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IMPORTANT DATES

All-Star Game Nomination Deadline*
March 6

Girls State Tournament
March 12-14

Boys State Tournament
March 19-21

Academic All-State Nomination Deadline*
April 1

Team Academic All-State Nomination
April 15

2015 WBCA All-Star Games
June 19 & 20

*nomination forms can be found on our website
wisbca.org, instructions in this newsletter

UPDATING STATS WITH WSN

Once again the WBCA is using the WisSports.net stats database for our All-State, Academic All-State and All-Star game nomination forms.

Regular season stats must be updated on WisSports.net by one week after the season. The stats that have been entered at this time will be used for by the voting committees that decide on these honors.

If you have any questions on how to update stats or to receive online access please email WisSports.net at info@wissports.net

By Jerry Petitgoue, Executive Director

Good Luck

First and foremost, as we head down the tournament trail, I wish all coaches the best of luck!

All-Star Nominations

Remember all nominations are done on-line. Page 6 gives a rundown of the nomination process. Also, if your player is not nominated, they will not be considered for the games.

All-Star Selection

For the boys the selection will be done on Saturday of the State Tournament (March 21) in Madison. For the girls the selection will be done on the Saturday of the State Tournament (March 14) in Green Bay

Individual Academic All-State

All nominations will be done online. This is always a very competitive honor and we ask that you please nominate your student-athletes by April 1st. More notes on this process are on page six of this newsletter.

Team Academic All-State

The team form needs to be mailed and is included in this newsletter on pages 8 and 9. This honor is by division for both boys and girls basketball.

Conference Championship & Coach Awards

Did you know that every coach who is a WBCA member receives a plaque if they win a conference championship and other honors if they reach a wins milestone? To submit your information for these awards please visit the nomination forms page of WisBCA.org.

State Tournament Hospitality Rooms

This is one of the most popular events that we sponsor for both the boys' and girls' tournaments. The boys' will be held at the Nicholas Suites in the Kohl Center as it always has been. The girls' will be in the same location in the Resch as last year. Your membership card gets you and a guest into the rooms. For the boys' tournament and in the upstairs hospitality suite for the girls' tournament, under 18 are only allowed in between games and at halftime.

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FAST BREAK NOTES



WBCA CORPORATE SPONSORS



CELEBRATING THE GAME

By Deb Hauser, Associate Director WIAA

The WIAA will celebrate the 100th Boys State Basketball Championships on March 19-21 at the Kohl Center in Madison. The tournament will highlight and honor the history of the 100 years of high school basketball in Wisconsin. Festivities will begin on Thursday, March 19 with a Pregame Tipoff --- doors will open at 11 a.m. with a video presentation scheduled for 12 noon. The D5 semifinal games are slated to begin at 1:35 p.m. Throughout the course of the tournament, memorabilia from past tournaments will be on display along with a storyboard timeline highlighting the many memorable events that have occurred. Fans young and old will not want to miss this historic tournament. Commemorative pins will be distributed Thursday at the Pregame Tipoff. Former coaches, players and officials will be on hand over the course of the three day tournament. Plan now to attend --- tickets for the general public will be on sale on the WIAA website beginning Monday, January 26. Let's Pack the Kohl in March --- Celebrating the Game!

Other issues that have come up over the course of this season include: 1) should the mercy rule be extended to subvarsity games; 2) conferences moving to 3-person crews and in a couple instances are going to use the same crew of officials for 2 games on a night; and 3) use of

coaching box at the subvarsity level.

On a few occasions, coaches have reached out and asked that consideration be given to using the mercy rule at lower level games. This item will be on the agenda for the Basketball Coaches Advisory Committee when they meet in April. I'm interested to hear from coaches as to what their opinions are on this idea. Further, some varsity coaches have indicated that perhaps we should consider stopping the clock on free throws when we use the mercy rule at the varsity level. Thoughts? Concerns?

