

The North Carolina Basketball Coaches Association

“Points of Pride”

The NC Basketball Coaches Association was founded in 1998 as an offshoot from the basketball “Advisory Group” that served to represent the interests of basketball to the all-sports NC Coaches Association. The NCBCA serves as the unified voice of high school basketball in our state to our state athletic governing body and to other basketball entities nationwide.

In its infancy stages, the NCBCA grew slowly, with fewer than 100 members in its first five years. However, as a result of our involvement with the National HS Basketball Coaches Association and the implementation of ideas borrowed from members of that association, the NCBCA’s membership has grown annually over the past 8 years, having nearly tripled since 2005.

The NCBCA was instrumental in getting the NC Coaches Association and SC Coaches Association to agree to a boys and girls All Star Basketball Game between the 2 states. The first NC-SC All Star games were played in March of 2000 on the campus of Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC and have been played annually since. This past year the NCBCA played a major role in the passage of new guidelines by our state’s governing body of HS athletics in allowing coaches the ability to work with unlimited numbers of players in skill development during the off season.

Since 2013 the NCBCA has sponsored an annual Coaches vs Cancer Shootout event on the campus of UNC-Asheville. Sixteen teams from across the state play 8 games in UNC-A’s Kimmel Arena on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend. Each participating team conducts fundraising in their communities prior to the Shootout to raise money for *Coaches vs Cancer*. On Friday night there is a banquet for all the participating teams and each participating school tells the story of their “Hero”, a cancer victim that they are playing for. They also present the check for the amount of money they raised on their campus in their Hero’s honor. To date over \$82,000 has been donated to the fight against cancer through the Shootout and the efforts of the participating teams.

In addition to selecting All District and All State teams at the conclusion of each season, along with the State *Player* and *Coach of the Year* for both boys and girls, the NCBCA, through our partnership with PGC Basketball, annually gives out a *PGC Heart of A Champion Award* to 1 boys and 1 girls player each year who have “*overcome significant personal challenges or adversities in their lives or careers with courage, determination, and an unrelenting spirit which has served to inspire and encourage others.*” We also award a *PGC Transformational Coach of the Year Award* (1 boys and 1 girls coach) which goes to a coach nominated by his/her fellow coaches for his/her transformational effect on the lives of their players and fellow coaches, the significant positive impact in their school community, and the respect they have endeared for their positive leadership and integrity both on and off the court.

We are also extremely proud of our website and the avenues we have developed through it to assist coaches in finding summer events for their teams to participate in, as well as tournaments and games to complete their schedule for the following season.

The NC Basketball Coaches Association is most appreciative of the assistance that the NHSBCA has provided in helping us to provide greater services to our member coaches.