



To: DYA Coaches

From: Brian Meadors
Director of Recreation Basketball

To those of you who coached last year and in the past, I want to thank you for your previous contributions. To all new coaches, I want to welcome you to the program and thank you for the commitment that you have made and for the time that you will be spending in the coming months. The Recreation Basketball program expects to have over 1,500 girls and boys, grades 1 to 12, participating this season. Without dedicated volunteers like you the program would not be successful.

The predominant factor which determines the success of any youth sports program is the behavior of the coaches and parents. As your team's coach, you set an example for your players and their parents. I ask all coaches to encourage their team's parents to avoid any criticism of officials, opposing players or coaches.

Coaching always involves balancing goals of fun, player development, and winning. **At the recreational basketball level I would hope your players' enjoyment and development would be much higher goals than winning.** It is expected that your goals will be to have fun and treat and play all players equally. The true mark of a successful team will be if your players want to return to the program next year.

I want to thank Mike Craig, DYA's Athletic Director, our League Commissioners, as well as Johnhenry Coughlin and Glen Noggle, who are the supervisors of our game officials. The time and energy they all put in to help run our program should not go unrecognized.

We continue to work with the Dublin City Schools as well as other outside facilities to meet the demand for gym time our program requires. Consistent with prior years, this will be a continuous process prior to and during the upcoming season. We apologize up front for any inconveniences you may experience if your practice or game schedules change at the last minute. We will do our very best to make sure communications are sent to all coaches and parents affected, however, we do anticipate there will be times where we are not notified timely of cancellations or simply not notified at all.

Best of luck and have a fun season!

Brian