We have had a couple of conferences move in the direction of using the same crew of officials for multiple games on a night. I'm personally very opposed to this idea and have communicated my concerns with the conference commissioners. I'm going to suggest to the Basketball Coaches Advisory Committee that we make a recommendation that this not be allowed. I do not believe this will promote officiating at the lower levels and I do believe we all need to work harder to recruit new officials. If we indeed have a shortage of officials, then let's work on that.

Finally, it appears that the use of the coaching box by subvarsity coaches has gone well. Congratulations to you as coaches for making this a workable

situation --- to date, I've received no negative comments. Let's continue to make this a positive addition to our basketball programs.

Finally, the new contact rule has seemed to settle in quite nicely as well. While some fans have not adjusted as well, coaches and player along with our officials have implemented this new rule successfully. I applaud all those involved with making this happen. It is quite enjoyable to watch basketball players defense with their feet rather than with their hands all over the ball handler guiding him/her with their physical presence.

Hope to see you at the 100th celebration of the great game of high school basketball at the Kohl Center or the 40th celebration of the girls tournament at the Resch Center in March. Let's all be a part of these monumental events!



MENTAL PREPERATION OF A BASKETBALL OFFICIAL

By Terry Erickson, WIAA Officials Liason

When we think of preparing for the long basketball season, we typically focus on playing rules, floor coverage, mechanics, points of emphasis and basic strategy of the game. Reviewing these principles should assist in defining what a player can and cannot do on the basketball floor, as well as reinforce basic positioning in order to observe player actions and proceed when an infraction is detected. This requires studying, listening, observing, practicing and welcoming feedback from observers and assignors.

Unfortunately, an equally important preparation component to game basketball officiating is missing for a growing number of officials. That component is the Mental Preparation.

Just like athletes who master the mental skills and discipline necessary to achieve a high degree of success, officials also need to focus on the mental aspect of the game.

A Sound mind in a Healthy Body. The length of the season can be a physical and mental drain. As you wear down physically, your mental state also suffers.

In order to sustain a high degree of proficiency, thereby consistency bringing your A game to each contest throughout the season, you will require proper nutrition, adequate rest, an in-season conditioning program, appropriate stretching, as well as limiting alcohol consumption. All this will keep your body and mind consistently prepared for a peak performance.

Mastering the Art of Concentration.

This is fundamental to making proper decisions in a fast moving game. Focusing on relevant cues during the game, anticipating future plays, reacting to crowd noise, and listening to angry coaches and/or players all jeopardize your concentration. In addition, boredom from a lop-sided game can be a possible detriment to concentration. Equally challenging is the fear of making a mistake and ruining a game, or moving forward after a difficult or controversial call. Mental discipline and concentration will assist you in rising above these situations.

The Mental Pre-game. This is part of your pre-game conference with your crew. The ability to eliminate unhealthy pre-conceived feeling about players or

coaches that can impair or bias your judgment needs to be discussed. And, distractions from all external issues such as family, job, weather or travel needs to be left outside the gymnasium door. A good pre-game will bring your mental level of activation to the proper level with the goal of focusing on the task to be accomplished.

Mental preparation will take you to a controlled state of mind which can assist you in making the best possible decisions. When practiced and mastered, you will officiate with a renewed sense of self-confidence leading to a "season and a career of significance."



1000 Point, 300 Win & 1000 Games Officiated Club

As part of the WBCA Hall of Fame we honor coaches, players and officials that have hit these landmark milestones.



Points must be from WIAA varsity contests only. Games officiated must be from WIAA varsity and college games. Coach record may be WIAA Varsity or JV but please specify if it is your JV record.

For a \$20 donation you can have your achievement on the walls of the WBCA Hall of Fame at the JustAgame Fieldhouse. Each donation will be given a 6x3 inch plaque in the Hall of Fame.

