



THE BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION OF TENNESSEE

NOVEMBER 2023

Greetings from BCAT

As we end the first month of the season we are sending you our November newsletter. We hope that your season has gotten off to a good start and your team is playing hard.

In this newsletter you will see that there are some important upcoming dates for BCAT events so please make note of these. Also, if there is any info you would like to share or that we need to include in our December newsletter please send that to us.

A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT, JOHN WILD

Coaches...

I hope this letter finds you well & enjoying the start of your school year. I am in my 28th year as a head high school basketball coach in the great state of Tennessee.

The thing I will always remember once I retire, will not necessarily be the games I coached in, but the relationships I formed with coaches across our great state.

I am encouraging each of you to join The Basketball Coaches Association of Tennessee. I am encouraging you to join to help grow the game & to be able to be a part of something that will help you build relationships with coaches across our state.

I can remember connecting with coaches at a very young age & a lot of these coaches I am still in contact with today... Rick Insell, Jack Harlow, David Collie, Lamar Rogers to name a few. All of these fellas were a mentor to me and helped me grow as a coach.

By being part of an organization like The Basketball Coaches Association of Tennessee, we can all grow as a coach through the relationships we build.

I wish everyone the very best in the upcoming season. Do not hesitate to reach out if I can ever help you.

Cordially-

John Wild

BCAT President

Girls Basketball Coach & Athletic Director

Santa Fe Unit School

BCAT NEWS

BCAT Membership Cards:

We want to apologize but we have had to order more of the BCAT membership cards and we are not sure exactly when those will arrive. As soon as we get those, we will forward them to you.

Please note the BCAT Cards were approved for use in 2014 to get 1 coach into games through the regional tournaments. We encourage you and your school to honor these cards because these are for BCAT MEMBER BASKETBALL COACHES and we need to stick together for the game and ourselves.

BCAT NEWS

BCAT All-Star Games:

The 2024 BCAT All-Star Games will be held Saturday March 23, 2024 at Blackman High School in Murfreesboro. Each senior player selected will be honored with brunch the morning of the games and will receive gifts from the BCAT and BSN Sports. For your players to be able to participate the Head Coach from that school must be a member for the 2023-24 school year. If you have a senior that you feel is worthy of participating, please fill out the form on the link below.

<http://bcathoops.com/2023-24-bcat-all-star-nomination-form/>

BCAT NEWS

2024 BCAT HALL OF FAME

We are happy to announce the 2024 BCAT Hall of Fame class.

The following coaches were selected by the BCAT Hall of Fame Committee:

Shelley Collier Lenoir City HS/Knoxville Webb

Bobby Luna Gallatin HS

Shane Sisco Union City HS

Marty Sisco Union City HS

Lynn Burkey Greeneville/Shelbyville/Middle Tn. Christian

These coaches will be honored at the BCAT Hall of Fame brunch on Saturday March 23, 2024 at Blackman High School in Murfreesboro. Our new title sponsor for the BCAT Hall of Fame is Josh Houston and Associates. We are very appreciative of JH1 and their sponsorship of the BCAT Hall of Fame

BCAT NEWS

BCAT All-State Teams

The BCAT Men's and Women's coaches committee will be honoring deserving players to the BCAT All-State Teams at the conclusion of the season. This honor is open to all grades. The head coach must be a BCAT member for the 2023-24 school year for their players to be eligible. Below you will find a link to our All-State watch list so our committee is aware of players outside of their area. We need all nominations by 12-20-2023.

<http://bcathoops.com/bcat-all-state-watchlist/>

BCAT NEWS

BCAT SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The BCAT scholarships will be awarded to deserving senior applicants. We award these yearly \$500 scholarships to the children, players and managers of member coaches. To be eligible, coaches must be members for 3 consecutive years at their current school, including the 2023-24 school year.

Applications are due by April 1, 2024.

Applications can be found at

<http://bcathoops.com/bcat-scholarship/>

BCAT CENTURY CLUB

Congratulations to the following coaches on reaching milestone wins this season:

Rashad Moore Gatlinburg-Pittman 100

Michael Dodgen White County 500

Casey Alexander Belmont 100 at Belmont

If you or another member coach reaches a milestone win this year please let us know and we will honor them in future newsletters.

BCAT WOMENS HOOPFEST

The 2024 Women's HOOPFEST will be held June 13-15 at Lebanon HS, Mt. Juliet HS, and Wilson Central HS. We expect the 2024 camp to be much bigger and even more competitive. You can hold a spot now for your team to attend and give your team a chance at high level competition plus have your players evaluated by college coaches.

