

Article VII - COACHING IN THE MASSENA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

A. COACHING:

1. The coaching staff for the Massena Basketball Association will be a select group of men and woman that support the By-laws of the MBA. Individuals that cannot support the MBA goals will not be allowed to coach a team.
2. Coaches must be committed to teaching and mentoring of players. Coaching with a **“WINNING AT ALL COST”** attitude will **NOT** be tolerated.
3. Coaches should design plays around positions and not their best players. Coaches must be aware of each player’s scoring contribution during the game and ensure 1 or 2 players **do not** dominate the teams scoring. Coaches should encourage these players to pass the ball to other teammates to allow them to score. Coaches should also rotate players through all the positions. This will give players an appreciation of why basketball should be played as a “TEAM” sport. All players should be actively engaged in the play and all players should be given the chance to score.
4. Coaches should **not** promote individual achievements. Coaches are responsible for developing a team. Stressing team accomplishments can only do this. (Report team score, good offensive and defensive players. All players should get their name in the paper sometime within the season)
5. Coaching a team in the MBA carries the following responsibilities:
 - To maintain our program expense at the lowest possible costs, coaches are required to referee the other game being played that night. If a coach cannot make a specific game, the coach is responsible to provide a suitable replacement. Coaches/referees also have to be consistent in the way they call rule violations. Coaches/referees should talk about this issue before and throughout the game as required.
 - Coaches are required to contact each player’s parent to ensure correct information has been received about practices and games. Coaches should consider using handouts to improve communications where applicable.

- Coaches need to ensure all players have left the school grounds prior to leaving themselves. Children will **NEVER** be left outside the school alone waiting for a late ride.
- Coaches are responsible to return all equipment entrusted to their team to the House Director within 2 week after the last game.

B. PRACTICE SESSIONS:

1. Coaches have the responsibility to develop each player's skill level. Therefore, practices will be organized around developing individual skill level as well as team plays and teamwork.
2. The MBA requires a minimum of 50% of the practice time be devoted to working on individual skill development around the areas of:
 - Dribbling / Ball Handling
 - Defense
 - And Shooting
3. The second half of the practice should be designed to reinforce the above skills through practicing designed plays and /or scrimmaging..

C. DRAFTING

1. Coaches will be required to participate in the drafting process. See Drafting section.

D. PRE-SEASON CLINIC

1. Coaches are required to participate in a pre-season clinic. The clinic usually covers the following items:
 - ❖ Expectations for being a Coach in the MBA.
 - ❖ Plays and drill to run at practice.
 - ❖ General First Aid.
 - ❖ Refereeing 101.