



Tips/Expectations for MBA Coaches

- I. Read through the MBA Mankato Basketball Association Code of Ethics & Guidelines – **read it, understand it & know it!**
 - a. Have all parents, from your team, read through the MBA Mankato Basketball Association Code of Ethics & Guidelines (hand out hard copies at your 1st practice).
- II. Coaches are required to read and know the MBA Coach's Guidelines as well – this can be found on the MBA website under the 'Coaches' tab.
- III. You are required to have a parent/player/coach meeting with your team, ideally this will happen at the beginning or conclusion of your 1st practice. (See MBA Code of Ethics & Guidelines for expectations of this meeting).
- IV. Select a Team Manager to help with all communications. We recommend using email or a Team App, such as TeamSnap or the Remind App. (See MBA Code of Ethics & Guidelines for expectations of this role).
- V. Read the MBA's guidelines and rules on the request/need of an additional non-team player due to situations where you have **6 or less players**. (See MBA Code of Ethics & Guidelines for further information)
- VI. Practices/Weather Cancellations/Practice Cancellations
 - a. Due to the safety of our players and coaches, Mankato Basketball Association's policy on weather related practices is as follow. There will be **NO basketball practices**, regardless of practice location (school or community) on days when school is canceled or dismissed early due to bad weather.
 - b. If you make the decision to cancel a practice (that is non-weather related), you **MUST contact your MBA Coordinator** to let them know.
 - c. Please inform the parents on your team that are **NOT ALLOWED** to drop their child off at a practice location until they know a coach is present.
 - d. Make it very clear to your team to respect the property at all practice locations and to respect the privacy of any teams that are practicing before you.

VII. Type of Tournaments to Play in:

- a. **For 4th and 5th grade levels the Mankato Basketball Association doesn't split teams into A and B Teams and therefore when scheduling your tournaments, we have the following recommendations:**
 - 1) You as the coach needs to first assess your talent on your individual team.
 - 2) If you are going to play in any metro-based tournaments we would recommend you play in the C bracket. Again, if you feel you have better than average team you could attempt to play in the B brackets. Would highly recommend **against** playing in a metro A tournaments.
 - 3) For tournaments closer to Mankato we would recommend you play in the B bracket unless you feel your team has higher level talent. There are tournaments like the New Ulm tournament where we have had 4th and 5th grade teams play in the highest bracket and had success. Again, coaches need to fully assess their talent levels.

- b. **For 6th/7th/8th grade levels we do split into A and B teams. With that split we also have some recommendations for scheduling tournaments:**
 - 1) Mankato A teams typically have a difficult time competing in A level talent in metro tournaments and we would recommend you play in B tournaments unless you feel your A team can really compete with the Metro A teams. A good option is in 6th grade to sign up for 1 A tournament early in the season if you believe you have a talented enough team to compete.
 - a. ** Metro teams usually get over 100 kids trying out for 1 A team of 10 and in Mankato the most we have ever had was 30.
 - 2) For tournaments in southern MN we expect that all A teams play in the A bracket. Please only register your A team in tournaments where there is an A bracket. Please DO NOT play in B tournaments (examples of A tournaments in southern MN are Owatonna, New Ulm, Rochester, New Prague & Fairmont).
 - 3) For all B teams we recommend that for the metro tournaments you play in the C brackets and for all southern MN tournaments you play in the B bracket.
 - 4) If you have a highly talented A team, we recommend you play the metro tournaments.

VIII. **Tournament Options and Sign up:**

There are a number of Southern MN basketball associations that you can look into. Simply search for the community associations and view their tournament page. Example communities that have tournaments are:

- Owatonna Basketball Association www.owatonnabasketball.com
- New Ulm Basketball Association www.newulmbasketball.com

- Sleepy Eye <http://lakeviewbasketballassociation.weebly.com/>
- St. Peter Basketball Association www.saintpeteryouthbasketball.org
- Waseca Basketball Association www.wasecabasketball.com
- Fairmont www.fairmontboysbasketball.com www.fairmontgirlsbasketball.com
- There are others in the area as well and as a coach you will need to search the southern MN communities to find the tournament options

For the metro tournaments the MYAS web site has a tournament flyer that includes **100s** of tournaments around the state. Simply go to www.MYAS.org select the Basketball tab and you will find the winter tournament options.

You **DO NOT** need to register nor pay for the **Mankato Tournament**, you are automatically registered for that tournament. This is a free tournament for the teams of the MBA.

Coaches will be required to submit a listing of tournaments registered for and the cost of each. If the full stipend is not used, the remaining funds must be returned to Mankato Basketball Association Treasure by end of season. (See MBA Code of Ethics & Guidelines for further details)

If you have any questions with signing up or with recommendations for tournaments, please contact your assigned coordinator.

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