



RMYB & Cheer Coach Requirements & Expectations

RMYB & Cheer Mission Statement

At Rocky Mountain Youth Basketball and Cheer, our mission is to glorify God by equipping coaches, players, and spectators to lead with a Christ-centered purpose—modeling the love of Jesus, building strong character, and developing fundamental basketball and cheer skills. We are committed to creating a high-quality, memorable experience that reflects our faith, strengthens our players and families, and impacts our surrounding community—on and off the court.

Rocky Coaching Commitments

As a coach, I commit to living out the following values, which reflect both the mission of Rocky Mountain Christian Church (RMYB & Cheer ministry) and the heart of Jesus:

FIRST THINGS FIRST

We put Jesus above everything else knowing that when we put first things first, everything else falls into place. Matthew 6:33

SHOW UP

We use our gifts and talents to make a difference in the lives of others. Philippians 2:4-13

GO TOGETHER

We value relationships and believe God calls us to be known, so we commit to community through groups. Acts 2:42-47

FOR THE ONE

We will put our preferences aside and do our best to share Jesus with as many people as possible. Matthew 18:12

Coaching Philosophy & 8 Tips for Great Coaching:

Coaching Philosophy:

- **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

- Christ-Centered Leadership—Lead by example in word, attitude, and action—reflecting Christ in how you coach, correct, and encourage.
- Build Character Over Championships—We value growth in integrity, humility, perseverance, and respect more than winning games.

- **SHOW UP**

- Use Sports as a Ministry Tool—Every practice and game is an opportunity to speak life, share truth, and model God’s love through your actions.
- Encourage with Grace and Truth—Uplift every child with encouragement, while speaking truth in love to help them grow.
- **GO TOGETHER**
 - Create a Safe and Inclusive Environment—Every child should feel valued, seen, and safe—physically, emotionally, and spiritually—regardless of skill level.
 - Teach Teamwork and Unity—Encourage a “we before me” attitude. Teach kids to support, serve, and cheer for one another.
 - Celebrate Effort and Progress—Recognize hustle, hard work, and heart—not just performance. Help players see growth as success.
 - Honor Authority and Opponents—Teach and model respect for referees, league officials, opposing teams, and fellow coaches.
- **FOR THE ONE**
 - Model Servant Leadership—Put the needs of your team above your own. Be the first to arrive, the last to leave, and quick to serve.
 - Point Players Toward Jesus—Look for moments to pray, connect Scripture to character traits, and remind kids they are loved and known by God.

8 Tips for Great Coaching:

- FUN – Make working hard fun!
- COMMUNICATE – Keep parents informed and engaged.
- ENCOURAGE – Aim for 3 positives for every correction.
- FOCUS ON FUNDAMENTALS – Prioritize ball handling, shooting, and defense.
- KEEP IT SIMPLE – Teach how to play, not just plays.
- BREAK IT DOWN – Teach small skills and build up.
- REPEAT TO MASTER – Repetition leads to improvement.
- TEAM-FIRST CULTURE – Promote support, teamwork, and shared success.

Pre-Season Responsibilities

- Complete the official coach application process, which includes a background check.
- Review and understand [RMYB Rules and Guidelines](#) and [2026 Rules](#).
- Once rosters are released via Team Sideline:
 - Contact your team right away to introduce yourself and get connected.
 - Introduce your assistant coach (if applicable).
 - Share key details: practice location, days, and times.

- Let parents know what players should wear and bring to practices/games.
- Explain your goals and expectations for the season—both on and off the court.
- Communicate ways the parents can support the team, such as prompt drop-off/pick-up, positive sideline behavior, and helping at the score table.

Practice & Game Day Expectations

- Arrive early and prepared for every practice and game.
- Lead organized, intentional practices that build skills, character, and teamwork.
- Plan ahead to share the Core Value of the Week, using the materials and resources provided at the coaches' meeting.
- Communicate weekly with your team via Team Sideline, including:
 - Game time & location, jersey color, snack schedule, score table assignments, and team updates or reminders.
- Always have another adult present—never be 1-on-1 with a child.
- Have a backup plan if you can't attend. If someone outside the approved coaching staff (head coach, assistant coach) will run a practice or game, email basketball@rocky.church for approval **before** it takes place.
- Encourage fun, effort, and progress in every practice and game.

Game Day Instructions

- Arrive 30 minutes early; hold your team meeting 15 minutes before game in the designated Team Meeting areas.
- No player-owned balls allowed in the building.
- Follow substitution rules—every player must play at least 3 periods.
- Coordinate matchups with opposing coaches at the start of each period.
- Post-game huddle (off the court):
 - Recognize each player individually for something they did well (skill, character, or leadership).
 - Select the **Core Value Player of the Week** based on the weekly core value word.
 - Each player should receive this recognition once during the season, though you may recognize more than one player in a given week if you feel it is well-deserved.
 - Each team will receive **ONE** gift card prize per week to award to their Core Value Player of the Week.
 - If you choose to recognize an additional player, that player may receive a certificate only (no gift card).

Safety & Conduct

- Prioritize safety and respond appropriately to injuries:
 - Call 911 for emergencies.
 - For non-emergencies, contact RMYB Leadership immediately.
 - Always inform parents of any injury or incident.
- Uphold a respectful, positive environment by:
 - Modeling and requiring respect toward teammates, opponents, and referees.
 - Enforcing the league's Zero Tolerance Policy with parents/fans—if a fan is asked to leave, their player must leave as well.
 - Setting the tone for your team and spectators through your words and actions.

End of Season Info

- All-Star Game: Saturday, February 28.
- Tournament: March 2-7 (single-elimination, all teams participate).
- Awards Celebration: Sunday, March 8 - *9447 Niwot Rd.*
 - 3:00 pm – 1st–2nd Grades
 - 4:30 pm – 3rd–4th Grades
 - 6:00 pm – 5th–6th Grades
 - All coaches, parents, and players are encouraged to come.