## **Rocket City Falcons**

Coach's Duties and Responsibilities



All coaches are expected to be followers of Christ and show evidence of that in their lives by being active participants in a community of believers and demonstrating Christian character. They are to be examples of Christian conduct and good sportsmanship to their team. Coaches are expected to teach discipline, hard work, and basketball skills while nurturing a drive to win inside the bounds of fair play. Our mission as a program is to develop Godly character in young people through the sport of basketball and our coaches are the primary ambassadors who demonstrate and teach our core values of honor, integrity and courage, respect, and service. We want our program to honor God by putting Him first in our lives including practices and games, choosing righteousness above winning, showing respect to coaches, opponents and referees, and giving of ourselves for the benefit of community. We want our players to have fun and learn basketball in a disciplined and structured way.

## **Rocket City Falcons Core Values:**

Honor: We glorify God in all we do

**Integrity and Courage:** We do the right thing and make amends when we miss the mark

**Respect:** We respect others and ourselves **Service:** We work for the benefit of others

## Coaches are expected to:

- Conduct regular practices and to be at all games. If they cannot make a practice or game, they will coordinate an approved substitute. They will teach/coach skills that include but are not limited to:
  - fundamentals: dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding, defense
  - offense: layups, cuts, post ups, dribble drives, screening, pick and roll, jump shots
  - defense: perimeter and post defense, switching, pick and roll
  - team offense: 5 out motion, high low, 2 low post, zone read, press break, base line out of bounds, sideline out of bounds, many other options but expectation is to teach multiple offensive sets to face different defenses
  - team defense: man to man, 3-2 zone, 2-3 zone, 1-3-1 zone, 1-2-1-1 diamond press or 1-2-2 press, 2-2-1 press
  - fitness: encourage healthy lifestyle choices, improve fitness through cardio
- Lead or have players lead in prayer and a short devotion at practices and games.
- Communicate clearly what is expected of players and parents.
  - Post practice and game schedule in Game Changer scheduling app
  - Message parents/team with regular team updates
  - Communicate expectations for earning playing time, sportsmanship and conduct
  - Track stats to inform playing time decisions, provide clear feedback for goals and support season awards
- Work with Falcons Board President regarding practice time and frequency.
- Encourage players to be their best including setting goals and helping players achieve them. Never humiliate, ridicule, demean, or abuse a player in any way.
- Bring all major problems to the attention of the Falcons Board as soon as possible.
- Cooperate with the Board and comply with all requests for information and attendance at meetings relating to the team coached.
- Communicate with player and parents, when discipline is necessary.

Failure to adhere to this code of conduct may result in a coach being suspended or removed from the coaching position. The Board's decision in these matters will be final.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the expectations and duties of the position and the mission statement of Rocket City Falcons Basketball and agree to abide by them.

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