

National High School Basketball Coaches Association

Active Roles for Varsity High School Basketball Coaches

Introduction:

The position of the NHSBCA is that the high school varsity basketball coach is the central leader in their basketball community which means they are responsible to work with and engage all basketball parties in their community.

Head Varsity high school basketball coaches throughout the nation are most likely the most formally educated/trained and best positioned to take/play a lead role in youth/amateur basketball in the United States.

Varsity High School Basketball Coaches should be a **leader, connector** and **communicator** in regard to the world of basketball in a community.

Suggested Actions for Varsity HS basketball coaches:

- A. Connect and communicate with **parents, players**, and other people interested in basketball in a community to educate all about the amateur basketball landscape.
 - 1. Provide information in a variety of formats.
 - 2. Organize, facilitate and lead meetings and workshops
 - 3. Serve as a resource of information, processes and connections.

- B. Connect and communicate with **non-scholastic basketball coaches, skill trainers and other parties** to work collaboratively for the good of the players and the sport.
 - 1. Orchestrate and facilitate meetings for scholastic and non-scholastic coaches and trainers.
 - 2. Seek clarity and understanding of goals and positions of organizations and individuals, hopefully leading to collaborative actions.
 - 3. Regularly communicate with non-scholastic coaches and skill trainers.

- C. Connect and communicate to work **collaboratively with College basketball coaches** in the recruiting process along with prospective student-athletes and their parents/guardians.
 - 1. Be a major point of contact for college coaches and potential recruits and their parent/guardians.
 - 2. Serve as resource of information and decision making processes.
 - 3. Aid with making sure that all proper recruiting guidelines and expectations are followed.

Why Scholastic Coaches?

1. Scholastic basketball coaches for the most part have the most certifications, licensing, training and have met the most character and background checks/requirements to work with youth in sports.
2. They are the best suited in that as a school employee they are at the center of communities: athletically, academically, geographically, culturally, and economically.
3. They generally work with athletes over a longer period of time and in a broader context than others.
4. The school setting provides a wide variety of opportunities for coaches to help a student grow socially, academically and athletically.
5. Scholastic coaches have to monitor their player's grades, attendance, behavior, and eligibility.
6. Scholastic coaches understand that the athletic experience is an extension of the educational day and that a goal is to help players become their best selves.
7. Most scholastic coaches teach what it means to be a good teammate, working toward a common goal, sacrificing for an entity bigger than self.
8. Most scholastic coaches hopefully teach resiliency, accountability, dealing with success and failure as well as good citizenship and civic responsibility.
9. Scholastic coaches often serve as a "Human Resource Director" for their athletes- understanding their challenges and being able to direct them to the proper people for help and answers, many within the school.
10. It is assumed that all coaches, scholastic and non-scholastic are teaching teamwork, resiliency, accountability, good citizenship and civic responsibility. Scholastic coaches are in a position to play a more comprehensive role in the overall development of the student athlete.

About NHSBCA

The National High School Basketball Coaches Association is an umbrella organization uniting the over 35 states that have State Basketball Coaches Associations to work for the betterment of the game. The NHSBCA is the national voice for high school basketball coaches, working to foster high standards of professionalism and to support coaches. The NHSBCA also welcomes representatives from States that do not have specific organization of basketball coaches. The NHSBCA works with other organizations involved with basketball such as National Association of Basketball Coaches, Women's Basketball Coaches Association, NCAA, NJCAA, USA Basketball, Amateur Athletic Union, Jr. NBA and the National Federation of High Schools among others. **visit nhsbca.org.**