Optional Gathering Response

Honor the choice after the invitation is declined.

Optional participation requires an adult plan for an honest no.

Hypothetical example: A child declines an actually permitted optional gathering. The coach follows the existing supervised alternative and answers the child's next coaching question normally, without asking peers to intervene.

01 Let the declined invitation mean what it says

Record the actual invitation and the child's response.

What was actually described as optional

Response given without inferred motive

Program arrangement to verify

02 Offer an ordinary next place without a spectacle

Confirm the ordinary supervised alternative.

Supervised alternative already agreed

Adult responsible for the whole group

Practical issue requiring a changed plan

Optional Gathering Response / Review & follow-through

03 Keep the coaching relationship independent

Check coaching and teammate conduct after the choice.

Next coaching interaction observed

Peer pressure that needs addressing

Relevant assessment criteria retained

04 Answer the family through the proper route

Record the family question and responsible program follow-up.

Actual concern raised

Adult wording or conduct to correct

Responsible person and next review