School (for Coach & Players) : _____

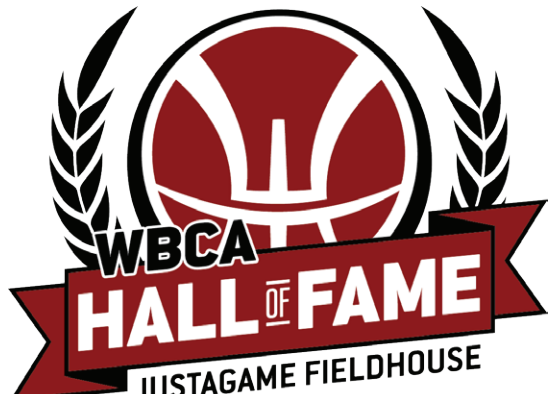
Colors (for Coach & Players): _____

Player/Coach/Official	Years	Points/Record/Games
Bob Sample	1997-2001	1,343 Points
Joe Sample	1978-2000	525-341
Jim Sample	1985-2013	1500 Games Officiated
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

If you need more space please use back of sheet or attach another sheet. Each player, coach or referee requires a \$20 donation. Checks made payable to:

Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association
 Attn: Hall of Fame
 5509 Schluter Rd
 Monona, WI 53716

Please allow some time after submittal for your plaque to be displayed. For coaches or players we reserve the right to ask



BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

If you have not signed up yet, please considering joining one of the finest coach associations in the country. If you have signed up, please help us by reminding your fellow coaches and officials to sign up. Below is a list of some of the benefits of WBCA membership.

1. Become active and have ownership in the WBCA and WIAA working relationship.
2. Take advantage of WBCA Mentor Program.
3. Receive WBCA newsletter four times a year.
4. Be selected as a head or assistant coach for the WBCA All-Star games.
5. Be eligible to attend hospitality rooms at the Boys' and Girls' State Tournaments at the Kohl Center and Resch Center.
6. Be elected to the WBCA Executive Board.
7. Receive college credit for fall clinic report through UW-White-water.
8. Be selected as a fall or youth clinic speaker.
9. Attend WBCA sponsored fall clinic or youth clinics at a discount rate.
10. WBCA legal assistance available to all WBCA members who need it.
11. Attend outstanding WBCA Hall of Fame banquet.
12. Be eligible for the following awards:
 - a-Conference Championship plaques.
 - b-100-200-300-400-500+ win plaques.
 - c-Referee Golden Whistle plaque.
 - d-25-year watch award and 35-year plaque.
 - e-Head and Assistant Coaches of the Year Award.
 - f-Athletic Director and Administrator plaques.
13. Be eligible for the prestigious Steve Randall Memorial award.
14. Be eligible for the prestigious Eli Crogan Humanitarian award.
15. Be eligible for State Championships rings.
16. Be eligible to be selected to the WBCA Hall of Fame as a:
 - a-Coach - High School and College
 - b-Assistant Coach
 - c-Player - Men and Women
 - d-Referee
 - e-Friend of Basketball
17. Become more professional by attending your professional association.
18. Receive discounts, specials and tickets from vendors and sponsors
19. When selection criteria are close to equal, preference for awards and all-star game spots to WBCA Member coaches.
20. Associate membership of the National High School Coaches Association (NHSBCA)

FAST BREAK NOTES (continued from page one)

Hall of Fame Inductees

Congratulations on the new inductees into the WBCA Hall of Fame. A list of inductees appears on page 7 of this newsletter

WIAA's 100th Celebration

The WIAA has some neat things in store to celebrate the 100th year of the boys state basketball tournament. We encourage you to attend the pregame tip-off on Thursday of the state tournament and to give yourself some extra time to walk the halls and see all the things that have put together to celebrate the occasion.

Girls 40th Anniversary

The WISAA was the first organization in the state to hold a girls basketball tournament when they hosted four teams at Madison Edgewood high school in 1975. Roncalli won that state title and hats off to all the great girls coaches, players and teams that have come since.

