



## **GRPA ALL-STAR COACH & TRYOUTS POLICY**

### **Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation (RFPRD)**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a clear, consistent, and enforceable framework for the selection of GRPA All-Star coaches and players. The objective is to assemble the most competitive teams while maintaining operational control, fairness, and alignment with RFPRD and GRPA standards.

#### **Authority & Oversight**

- Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation Sports Staff retain full authority to appoint the Head Coach for each GRPA All-Star team.
- Coaching appointments are made at the sole discretion of Sports Staff and may be based on, but not limited to, coaching experience, conduct, leadership, availability, and alignment with departmental expectations.
- The overall record of the regular season does not automatically guarantee a coach to be selected to coach All-Stars.
- These decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

#### **Coach Requests**

- Parents and players may submit requests for a preferred All-Star coach.
- Such requests will be considered but are not guaranteed.
  - Submission of a request does not create entitlement, implied approval, or assurance of selection.
- Requests should include genuine and valid reasoning for making such requests.

#### **Tryouts & Player Selection**

- Regular season coaches will nominate 3-4 players from their roster, who they believe has the best shot at making a team at tryouts.
  - Players who are not nominated may not try out.
- All players must participate in officially scheduled GRPA All-Star tryouts unless otherwise approved by Sports Staff.
  - Players who do not attend tryouts may not be considered for an All-Star team, unless approved by RFPRD staff.
    - To be considered for an exception, players who missed the tryouts must have a valid and genuine excuse from their medical

physician for missing tryouts. Extracurricular activities, personal reasons, and any other reasoning will not be considered.

- Players are evaluated based on skill level, effort, attitude, coachability, and overall team fit.
- Selection decisions are made collaboratively by appointed coaches with final approval retained by the department.
- If there are multiple teams, RFPRA may label teams as A-team, B-team, C-team, etc. In this scenario the A-team coach would have first pick, B-team would have the second pick and C-team would have third pick. Unless the head coaches of each team agree to a different process, which should be agreed upon and relayed to the RFPRA staff member onsite prior to conducting tryouts.
  - *RFPRA does request that each head coach allow the other head coaches to select their own players whom they coached during the regular season.*

### **Team Assignment & Acceptance**

- Once a player is selected and assigned to an All-Star team, that assignment is binding.
- Any player who refuses to play for the coach who selected them will immediately forfeit their opportunity to participate on any GRPA All-Star team for that season.
- No reassignment or exceptions will be granted.

### **Conduct & Compliance**

- Players and parents are expected to demonstrate sportsmanship, professionalism, and respect toward coaches, officials, staff, and teammates.
- Players and parents shall follow and adhere to the sportsmanship and parental policy set fourth by RFPRA, as well as the recreation department in which is hosting the tournament they are playing in.
- Failure to comply with departmental policies, GRPA rules, or team expectations may result in removal from the All-Star program.
- Should RFPRA receive a fine from GRPA for a parent or coach being kicked out of a venue due to unsportsmanlike behavior or misconduct, RFPRA will then pass that fine on to the parent or coach that caused the fine.

### **Final Authority**

Rome-Floyd Parks and Recreation reserves the right to interpret, enforce, and amend this policy as necessary to support the integrity and success of the All-Star program.