

## RISE Adaptive Sports Wheelchair Football Team

May 12, 2022

Dear Athlete:

Congratulations! You have been invited to the 2022 RISE Adaptive Sports Wheelchair Football Team Selection Camp. The Selection Camp will occur **JUNE 24-26, 2022** in **Dallas, Texas**. If you choose to accept this invitation, you will be responsible for arranging your own transportation to/from the camp.

Upon arrival, all expenses (ground transportation, lodging and meals) will be covered. Please plan to arrive no later than 6:30 pm on the 24th and depart no earlier than 6:30 pm on the 26th.

Once booked, send your travel arrangements to Coach Bob (bobo\_78@me.com) as soon as possible, but before Friday, June 17, 2022

The camp will consist of 1 1/2 days of skill testing and game situations, details are listed in the attached "Skills Assessment" document.

This is an elite level team and it is expected that you arrive at camp ready to compete with full understanding of what sacrifices and commitments you'll need to make if named to the team.

As mentioned above, playing for the Rise Adaptive Sports Wheelchair Football Team will require a time commitment and a lot of sacrifice. Please review the tentative training and competition schedule (listed below), dates are subject to change and there could be additions.

#### Competitions:

- August 13-14, 2022 (Chicago, IL)
- August 27-28, 2022 (Tampa Bay, FL)
- October 22-23, 20022 (Salt Lake City, UT)

#### Practices & Training Camps:

- Weekly practices location and time TBD
- Training camps (location and schedule TBD)
  - June 24-26, 2022 (Team Tryouts)
  - July 9-10, 2022 (Training Camp)
  - July 30-31, 2022 (Training Camp)

Note if you feel you cannot make the commitment, please make that decision prior to accepting the invitation.

Please accept or decline your invitation by **Monday, June 13, 2022** to Assistant Coach Bob Murray at [bobo\\_78@me.com](mailto:bobo_78@me.com). **You will receive further details about the camp once we have your decision.**

If you have any questions regarding the 2022 selection process, please refer to the attached Selection Procedures.

## **Player Requirements**

To be eligible to on the team, players:

- Must be at least 18 years or older as of August 1, 2022
- Must have a permanent physical disability which consistently reduces the function of the lower limbs to a degree where they cannot run, pivot, block or tackle, at the speed and with control, safety, stability and endurance required to play running football as an able-bodied player.
  - A player's disability must be of a nature that it can be objectively verified by acknowledged medical investigations (I.e. X\_Ray, CT, MRI, etc.)
- Must have access to an elite performance sports wheelchair, or inform Coaches the need for a chair.
  - Full wheelchair requirements can be found in the [USA WheelchairFootball League Rulebook](#) on page 29 and page 30
  - If a player doesn't have the appropriate Wheelchair, the team will assist in finding a League-Approved wheelchair.
- Must be able to compete in all USA Wheelchair Football League competitions
  - Travel for competition is covered by the team.
- Must participate during mandatory Training Camps.
- Weekly practices are strongly encouraged for those athletes located in the DFW Metroplex area.

There will be several cuts throughout the weekend, possibly as early as the first day. Once you are cut, you are welcome to stay and view the remainder of the camp, but will not be permitted back on the field of play.

If you choose to depart early, it will be at your own expense, but we are happy to help arrange for transportation to the airport. The RISE United Wheelchair Football Coaching staff is extremely excited about the opportunities for the upcoming year and the future of this program.

Candidates invited to participate in the Selection Camp who cannot attend or fully participate in the camp due to illness, injury, or family emergency may be selected to the Training Squad of up to 16 (sixteen) if:

- Athlete has demonstrated significant improvement/potential, based on the Selection Committee's opinion, in the judged qualities from previous events/ competitions.
- The athlete(s) must provide adequate documentation that will support their reason for absence. This must be sent to the Head Coach James Gumbert, coachgumbie@sbcglobal.com, before the beginning of the Selection Camp (no later than Monday, June 20, 2022).

Sincerely,

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