Seeding Half-Sectional

The WBCA Executive Board is of the opinion that a process or rule change needs to be implemented to ensure teams are rewarded for their regular season success through seeding of the half-sectional. The pushback has been travel concerns. We have a proposed rule change that we believe solve both issues. Please contact me to find out how you and your administration can help us move this proposal forward in the WIAA's process.

Legend Passes On

Clyde Rusk, hall of fame coach, passed away in late December. What a great coach and a super person. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Jerry Petitgoue, Executive Director of the WBCA can be reached by email tristate@jdpjmp.com or phone 608-778-1986.

Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association – Membership Form - 2014-15

School / Organization: _____

Registration Fees (please pay for membership + clinic at same time)

Membership (circle type)

- Individual Membership – Boys Coach - \$50
- Individual Membership – Girls Coach - \$50
- Staff Membership (Up to 10) – Boys Staff - \$100*
- Staff Membership (Up to 10) – Girls Staff - \$100*
- Referee : \$20
- Friend of the Game: \$20
- Youth Coach: \$20
- Lifetime Member (retired coach): \$100

Fall Clinic

4 or more coaches = \$60 PER coach**
 1-3 Coaches = \$80 PER coach
 Please check box and indicate T-shirt size for those who will attend the Fall Clinic

****Boys & Girls coaches will no longer be allowed to pay for the fall clinic together to get the \$60 rate.**

*Boys & Girls coaches may NOT be on the same staff membership

Membership Fees _____
Fall Clinic Fees _____
Total Enclosed _____

Individual / Staff Member Information

	Name	Address (w city & zip)	Email (required)	Fall Clinic?
1)				yes no
2)				yes no
3)				yes no
4)				yes no
5)				yes no
6)				yes no
7)				yes no
8)				yes no
9)				yes no
10)				yes no

Please make checks payable to: WBCA and mail to (please note new address):

WBCA Membership
 5509 Schluter Rd
 Monona, WI 53716

If you want to pay by credit card please go to our website – WisBCA.org

2015 ALL-STAR GAME COACHES

Boys All-Star Game

WBCA Co-Directors:
Mike Huser, Platteville
Tony Scallon, McFarland

Division 1

North - Curt Melton, Oconomowoc
South - Craig Hasse, Arrowhead

Division 2

North - Todd Fergot, La Crosse Central
South - Bob Beighton, Delavan-Darien

Division 3

North - Matt Kepsel, Fox Valley Lutheran
South - Lance Marifke, St. Francis

Division 4

North - Chad Briskie, Mondovi
South - Isaiah Ketterhagen, Ozaukee

Division 5

North - Jon Bussewitz, Turtle Lake
South - Jordan Laufenberg, Bangor

Girls All-Star Game

WBCA Co-Directors
Loren Homb, Monroe
Sam Mathiason, Monroe

Division 1

North - Joe La Chapell, Appleton East
South - Kerry Storbakken, Janesville Craig

Division 2

North - Nahmie George, La Crosse Central
South - Jef Radtke, New Berlin West

Division 3

North - Matt Haase, Osceola
South - Lisa Immel, Oostburg

Division 4

North - Missy Dowden, Bonduel
South - Jesi Haak, Deerfield

Division 5

North - Jason Schultz, Northwood
South - Kaleen McGettigan, Belmont

WBCA ONLINE ALL-STAR NOMINATION PROCESS

The online nomination form is online and can be found on the home page of WisBCA.org as well as by clicking on the "Nomination Forms" link under the "About" header.

You may also type in the following address to access into your browser to access the nomination form:

<https://wisbca.sportngin.com/register/form/633323612>

Nominating your student-athlete online is the only way for them to be considered for participation in the games.

You do not need to be a WBCA member to nominate a player, but you do need to register for an account to complete the online nomination process.

ONLY A VARSITY HEAD COACH CAN NOMINATE A PLAYER.

Once again, stats will no longer be included on the form but will be pulled from the WisSports.net database after the regular season is concluded. If you need access to your team to update your all-star nominee's stats you can contact WSN at info@wissports.net.

