

# Missouri Basketball Coaches Association

## *“Points-of-Pride”*

The Missouri Basketball Coaches Association began its development in 1985 under the direction of Gary Filbert. Norm Stewart was the head basketball coach at the University of Missouri at that time, and Gary Filbert was on his staff as an assistant coach. Coach Stewart asked Gary Filbert, if he was allotted the time from his duties, could he start and maintain a state-wide Basketball Coaches Association? Gary did so, and was the Executive Director until his death in 2011.

The MBCA Mission is, and has been from the beginning, determined to ***“promote Basketball throughout the State of Missouri.”*** We are doing this with over 1,500 members - they are provided professional liability insurance through the MBCA, along with the receiving awards and accolades for coaches, players and events. We also provide team rankings for all classifications, both girls and boys, weekly throughout the basketball season; we are the only organization in the state that provides this service.

### **Player Awards -**

- All-State (only organization in our state that provides this service)
- Academic All-State
- *“Player of the Year”* in each classification
- *“Miss Show Me Basketball”* – State Girl Player of the Year
- *“Mr. Show Me Basketball”* – State Boy Player of the Year
- *“Miss Special Olympics Missouri”* – Girl Special Olympics Player of the Year
- *“Mr. Special Olympics Missouri”* – Boy Special Olympics Player of the Year
- *“Student Manager of the Year”*

### **Coaches Awards -**

- Coaches of the Year for all five classifications – Girls & Boys
- *“NHSBCA Missouri Ryan Shaw Coach of the Year”* – Girls & Boys
- Assistant Coach of the year

**Gary Filbert Lifetime Achievement Award** – Highest MBCA Award given for meritorious service and contributions to Missouri Basketball.

**Gary Filbert Scholarship** – this is a one-time scholarship award of \$2,000.00 given to a son or daughter of a member coach who will be attending a Missouri University or College and is planning on majoring in Education.

### **MBCA Events -**

- Our Basketball Clinic (held in September with over 900 coaches in attendance) - we consider this our most successful yearly event.

- The ***Norm Stewart Classic "48 Hours of High School Basketball"*** is our newest event, and we believe this is the only High School Basketball event of its kind in the country. The ***Classic*** consists of twenty-four varsity boys and girls games played over a period of 48 hours. We began on a Friday night at 6:00 pm playing a game every two hours / go around the clock, and finishing at 6:00 pm Sunday. The ***Classic*** is streamed on **ESPN 3**, with game announcers, Coach and Player interviews throughout the event / we are very excited that the ***Classic*** has been such a huge success. Non-profit partners, ***Coaches vs Cancer*** and ***Special Olympics Missouri*** benefited financially, along with the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association.
- ***MBCA Celebration Weekend*** is a two-day period in April where we conduct the following events:
  1. ***Missouri Challenge*** – Eight Girls and Eight Boys teams representing the eight regions of our state come together in one location to play a single elimination tournament Saturday and Sunday. The regional winner of each bracket will have their names inscribed on a trophy permanently housed in the MBCA section of the ***Missouri Sports Hall of Fame*** in Springfield, Mo.
  2. MBCA Hall of Fame enshrinement / held at the ***Missouri Sports Hall of Fame*** on Saturday.
  3. ***MBCA Academic All-State and Awards Banquet*** / held on Sunday with three hundred in attendance.

As our association continues to grow, the NBSBCA has been and will continue to be a huge factor in the development of the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association.