



# **THE BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION OF TENNESSEE**

## **FEBRUARY, 2024**

*Greetings* from BCAT

As we enter the tournament we want to say good luck to all coaches and teams. This is absolutely the best, most intense time of the year for basketball coaches!

In this newsletter you will see many of the upcoming BCAT events this spring and summer. We ask that you read through these and make yourself aware. Also, if you have any info you would like to put into our March newsletter please let us know.

Please take a look at our I-40 clinics on Saturday May 4, 2024. We have great speakers and will host one in Jackson, Lebanon, and Knoxville. Cost is only \$25 and will cover membership for 2024-25 as well as \$25 off the fall clinic September 20-21 in Franklin. Thanks for you dedication to your team this year!

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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

# BCAT ALL STARS

## **BCAT All-Star Games:**

**The 2024 BCAT All-Star Games will be held Saturday March 23, 2024 at Blackman High School in Murfreesboro. Invitations are being sent out to those member coaches that nominated their players.**

# BCAT COURT OF HONOR BRUNCH

**The BCAT Court of Honor Brunch will be held at Blackman HS March 23 is open to all BCAT Members with BCAT Card to attend for free. Members must have their BCAT card to get in free to the brunch (must RSVP) and All-Star games. Anyone attending with a member the cost is \$10 for the brunch and \$10 for admission to the BCAT All-Star games. The Court of Honor Brunch will honor the BCAT Hall of Fame class of 2024, All-Star game players, and Coaches of the Year from all classes.**

**RSVP: <https://bcathoops.com/bcat-all-star-acceptance-court-of-honor-brunch-rsvp/>**

# 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:**

<b>Shelley Collier</b>	<b>Lenoir City HS/Knoxville Webb</b>
<b>Bobby Luna</b>	<b>Gallatin HS</b>
<b>Shane Sisco</b>	<b>Union City HS</b>
<b>Marty Sisco</b>	<b>Union City HS</b>
<b>Lynn Burkey</b>	<b>Greeneville/Shelbyville/Middle Tn. Christian</b>

**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 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 I-40 Clinics

On Saturday May 4, 2024 the BCAT will host our I-40 clinics in Jackson, Lebanon, and Knoxville. Below are the sites and speakers These are designed to be cost effective 1 day clinics to help you and your staff grow.

We have some of the top High School and College coaches from around the state that will speak. Clinic cost is only \$25!

## Reasons to attend:

Great chance to learn from some of the best coaches in the state who have succeeded at the highest level.

Very affordable for only \$25 and includes BCAT membership for the 2024-25 school year.

Attendees will receive a \$25 discount to attend the BCAT Fall Clinic September 20-21, 2024 in Franklin.

Get a jump on spring practice and summer camps by getting new ideas!



# BCAT I-40 Clinics

CURRENT SPEAKER LIST: (OTHER SPEAKERS WILL BE ADDED)

## Jackson at Liberty Tech HS:

David Niven Union University Men's Head Coach

Cameron Cates, Jackson State Community College

Drew Stutts Freed Hardeman Men's Head Coach NAIA Top 10

Mark Campbell Union University Women's Head Coach D-2 Top 10

Josh Epperson Freed Hardeman Women's Head Coach NAIA Top 20

John Harrington Briarcrest Christian Boys Coach 2 time State Champion 5 time Runner-up

## Lebanon High School:

Barry Wortman Blackman HS 2 Time State Champion

John Wild Santa Fe HS 3 time State Champion 2 time Runner-Up

Cory Barrett Lebanon HS 1 State Championship and 1 Runner-Up

Andy Blackston Brentwood Academy. 5 time State Champion, 1 OVC Championship @ Austin Peay

Coach Wild and Coach Wortman are 2 of only 4 coaches in Tennessee history to win a boys and girls State Championship.

## Knoxville Webb:

Jody Wright Fulton HS 4 State Championships/5 State Runners-up

Raul Placeres Maryville College Head Men's Coach

Bryon Lawhon Johnson University Head Women's Coach

Ricky Norris Knoxville Webb Boys Head Coach 1 State Championship

Ken Wright Sevier County HS 1 State Championship/Multiple State Tourney Appearances

Chuck Benson Carson Newman Head Men's Coach

We would appreciate you forwarding this info to all of the coaches in your feeder programs as well. TO REGISTER USE THE LINK BELOW:

BCAT I-40 CLINIC REGISTRATION / PAYMENT

# BCAT CENTURY CLUB

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

**Jason Tigert Franklin HS 300**

**Troy Bond Brentwood HS 450**

**Patrick Whitlock Ravenwood 300**

**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/NHSBCA Wooden Award Winners

**Congratulations to the following coaches on being selected as winners of the BCAT / NHSBCA Wooden Award Winner:**

**Jennifer Grandstaff, Blackman**

**Bobby Luna, Gallatin**

The National High School Basketball Coaches Association has teamed with the Wooden family to present an annual John Wooden Legacy Award to a boys and girls coach in each state. The recognition seeks to honor scholastic basketball coaches around the country who are educators and have achieved excellence on the floor, in the classroom and in the community that further embody the characteristics and legacy of Coach John Wooden. The criteria for this award are rooted in the ideals of Education, Longevity, Character, Service and Excellence.

National High School Basketball Coaches Association Inc. exists to will promote and enhance the profession of the high school basketball coach as well as scholastic basketball. For more information, please visit [NHSBCA.org](http://NHSBCA.org).

# BCAT WOMENS HOOPFEST

The 2024 Women's HOOPFEST will be held June 13-14 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 or two days. The cost is very affordable:

One day: \$175

Two 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 Boys HOOPFEST will be June 21-22, 2024 at Briarcrest Christian and P7 Sports Academy 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.

In June 2023 the BCAT Men's HOOPFEST was a resounding success. We hosted over 100 teams from across 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 over 60 college programs 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, all the way to D-2, D-3, NAIA, and JUCO. THE COLLEGE COACHES WILL BE THERE!

Simply put if you have any players you feel can play at the college level you should have your team at this camp!

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

One day: \$175

Two Days: \$300

TO REGISTER: [2024 BCAT Boys Hoopfest](#)

\*\*\*ALL FEES ARE DUE BY JUNE 1, 2024. ROSTER INFO IS DUE JUNE 5, 2024. ROSTER INFO IS FOR THE COLLEGE COACH PACKET.\*\*\*

Teams are guaranteed two varsity games per day.

Hotel Info:

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](mailto: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 COACHES CORNER

Casey Alexander Belmont. Casey is the architect of one of the most efficient offenses in all of college basketball. Take a few minutes to learn from one of the best.

Casey Alexander: Belmont Offensive Philosophy

Jim Boone Greensboro College, one of the best defensive coaches in college basketball talks about knowing what not to do. 'Know your no's' is common sense basketball.

Jim Boone: Know Your No's

# 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](http://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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# BCAT SPONSORS



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