Only students who are scheduled to graduate in the current spring (2015) are eligible to be nominated. We may request confirmation from the principal and guidance counselor that the student has passed all necessary requirements and will graduate. If the student fails to graduate, he or she will NOT be allowed to play in the WBCA All-Star game.

Students who have committed major athletic code violations during their senior year are not allowed to be nominated for the game. Furthermore, if a violation occurs after they have been selected from the team they will be replaced. These major athletic code violations would include any suspension for alcohol or drugs related activity and if the student-athlete participates in a violation of citizenship, which includes violating any criminal law or local ordinance. If a coach feels like their student-athlete's violation was not justified they may appeal to the all-star committee before the all-star selection meeting takes place.

The dates of the girls game is June

19th and the boys game will be on June 20th. IF YOUR STUDENT-ATHLETE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GAMES PLEASE DO NOT NOMINATE THEM. We only announce confirmed participants so it is to no benefit for your player to be nominated if they can not attend due to injury, college commitment or any other reason.

Lastly, each participant in the games is required to raise a minimum of \$500 as part of our fundraising efforts for the MACC Fund to help fight childhood cancer and blood related diseases. The WBCA covers lodging, meals and gear for all players selected to the game so there are no expenses required beyond raising the money for charity. As the nominated varsity coach, you are guaranteeing that they will raise this money and that you will be held responsible, along with your player for their fundraising efforts. DO NOT NOMINATE YOUR STUDENT ATHLETE IF TOGETHER YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO FUNDRAISE FOR THE GAME.

You will receive an email confirmation/receipt after your nomination is submitted. If you do not get this email, that means you did not complete the process.

Varsity Coaches who are current WBCA members will be invited to attend the selection meeting to speak on their player's behalf.

All-Star selection meetings take place on the Saturday morning of the state tournament. The boys meeting is held at Badger Sporting Goods, 2814 Bryant Road in Madison. The girls meeting tentatively is scheduled to be held at Ashwaubenon High School, 2391 South Ridge Road.

The deadline for all-star nominations will be March 6th.

ACADEMIC ALL-STATE

Links for Academic All-State are in the same locations as the All-Star Nominee links. You may also type the link directly into your browser:

<https://wisbca.sportngin.com/register/form/207734009>

Problems with nomination forms? Email: nicholaskartos@gmail.com

The WBCA Hall of Fame committee held their annual selection meeting on Sunday, January 19th in Madison. Many great coaches, officials, friends and players were considered for induction into the Hall of Fame.

This year's selection committee consisted of: Ken Barrett, Jeff Boos, Bob Buck, Dan Bureson, Cliff Christl, Eli Crogan, John Handel, Jack Hervert, Loren Homb, Nicholas Kartos, Dr. Harry Oden, Win Parkinson, Jerry Petitgoue, John Miron, Jim Scheidler, Niki Sutter, Dennis Uppena and Dave Vander Muelen.

The following inductees will be honored at the annual Hall of Fame Banquet which will take place this year on September 26th at the Wilderness Lodge in Wisconsin Dells.

Head Coaches

Ted Alberson, Flambeau
James Bartlett, Barron
Eric Briebl, Potosi/River Valley
Tom DePagter, Oostburg
Peter Kittel, Brillion
Lee LeMahieu, Ozaukee
Jeff Lewiston, New Berlin West

Tom Neises, Xavier/St. Mary Springs
Tim Omen, Randolph
Connie Tilley, St. Norbert
Bill Uelmen, Regis

Assistant Coaches

Gwen Hoekstra, Fall Creek
James Legge, Auburndale
Albert Jackson, Milwaukee King
Warren Otto, Two Rivers

Players - Girls

Lisa Bonnell, Merrill
Brenda Brunner, Pius XI
Karie Cattanach, Markesan
Theresa Huff, Milwaukee Riverside
Janet Huff, Milwaukee Riverside
Sue Vielbig, Oakfield
Amy Wiersma, Randolph

Players - Boys

Tom Flynn, Messmer
Stan Johnson, Eau Claire
Damon Key, Marquette
Sam Okey, Cassville
Pat Richter, Madison East
Ellis Turrentine, Milwaukee Lincoln
TJ Van Wie, Wisconsin Dells

Friends of the Game

Dave & Joy Royston, Wisconsin Dells

Referee

Terry Maloney, Elm Grove

Nomination Info

All nominations must be submitted online. All previously nominated candidates must have their nominations resubmitted through our online process.

