



To: DYA Coaches

From: Jeff Karamol
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 next four months.

The Recreation Basketball program has over 1,400 girls and boys, grades 3 to 12, participating in the program. Without dedicated volunteers the program would not be successful.

Clearly, 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 and 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. The true mark of a successful team will be if your players have fun and want to return to the program next year.

In Recreation Basketball it is expected that your goals will be to have fun and try to treat and play all players equally.

I also want to thank the League Commissioners and Whit Luce and Glen Noggle, who are the supervisors of youth and adult officials.

Good luck and have a fun season!

Jeff