



BCAM'S MONTHLY REPORT

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GETTING STARTED

The start of the 2008-09 basketball season is just around the corner. Soon you will be into your routine of practice, games, practice, games. I hope you have all done your best at preparing to make this the best season of your coaching career. One way to prepare is by attending clinics and/or college practices. ONE QUESTION I HAVE FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T ATTEND CLINICS OR PRACTICES IS: **WHERE DO YOU LEARN YOUR BASKETBALL?** We had 3700 members last year. Of those 3700 members, 900 attended the clinic this fall. That leaves 2800 basketball coaches not attending the biggest weekend of the BCAM calendar. Hopefully some of you attended other clinics but my guess is that over 2000 coaches are not updating their basketball knowledge. We bring in the best of the best at our clinic. Hopefully many of you that did not attend this year will make plans for next fall.

On a positive note, BCAM is teaming with the MHSAA to bring about a Reaching Higher Top 100 Showcase in April. We will be sending you more information about this partnership to bring the high school coach back into the recruiting process. Rich Moffit (Grayling) is doing a tremendous job at developing this project.

Our Regional Directors will be contacting non-members in your region. You can be of help by passing the word to join BCAM at your pre-season meetings. We have found that personal contact is the best way to get coaches to join. Just have them go to www.bcam.org and click on Join BCAM.

Hopefully you are accessing the BCAM Website on a regular basis. New information is continually being added. This is our main method of communication so make sure to check it out at least once a week.

Have a great start to your season and remember to make the season fun for you and the players.

BCAM COACHES CLINIC – 2008

What a weekend! Great speakers, a wide variety of vendors, an impressive Hall of Fame Banquet, fun coaches' parties, the first annual Coaches vs. Cancer Golf Outing and hundreds of coaches learning from the best.

Starting with Herb Sendek (Arizona State) and Jim Foster (Ohio State), the speakers did an outstanding job of explaining what and how they do things. Tom Izzo (MSU) started the Saturday sessions in front of a full house. Todd Lickliter (Iowa), Garth Pleasant (Rochester College), Dan Fife (Clarkston HS), Brian Gregory (Dayton) and Tom Crean (Indiana) filled up the Saturday docket with "good stuff". As many of you know, Don Meyer (Northern State) was in an automobile accident and seriously injured. His replacement, Brett Ledbetter, did a nice job as a fill-in. And of course, the grand finale was Hubie Brown (NBA Analyst) who spent 3 1/4 hours talking non-stop about all phases of basketball. We all hope we can be as enthusiastic when we are 75 years old.

The 24th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet was attended by over 400 people. Four outstanding coaches were inducted into the BCAM Hall of Fame. They were Rene' LaFreniere (Manton), Garth Pleasant (Rochester College), Al Snyder (Mt. Clemens) and Bill Ullenbruch (Manton). Seven people entered our Hall of Honor and many coaches were honored for various awards.

The vendors were happy with the "maze" that brought coaches to their tables. The free coaches parties were very well attended. Coaches vs. Cancer raised \$520 as a result of the golf outing and 50/50 drawings. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes Sunday morning get-together featured Kurt Keener (Detroit Country Day).

It was a great weekend! Hopefully you will make plans to attend next year. The BCAM Website has pictures of this event.

1ST ANNUAL COACHES VS. CANCER GOLF OUTING

It was a cool start but the sun came out and 20 golfers scrambled around the Chisholm Hills Golf Course. The big winner was C vs. C since \$400 was raised to fight cancer. The winning team was made up of Denny Krinicki, Eric Lillibridge, Ryan Nelson, Brett Dyke and Brad Lundvick at 9 under. There was another team at 9 under but they won on a card play-off. The members of the second place team were Glen Bagnall, Tom Valko, Dan Young and Tom Hursey.

We hope to increase participation next year at this outing with our goal of 100 golfers raising much more money to fight cancer. Check out the pictures on the BCAM Website.

BOCCC VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE

Check out the Rules Meeting video produced by the Basketball Officials and Coaches Communication Committee. This is the third year for this coordinated effort between the BOCCC, BCAM and the MHSAA.

Click on the following link: <http://mhsaa.ezstream.net/play/index.cfm?id=10268B96C9>

TEN “POINTS” FOR INFLUENCING YOUR TEAM

Click here for 10 Points: <http://www.championshipcoachesnetwork.com/public/380.cfm>

COMPARISON OF STATE MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

	MICHIGAN	TEXAS	OHIO	INDIANA
2007-08	3,708	4,305	4,099	2,385
2006-07	3,418	4,476	3,903	2,230
2005-06	3,366	4,177	3,739	2,622
2004-05	3,240	3,977	3,875	2,560
2003-04	3,226	3,224	3,793	2,515

NUMBER OF TEAMS IN EACH STATE

MICHIGAN

743 Boys 727 Girls = 1,470

TEXAS

1,489 Boys 1,472 Girls = 2,961

OHIO

803 Boys 800 Girls = 1,603

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON INITIAL COLLEGE ELIGIBILITY

What requirements do I need to be able to practice, play and get a scholarship at a Division I school?

You need to complete the following:

- Graduate from high school
- Complete a minimum of 16+ core courses
- Present a minimum grade-point average (GPA in those 16+ core courses)
- Present a qualifying test score on either the ACT or SAT test

How do I know if the courses I’m taking will count as core courses?

You need to look at your high school’s list of NCAA-approved core courses. Follow these steps:

- Go to the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse Web Site (www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)
- Click on “General Information”
- Click on “List of Approved Core Courses”
- Input your high school’s code (if you know it) or search by your high school’s name and state
- Review the list

Very important: *If a core course you took is not on the list, it won’t be used in your eligibility determination. Courses that appear on your transcript must exactly match what is on the list.*

What do I do if a core course I took isn’t on the list?

See your high school counselor immediately. Someone at your high school is responsible for keeping your high school’s list updated. It is important that they do this every year to make sure the core courses you are taking appear on the list.

May a correspondence or independent study course be used to meet the 16 core-course requirements?

Yes. Independent study, Internet or correspondence courses may be used as core courses if the following conditions are met:

- They meet all requirements for a core course
- The instructor and students have access to one another during the course for the purpose of teaching, evaluating and providing assistance to the students
- Evaluation of the student’s work is conducted by the appropriate academic authorities in accordance with the high school’s established academic policies
- The course is acceptable for any student and is placed on the high school transcript.

HEY, REF I HAVE A QUESTION

QUESTION: I hear that the rules have changed again about foul shots. What has changed and why?

ANSWER: Beginning this season the rules have changed once again about the way players occupy lane spaces during a foul shot. The two bottom spaces (Below the Block) will remain empty on all foul shots. This moves the defensive spots out away from the basket. You will still have four lane spaces so if your gym does not have the top spaces (closest to the shooter) marked you will be required to put the marks on the floor. Using tape is permissible. The reason behind the change stems from rough play on rebounds. It is assumed that the defensive team should have the advantage on the foul shots to rebound. With that in mind by moving the first player out away from the basket it allows for cleaner rebounding. Officials have been instructed to call fouls on rebounds when a player is put at a disadvantage. Officials are also reminded that by having the players closer to the shooter they have to be aware of increased disconcertion possibilities on the shooter.

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FINALLY, YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD...

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