Coach nomination now includes a detailed year-by-year record submission. There is a template available on the nomination form that you can use or use as a guide in creating a file to upload with your nomination.

To be considered for the 2016 Hall of Fame class you must have the nomination form submitted online by December 23rd, 2015.

Once you have nominated someone they will stay in the pool of nominees - there is no need to nominate someone each year. You are allowed to update info on active coach nominations.

For the nomination link please go to:
<http://www.wisbca.com/halloffame>

LOTS OF BASKETBALL ACTION THIS SEASON AT

Wisconsin Dells Just A Game Fieldhouse

-57 HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY GAMES

-WBCA CLASSIC - JAN. 24 AND JAN. 31-GREAT WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL GAMES.

-16 DIVISION III COLLEGE GAMES

-WISCONSIN COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE [JR. COLLEGE] FINAL FOUR

MEN AND WOMEN FEB. 21-22

-WBCA HALL OF FAME SHOOTOUT

[\$30 DONATED TO WBCA FOR EACH ENTRY]

MARCH 21 4-6 BOYS

MARCH 22 4-6 GIRLS

MARCH 28 7-8 BOYS

MARCH 29 7-8 GIRLS

**-4TH-8TH GRADE TOURNAMENTS ALMOST
EVERY WEEKEND THROUGH MARCH**



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WBCA TEAM ACADEMIC ALL-STATE

Criteria & Directions

1. Team GPA will be determined by the first semester (or second trimester) of the present school year. The team GPA will be submitted by April 15 of the present school year.
2. Team GPA will be based on a 4 point maximum system. If your school district assigns a greater value than 4 for an A in a class, then the coach or school representative must convert those GPAs to the 4 point scale.
3. Team will be defined as your tournament roster submitted to participate in the WIAA tournament series.
4. Three teams will be honored for high academic GPA. The team with the highest GPA in the state in each division will be recognized and each member will receive a gold medal for their efforts. Second and third place team will receive a certificate for their school. Silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the members of these teams.
5. For privacy, do not list players names. Identify them as "player #1, player #2, etc" when compiling GPA. Use the example below to establish your team GPA.

Sample GPA Calculation

Player #1 - Senior - 42 credits attempted times 3.15 GPA = 132.30
Player #2 - Senior - 41 credits attempted X 3.50 GPA = 143.50
Player #3 - Junior - 30 credits attempted X 2.70 GPA = 81.00
Player #4 - Junior - 31 credits attempted X 3.25 GPA = 100.75
Player #5 - Junior - 31 credits attempted X 2.58 GPA = 79.98
Player #6 - Soph. - 17 credits attempted X 4.00 GPA = 68.00
Player #7 - Soph. - 18 credits attempted X 2.77 GPA = 49.86
Player #8 - Frosh - 6 credits attempted X 4.00 GPA = 24.00

Totals - 216 credits attempted 679.39 GPA

Total GPA (679.39) divided credits attempted (216)
= 3.145324 team GPA

Remember if a class is failed you must still count it in the "credits attempted" column.

The above example is for eight players. You must use your entire tournament roster. Your tournament roster could range anywhere from 10 to 15 players. If you have more than 15 players and changing your roster from game to game the roster for your first tournament game will be the official roster for determining your team's GPA.

