage for participants. This coverage is excess, not primary: my own health insurance applies first, and the RCF coverage responds only to eligible expenses remaining after my insurance has paid. RCF does not provide primary health, accident, or dental insurance for my child. I am responsible for all costs of any medical, dental, hospital, ambulance, or other care provided to my child that this coverage does not pay, whether or not that care was arranged by RCF, and I agree to maintain health insurance coverage for my child or to accept full financial responsibility in its absence. Coverage limits, terms, conditions, and exclusions are set by the policy and may change; a current certificate of insurance is available from the RCF Board on request.

I agree that RCF will make reasonable efforts to reach me and my listed emergency contacts, and that a failure to reach me will not delay necessary emergency care.

10. Transportation

I authorize my child to travel to and from Program activities, including away games and tournaments, in vehicles operated by RCF coaches, RCF volunteers, or other RCF parents, and I accept the risks inherent in that travel. I understand that RCF does not own vehicles and does not employ drivers, and that RCF is not responsible for the condition of, or the manner in which, any private vehicle is operated. I will inform the coach in writing if I do not wish my child to ride with anyone other than a person I designate.

11. Media Permission

I understand that RCF personnel, and photographers engaged by RCF, may take photographs and video of my child during Program activities. I grant RCF permission to publish that material in RCF social media accounts, on the RCF website, and in other RCF promotional and print materials. I understand that no compensation is owed for this use.

RCF will not publish my child's contact information, home address, or date of birth alongside their image. Routine roster, jersey-number, statistics, and game-recognition posts that include a player's name are permitted.

I understand that RCF cannot control images or video captured by other families, spectators, opposing programs, MHAC, or independent photographers, and that this permission speaks only to RCF's own use.

12. Concussion Acknowledgment

I have received and read the RCF Concussion Information Sheet provided with this packet and also available at rocketcityfalconsbasketball.org. I understand that a concussion is a brain injury, that all concussions are potentially serious, and that most sports concussions occur without loss of consciousness.

I understand and agree to the RCF concussion policy: any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion will be removed immediately from the practice, game, or other Program activity, and may not return to any Program activity until RCF has received written clearance from a licensed healthcare provider qualified to evaluate and manage concussion. Any coach, official, or health care professional may remove an athlete from activity on suspicion of concussion; only a licensed healthcare provider may clear the athlete's return. When in doubt, the athlete sits out.

I agree to notify my child's coach promptly if my child is diagnosed with, or evaluated for, a concussion sustained in any setting, including outside of RCF activities.

13. Fees, Fundraising, and Equipment

The Program is self-funded. Participation fees are set by the Board each season and published in the RCF Fee Schedule, which is provided with this packet. Fees include a team fee that varies by age division, a uniform fee, and a warmup fee. I agree to pay every fee applicable to my child by the due dates stated in the Fee Schedule. I understand that participation fees are non-refundable, including in the event of injury, illness, voluntary withdrawal, or suspension or removal for conduct I agree to participate in team fundraising to the extent I am able.

Financial hardship should never be the reason a child cannot play. Families needing assistance including payment plans are encouraged to contact the RCF Board confidentially at info@rocketcityfalcons.com.

14. Code of Conduct

As a Rocket City Falcons athlete, I will:

- give my best effort in every practice and every game;
- be on time and present for every team event, or communicate with my coach beforehand about conflicts or emergencies;
- respect the authority and judgment of my coaches and the officials;
- support and respect my teammates and my opponents;
- raise concerns or questions with my coach respectfully and directly;
- leave locker rooms and practice areas clean, at home and on the road;
- maintain a 2.0 GPA or better and remain academically eligible;
- practice good sportsmanship and represent RCF positively at all times; and
- recognize that my conduct in competition and on my own time affects my reputation, RCF's reputation, and my witness for Christ. I commit to a Christian lifestyle in my language, dress, and personal and social relationships, including social media. I understand that conduct judged to reflect poorly on RCF may be answerable to the RCF Board of Directors, with the possibility of suspension or removal from RCF athletics.

As the parent or guardian of an RCF athlete, I will:

- offer positive support for my child, the coaches, and the team at every athletic event;
- respect the authority and judgment of the RCF Board, the coaches, and the officials;
- raise any concern privately with the coach first, by phone, text, email or appointment, and then with the RCF Board president if it remains unresolved — never during a practice or game, and not within 24 hours of a contest;
- teach and model good sportsmanship and represent RCF positively;
- pay the non-refundable participation fee on time and support team fundraising;
- see that my child attends practices and team events, and communicate with the coaching staff when circumstances prevent attendance;
- hold my child accountable to the athlete commitments above;
- refrain, at all team activities and in transit, from language that demeans any participant, profanity, arguing with officials or coaches, reckless driving, and the use of alcohol or tobacco products; and
- recognize that my conduct at RCF events affects my reputation, RCF's reputation, and my witness for Christ. I commit to a Christian lifestyle in my language, dress, and interactions with officials, coaches, and players, and I understand that conduct judged to reflect poorly on RCF may be answerable to the RCF Board, with the possibility of my child's suspension or removal from RCF athletics.

