



THE BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION OF TENNESSEE

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Greetings

from BCAT

As we enter the new year we are sending you our January 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.

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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

The BCAT I-40 Clinics

On Saturday May 4, 2024 the BCAT will host regional, one day clinics across the state. These clinics will feature some of our great high school coaches and several college coaches from around the state. We will host one in Jackson, the Nashville and Knoxville area. More info will be coming out soon!

Cost of the clinic is only \$25 and by attending will include membership for the 2024-25 school year! Also by attending we will knock \$25 off the cost of the Fall Clinic September 20-21, 2024.

Tennessee v Out of State Teams

Tennessee vs out of state opponents over the Christmas break:

Our Tennessee teams had a great two weeks of basketball against out of state teams over the Christmas break. Starting on 12-18 and running through 12-30, our Girls. teams went 157-106 in out of state matchups and our boys teams went 147-120. This is outstanding and shows the strength of our teams and the quality of our coaches! Great job and way to represent Tennessee!!

BCAT CENTURY CLUB

The BCAT wants to congratulate the following coaches on recently reaching milestones in their coaching careers:

Ryan Franks Wayne County HS 300

John Harrington Briarcrest Christian 500

Derek McCord Dyer County 1,000

We appreciate their hard work over the years. Any milestone is tough to reach and if you know of any other coaches who have accomplished a milestone please let us know!

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/>

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 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 GIRLS HOOPFEST

The 2024 GIRL'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.

Scott Robinson will be handling hotel reservations for participating teams. To get a jump on hotel rates and reservations, please contact Scott at 317-490-5948 or by email at sportsnetworkllc@gmail.com

2024 BCAT GIRLS SUMMER HOOPFEST

BCAT BOYS HOOPFEST

BCAT 2024 Men's HOOPFEST

The Boys HOOPFEST will be June 21-22, 2024 in Memphis. This is an NCAA Live recruiting camp and will be held at Briarcrest Christian and P7 Sports Academy. This will be our only boys event this year and we apologize that the dates are later but the NCAA sets the dates for us.

Scott Robinson will be handling hotel reservations for participating teams. To get a jump on hotel rates and reservations, please contact Scott at 317-490-5948 or by email at sportsnetworkllc@gmail.com

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

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

Mike Brey former Notre Dame Head Coach and current Atlanta Hawks Assistant on his 2 man drills

Mike Brey 2-Man Drills

Rodney Terry Texas Head Men's Coach on getting great shots in your offense

Rodney Terry Texas Good Shot-Great Shot

University of Michigan Assistant Saddi Washington on the Michigan Figure 8 shooting drill:

Saddi Washington Michigan Figure 8 Shooting Drill

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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