



Why join BCAT?

1. To unify all Basketball coaches in the State of Tennessee.
2. Instill within every Basketball coach, a sense of responsibility and ownership of the game of Basketball in Tennessee.
3. To develop and maintain the high standards we have set as coaches of the ultimate team game.
4. To create and maintain an open line of communication with the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association.
5. To promote the game of Basketball throughout the state of Tennessee.
6. To honor those who have impacted the game of Basketball in Tennessee as coaches, players, and administrators.
7. To be a resource for all players, coaches, and administrators.

What has BCAT done?

Since its inception in 2007, BCAT has worked tirelessly to be the voice for all coaches, players, and fans throughout Tennessee. Here are some of the examples of what we have done:

1. Established ties with the TSSAA. Currently we have established sit down meetings at the TSSAA offices with TSSAA executive Bernard Childress and Gene Menees over concern and points of emphasis. Our voice has been established! We currently have planned meetings with the 3-5 times per year. Has this ever happened before now? Our last meeting in April we discussed three major topics: *Classification, development of a rating system for officials, and the basketball calendar. The next scheduled meeting is on Sept. 28th, 2010.*
2. *We proposed in the Spring of 2008 to get 5 days of spring practice back on the athletic calendar, it was reinstated.*
3. We have put together all-star games that have been hugely successful on the morning of the state championship games in Murfreesboro.
4. Have honored member coaches with Coach of the Year honors. Also have done the same for players.
5. Have established the best coach's clinic in America, annually held the last weekend of September. Some of the top coaches in the country have provided their time to speak and be a part of our organization including: *Bruce Pearl, Pat Summitt, Tom Izzo, Kevin Stallings, Darrin Horn, Kevin O'Neill, Rick Insell, Kelly Jolly-Harper, Seth Greenberg, Chris Lowery, Jeff Walz, Brian Gregory, just to name a few.* This year we have *Roy Williams, Josh Pastner, and Andy Landers speaking. The weekend is Sept. 24th and 25th this year, check bcathoops.com for more info.*
6. Established ties with Coaches vs Cancer.
7. Working to establish a top 100 workout to promote our players.
8. Attended the National High School Basketball Coaches Association meetings to share and borrow ideas on issues concerning Basketball coaches across the country.
9. Established ties with the sports media to promote basketball.
10. Developed our website bcathoops.com as the ultimate coach's website for your needs as coaches.

As you can see we have tried to give the coaches in Tennessee the opportunity to have a first class organization. It is time for you and the coaches at your school to get involved. Remember there is strength in numbers. If we get the over 750 head coaches, their assistant coaches, and the coaches at their middle schools and feeder programs involved, we could easily have 1500-2000 members and in turn we can make a tremendous difference in the direction our sport. However, if we continue to not actively participate in the direction of our sport, we are not helping the players, future coaches, and fans of the game. There are currently states that have up to 3000-5000 members just in their basketball coaches association. Why can we not get all of our coaches to do the same!