Dress Code

RCF serves boys' and girls' teams and families who hold differing views of acceptable dress. Our aim is a simple standard of modesty that keeps the environment safe and comfortable for every family and complies with conference rules.

- Athletes wear the practice or game uniform issued by RCF.
- Apparel may not display logos, slogans, or images that contradict Christian values.

- Form-fitting garments — spandex, compression shorts or tops, leggings — are worn under shorts or under looser apparel, not as an outer layer.
- Undergarments must remain fully concealed. Sleeveless shirts are permitted if the armholes are cut small enough that undergarments stay covered.
- Shirts must cover the midriff at all times, including with arms raised.
- Any garment visible beneath the game uniform must match the uniform color.
- Warmups are worn on game day and worn as intended — not sagging, unzipped to the waist, or removed before the team does so together.
- All jewelry, including watches, necklaces, earrings, and other piercings, must be removed for practices and games. Medical-alert bracelets and necklaces are permitted and must be secured or taped as the officials direct.

Examples of Conduct Violations

The following list is illustrative, not exhaustive:

- absence from or lateness to a practice or game without timely and acceptable justification;
- derogatory comments, gestures, or attitude toward teammates, coaches, officials, or opponents;
- disrespect toward the authority or judgment of coaches or officials;
- unsportsmanlike conduct — taunting, strutting, self-celebration, standing over a fallen opponent, booing, or responding aggressively to an official's decision;
- physical aggression toward players, coaches, officials, or spectators, including shoving, pushing, and striking; and
- any kind of bullying, hazing or demeaning conduct towards other players including pantsing
- use of alcohol, tobacco, vaping products, or illegal substances.

Disciplinary Response

The coach handles discipline for violations of this Code of Conduct and dress code, in consultation with the RCF Board where warranted.

For an athlete: (1) warning; (2) sitting out a portion or all of a game; (3) suspension from multiple games; (4) removal from the team by the RCF Board. An athlete suspended for an entire game is still expected to report with the team, in warmups, and to remain on the sideline. Participation fees are not refunded in the case of suspension or removal.

For a parent, guardian, or family member: (1) warning; (2) being asked to leave the venue for the remainder of the event; (3) exclusion from RCF events for a period set by the Board; (4) removal of the athlete from the Program by the Board.

Parent Volunteer Interest (optional)

RCF is run entirely by volunteers, and two roles need people identified before the season rather than the week of the first game. Both require a background check and annual child safety and concussion training under the RCF Child Protection Policy, arranged and paid for by the Club.

- ☐ I am willing to serve as a locker room chaperone for my child's team.
- ☐ I am willing to serve as an assistant coach or practice volunteer.
- ☐ I am willing to help with organizing volunteers, scorekeeping, statistics, or team administration.
- ☐ I am willing to drive athletes to away games, and I hold a valid license and current auto insurance.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Checking a box is an expression of interest, not a commitment. A Board member will follow up with you.

15. Acknowledgment and Signatures

My signature below indicates that all information provided in this packet is true and accurate, and that I have read, understand, and agree to Sections 1 through 14 of this Agreement — including the Mission and Purpose, Term and Scope, Player Information, Eligibility, Parent/Guardian Information, Emergency and Medical Information, Authorization and Release of Liability, Participation and Safety, Consent to Medical Treatment and Financial Responsibility, Transportation, Media Permission, Concussion Acknowledgment, Fees and Equipment, and the Code of Conduct.

My signature also indicates that all legal guardians of the named child are aware of and consent to the child's participation, and that my child and I will abide by the RCF Code of Conduct.

Please initial each section below

Section	Parent Initials	Athlete Initials
§ 7 Authorization and Release of Liability		
§ 8 Participation and Safety		
§ 9 Consent to Medical Treatment and Financial Responsibility		
§ 10 Transportation		
§ 11 Media Permission		
§ 12 Concussion Acknowledgment		
§ 13 Fees, Fundraising, and Equipment		
§ 14 Code of Conduct and Dress Code		

Printed Name	Signature	Date
Parent / Guardian 1		
Parent / Guardian 2 (if applicable)		
Athlete		

The athlete's signature is an acknowledgment of the Code of Conduct and is not a contractual undertaking by a minor. The parent or guardian signature is the operative one.

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☐ Packet complete ☐ Physical form on file ☐ Fee paid ☐ Eligibility verified ☐ Roster entered

Received by: _____ Date: _____ Team assignment: _____

Questions: info@rocketcityfalcons.com · rocketcityfalconsbasketball.org · Home gym: Downtown Rescue Mission Campus, 1400 Evangel Dr NW, Huntsville, AL 35816