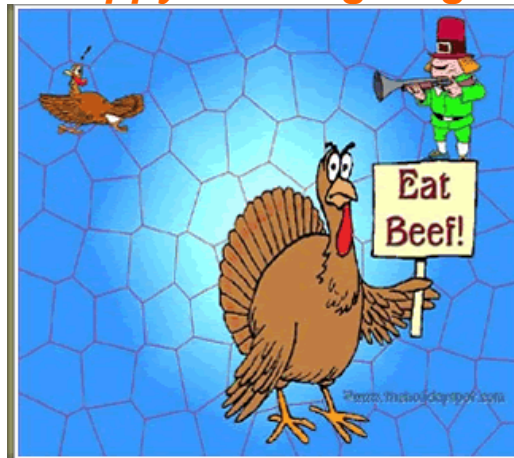


BC wheelchair basketball

Coach Chronicle October 2007

Welcome to the BCWBS Coach Chronicle. You are receiving this publication because you are a valued member of the BC Wheelchair Basketball Society. To submit information to the Coach Chronicle please email by the 15th of the month.

Happy Thanksgiving!



BCWBS High Performance Camp

October 27-28, Douglas College, New Westminister
BCWBS is pleased to be hosting a pre-season High Performance training camp for BC's top wheelchair basketball athletes. The camp will include senior men and women, junior and IPS targeted athletes. Guest coaches are welcome and encouraged to attend, please contact Marni at BCWBS if you are interested.



Basketball BC: SuperConference 2007

Basketball BC is please to present their annual SuperConference 2007 Coaching Clinics. This year the clinic will feature coaching legend Dick Bennett, Nike Skills Instructor Ganon Baker and FIBA Olympic Solidarity Program coach Nelson Isley. Local coaches Bruce Langford (SFU), Stan Peters (TWU), Paul Eberhardt (Capilano), Mike Morgan (Carson) and our very own Mike McNeill (Canada

Women) will also be clinicians. There will also be a Steve Nash Youth coaching clinic on Saturday only specifically focusing on coaching in the Steve Nash Youth Basketball program. The two-day conference will be held on October 19-20, 2007 at Burnaby South Secondary. SUPERCONFERENCE PASS (both days)
Friday, Oct. 19 - 8:30am–12:15pm & 1:30pm–3:30pm, Saturday, Oct. 20 - 9:00am–12:30pm Cost: \$115 (\$130 after Oct. 8th)



Basketball BC: Clinics

Beginning on October 17, Basketball BC will launch the Pre-Season Coaching Clinics. This series of clinics will be 1 ½ hour sessions each consecutive Wednesday night (except Oct. 30 rather than Oct. 31) for six weeks. One topic will be covered each night and the clinics will be held at schools throughout the Lower Mainland. The head clinicians, topics, and locations will be announced later. Cost for these clinics is free for Basketball BC members and will be \$10 on site for non-members. Pre-registration is not necessary.

On November 4, Director of Coaching Development for Basketball BC, Mike McNeill, will conduct a 4-Hour One Man Clinic at Terry Fox Secondary School in Port Coquitlam. The topic for the clinic will be Teaching Motion Offence. Registration for this clinic will be available later.



Kootenay Coaching & Sport Summit

October 18-22, 2007; Cranbrook, BC, College of the Rockies
Join us for an exciting conference where teachers, coaches, sports administrators and physical fitness enthusiasts can learn, share ideas, and further develop skills and knowledge in sport delivery. A series of workshops, world-class guest speakers, and technical coaching certifications will be offered, all with the purpose of enhancing athlete development and sport in the Kootenay Region. For more information contact the CABC.



Okanagan Sport Leadership Conference

October 20, 2007; Kelowna, Sport Kelowna
The 2007 Okanagan Sport Leadership Conference is a one-day sport conference for Okanagan coaches, sport administrators and practitioners, designed to provide sport education opportunities and hands-on training experiences. Legendary wheelchair basketball coach Tim Frick will be presenting. Contact the CABC for details.



2007 Coaching Association of Canada Sport Leadership Conference

The Coaching Association of Canada is pleased to be hosting the Petro-Canada

Sport Leadership sportif 2007 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, October 12-14. This year's conference program features 24 workshop sessions from which to choose, and a complete conference schedule can be found at <http://www.coach.ca/sportleadershipsportif/2007/e/index.htm> along with registration information.



Tip of the Month: Leadership

Great Coaching Is All About Leadership!

By Brad Winters, www.CoachLikeaPro.com

Simply put, coaching is leadership. To be a great coach, I believe you must be a great leader. Leaders are people who have developed the skills needed to motivate, guide, and direct others in a positive direction. Leaders are made through discipline, training, experience, and the desire to continually improve.

Below are some guidelines to help you be the best leader you possibly can be:

1. Learn to be strong but not rude.

Some people mistake rudeness for strength. It's not even a good substitute. Learn to stay relaxed and friendly when dealing with others. This applies to fellow coaches, your player's parents, officials, administrators, and especially the players on your team.

2. Learn to be kind but not weak.

We must not mistake kindness for weakness. Kindness isn't weak. Kindness is a certain type of strength. Coaches must constantly look for ways to show their players that they sincerely care about them as individuals. I always try to remember this John C. Maxwell's tidbit of wisdom - "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."

3. Learn to be bold but not a bully.

It takes boldness to win the day. To build your influence, you've got to walk in front of your group. You've got to be willing to take the first arrow, tackle the first problem, and discover the first sign of trouble. Coaches need and must be tough, but don't go over the line. Your organization (players, parents, etc.) will resent you for it.

4. You've got to learn to be humble, but not timid.

You can't get to the high life by being timid. Some people mistake timidity for humility. Stay humble, but always be courageous in overcoming life's daily struggles. Sometimes we must be willing to fight for what is right and just.

5. Be proud but not arrogant.

It takes pride to win the day. It takes pride to build your ambition. It takes pride to build a winning basketball program. It takes pride to be the best basketball team in the state.

Your program will develop this attitude when you train your players to strive for "Excellence."

I demand that my players behave and look like Champions. I want them to believe they are the hardest working team in the state because we train so hard. I stress to them that we must always keep our locker-room and gym clean. Our team motto is "Excellence In All We Do." All these little things build pride. It just does not happen by chance.

6. Develop humor without being a clown.

That's important for a leader. In leadership, we learn that it's okay to be witty, but not silly. It's okay to be fun, but not foolish. As a coach, when my team is practicing on the court, I'm all business. But when we are off the court, I try to promote fellowship and have fun with my players as much as possible in a professional manner.

7. Never pass negatives down.

Your team will reflect your attitude. If you want a positive, upbeat team, then you must portray that image. Leaders keep presenting the positives, keep pointing everyone toward the accomplishment of the group's desired goals, and keep setting the example for everyone else to follow.



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