TEAM ACADEMIC ALL-STATE ROSTER

School: _____

Division: _____

Coach: _____

(coach, please list your roster in alphabetical order)

Roster:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

11. _____

12. _____

13. _____

14. _____

15. _____

Return Roster & Nomination Forms to:

Ken Barrett
N2347 Fen Lockney Dr
La Crosse, WI 54601

WBCA TEAM ACADEMIC ALL-STATE NOMINATION FORM

School: _____ Division: _____

Boys/Girls (circle one)

Coach: _____ Phone: _____

Coach's e-mail: _____

(coach, be sure to randomly list your players so it is different than the roster information)

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Credits Attempted</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Total</u>
_____ Player #1	_____	X	= _____
_____ Player #2	_____	X	= _____
_____ Player #3	_____	X	= _____
_____ Player #4	_____	X	= _____
_____ Player #5	_____	X	= _____
_____ Player #6	_____	X	= _____
_____ Player #7	_____	X	= _____
_____ Player #8	_____	X	= _____
_____ Player #9	_____	X	= _____
_____ Player #10	_____	X	= _____
_____ Player #11	_____	X	= _____
_____ Player #12	_____	X	= _____
_____ Player #13	_____	X	= _____
_____ Player #14	_____	X	= _____
_____ Player #15	_____	X	= _____

Total Credits Attempted _____ Total GPA _____

Total GPA _____ divided by Total Credits Attempted = _____

First of all, I would like to thank Jim Myers for his leadership as WBCA president these past two years. I have always respected Jim and I have grown to respect him even more during the past couple years. Not an easy act to follow, but I would much rather follow him as president than be the person that follows him on the sidelines someday. I would also like to welcome our newest members of the executive board, Randy Storlie of Blair-Taylor and Greg Gard from Wisconsin.

I have been a member of the WBCA for approximately 30 years. I became actively involved about 17 years ago when Denny Uppena, Jerry Mortimer and I asked the executive board to consider expanding the number of boys' and girls' all-star games from three to four. At the time we had four divisions, but only three games. Though it would not be easy and there would be a lot of details to figure out, the board listened and quickly acted upon our request. The reasoning was simple. It was good for basketball. About 15 years ago I joined the executive board and our guiding principle continues to be "do what is best for basketball."

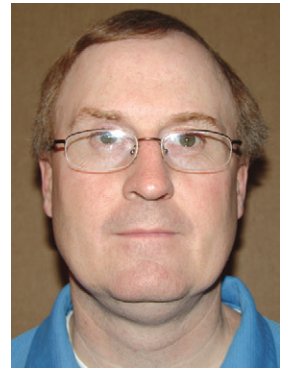
Under the leadership of Executive Director Jerry Petitgoue, we have never let good be good enough. The WBCA has continued to try to make things better. A couple examples come to mind.

Moving the all-star games to Wisconsin Dells has taken the best all-star games in the country and made them even better. I would also say that our Hall of Fame, under the leadership of Nick Kartos and Dave Royston, is unrivaled. Those that haven't been there need to do so ASAP.

While things are very good in the state of Wisconsin in regards to basketball, perhaps never better, there is always room for improvement. There are some things we may not be able to change immediately but the WBCA will continue to move forward and to do what is best for basketball. If you have suggestions or ideas feel free to contact me or any executive board member.

In closing, a couple reminders: don't forget to nominate your players for the WBCA All-Star games, academic all-state and team academic all-state.

Respectfully yours,
Dan Burreson, Mineral Point High School

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Barneveld

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Kaukauna

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Blair-Taylor

Rick Storlie, D4 Boys
Fall Creek

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Monroe

Jon Nedelcoff, Fall Clinic Co-Director
Oregon

Tony Scallon, Boys All-Star Game Co-Chair
McFarland

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Steve Chard, Fundraising
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Eli Crogan, Mentoring & Mr. Basketball Chair
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John Cary, MACC Fund
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Mike Hintz, Youth Events
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Jim Jones, Photo Archivist
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Caron Townsend, Past Pres. & Acad. All-State
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Dennis Uppena, Past President & Elections
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