The 2023 BCAT Women's HOOPFEST was a resounding success. We hosted 68 teams from around the state for great competition and all in front of college coaches during the June NCAA live recruiting period for women's basketball. We hosted 60 college programs with well over 80 total college coaches in house to watch our great talent in Tennessee. We had coaches from the SEC, Big 10, Big 12, ACC, OVC, A-SUN, C-USA, Big South, SOCON, Missouri Valley, and several others. **THE COLLEGE COACHES WILL BE THERE!**

Teams can play one, two, or all three days. The cost is very affordable:

One day: \$150

Two Days: \$250

Three Days: \$300

Teams are guaranteed two varsity games per day. Because of gym space, we are not sure we will be able to play any JV games, but will let you know as camp gets closer.

Please use the link below to hold your spot for the 2024 BCAT Women's HOOPFEST:

[2024 BCAT Girls Summer Hoopfest](#)

BCAT MENS HOOPFEST

The 2024 Men's HOOPFEST will be held June 21-22. Location will be announced soon. THIS WILL BE OUR ONLY WEEKEND THIS YEAR AS THE NCAA SETS THE DATE. PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO HAVE YOUR TEAM THERE. We expect the 2024 camp to be much bigger and even more competitive. You can hold a spot now for your team to attend and give your team a chance at high level competition plus have your players evaluated by college coaches.

The 2023 BCAT Men's HOOPFEST was a resounding success, we hosted 115 teams from around the state for great competition and all in front of college coaches during the June NCAA live recruiting period for men's basketball. We hosted 70 college programs with well over 100 total college coaches in house to watch our great talent in Tennessee. We had coaches from the SEC, Big 10, Big 12, ACC, OVC, A-SUN, C-USA, Big South, SOCON, Sun Belt, Horizon, Missouri Valley, and several others. THE COLLEGE COACHES WILL BE THERE!

Teams can play one or two days. The cost is very affordable:

One day: \$175

Both days: \$300

Please use the link below to hold your spot for the 2024 BCAT Men's HOOPFEST:

[2024 BOYS SUMMER HOOPFEST](#)

2024 BCAT ALL ACADEMIC

BCAT District All-Academic Teams:

The BCAT will honor all of your athletes who have a GPA of 3.5 or higher for the year. To be eligible the head coach must be a member for the 2023-24 school year. Each athlete who is honored will receive a certificate for District All-Academic Team that will be sent to the head coach so it can be awarded at the District Tournament. All nominees must be received by noon on 2-1-2024.

2023-24 BCAT All Academic

BCAT District Player of the Week

Our District Player of the Week awards will start this week! We will announce POW awards every Sunday afternoon through the season. Weekly stats must be submitted on the form below by noon every Sunday.

The following info will be requested:

Player Name

School

District and Class

PPG

RPG

APG

Opponent

Team Record for the Week

Social Media Tags

BCAT District Player of the Week Form

BCAT COACHES CORNER

Half-Court Offense: Quick with Kevin Willard - Seton Hall University:

<https://coachesinsider.com/mens-basketball/half-court-offense-quick-with-kevin-willard-seton-hall-univ/>

Take Good Shots with Stan Van Gundy:

<https://coachesinsider.com/mens-basketball/take-good-shoots-with-stan-van-gundy/>

Box 4 with Joe Golding - UTEP:

<https://coachesinsider.com/mens-basketball/box-4-with-joe-golding-abilene-christian-univ/>

BCAT BENEFITS

1. Membership gives every coach coverage from our exclusive \$1,000,000 liability insurance policy.
2. Membership makes your senior children, players, and managers eligible for the \$500 BCAT Scholarships.
3. Membership gives every member a voice we can relay to the TSSAA to make the game better across Tennessee.
4. Membership makes your players eligible for the BCAT All-District, All-Academic, and All-State Teams. WE WILL HONOR PLAYERS OF THE YEAR FOR EAST, MIDDLE AND WEST IN ALL CLASSES. AS WELL AS ALL-STATE TEAMS IN ALL CLASSES. ALSO WE ARE CHANGING THE ALL-STATE GAME AND WILL NOW HAVE A GAME FOR ALL CLASSES.
5. Membership makes you eligible for our Coach of the Year awards, on the district and state level.
6. Member schools (those with a school membership) a catered meal for their team if they make the state tournament. We provided 15 meals last year.
7. Members receive weekly playbooks during the season as well as monthly newsletters that keeps coaches updated on the game.
8. Members are allowed to post on the BCAT website at www.bcathoops.com about anything their program may need
9. Membership will allow you to attend the BCAT Hall of Fame and All-State banquet we are starting this spring. It will be held Friday March 24, 2023.
10. Membership allows one vote for each member for the All-State team and Players of the Year awards.
11. Members receive BCAT membership cards that are good for entry to games through the region tournament as long as approved by school and district (approved by the TSSAA 2014).

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