

Rush-Henrietta TRYOUT Guidelines

The coach has the ultimate authority to determine the number of participants to make each team. It is imperative that we support the coach throughout this process. When determining the size of the team, many factors must be considered, such as: skill level, safety, quality of the program, facility space, time constraints, budget, playing time, team chemistry, and additional factors.

The athletic department recognizes these concerns and is striving to maximize the options available for student athletes in the athletic arena as participants or supporters of the program.

TRYOUT PROCEDURES:

- Choosing the members of the various athletic teams is the responsibility of the coach.
- Before tryouts begin, coaches will provide team information to all candidates. Such information shall include:
 - Length of tryout period.
 - Objectives used to select the members of the team.
 - Number of positions that will be selected and criteria involved in selection-positions needed, etc.
 - Distribution of practice and competition schedule. The coach will explain the commitment necessary to join the team.
 - Clear notification that tryouts are based on the performance during the selection period. Tryouts are not based on summer participation or coaching camps the athletes participated in, previous to selections.
 - Students must tryout each year and no one is guaranteed a position due to previously making the team.

All athletic sports teams will implement the following procedures in selecting team members:

Try-outs will be open to all eligible students interested in trying out for the freshman, junior varsity, or the varsity team. There will be no "invitation only" policy used by any sport to determine who may try out for any team.

The coach will use the skills test (rubric) to judge and rank the skills of each player. Some additional factors coaches will look for when choosing the team will be attitude, grades, personality, playing ability, and character qualities.

There will be a minimum of three (3) practices before any student will be cut from the team. A student who is moved from the varsity to the JV team is not considered as a cut. They are still on the team. A cut is being removed from competing on any team at any level.

Parents may not request that their son or daughter be moved up to varsity or to a higher-level team. Coaches will place athletes where they can be the best asset to the overall program. If a coach wants to promote a player to the varsity level, he/she will ask parents for their permission to move an underclassman up and honor their opinion. RH coaches will not move a player from the JV squad to the Varsity squad unless the player will be a starter or major role player at the

varsity level.

The quality of our athletes is continually improving and players just showing up for tryouts will not guarantee a spot on any team Athletes should be working during the off-season at open gyms, camps, clinics, etc. to improve their fundamental skills in order to make the cut.

Selection Classification