

The Basketball Coaches Association of New York, Inc.

Points of Pride – Emphasis on Chapters

BCANY was formed in 1982 and is led by a Board of Directors which is comprised of volunteer Directors for boy's coaches and for girls' coaches from each of the 11 sections of NYSPHSAA as well as from NYS Catholic, NYC Public and NYS Private Schools. We refer to each of these 14 subdivisions as **Chapters**. (Also there are Directors representing men's coaches and women's coaches at the JUCO, Division II/III and Division I levels.)

New York, like many other states is a large state geographically, at times makes it a challenge to feel like a unified organization. To meet this challenge we place an emphasis on each of our Chapters (Section/Areas) being active entities within their area. Chapters are encouraged to have mini-clinics, awards programs, service projects, and hold coaches gatherings/socials. One example is the Section 9 Boys Chapter which works relentlessly to get coaches to join. They hold an annual golf tournament each summer and hold a Showcase Event each Fall, and they also host *Coaches vs. Cancer* games and awards programs.

Another way BCANY focuses on celebrating yet uniting subdivisions in the state is with the three-day *Annual BCANY Summer Hoops Festival*. Each Chapter is strongly encouraged to enter both a boys team and a girls team. Each team is guaranteed at least 4 games in a round robin format, followed by a single elimination tournament. Seminars are held for parents and there are slam dunk and 3-point shot contests. We typically get 10 boys teams and 9 girls teams to participate.

A new activity in the past two years is to hold BCANY *On the Court Seminars*. We ask Division I colleges in various parts of the state to hold these events each Fall. An example is to have the women's coach allow scholastic coaches to attend a practice followed by a classroom session. This is followed by the men's team practice with a classroom chalk talk. We try to have one of these in the eastern and one in the western part of the state. We plan to continue to grow to this activity so that a college in each section/Chapter of the state hosts a *On the Court Seminar*.

New York State has over 900 high schools. At the collegiate level there are 22 Division I schools, 80 Division II & III schools, and 40 Junior Colleges. There are four state-wide governing bodies for high schools, each with their own end-of-season state tournament. The NYS Public High School Athletic Association is the largest with over 700 member schools. Other associations are the Catholic High School Athletic Association, the Public School Athletic League (New York City Public Schools), and the Association of Independent Schools (Private schools in the State). The winners in various classes of these four associations then compete in an additional state tournament (NYS Federation of High Schools) for an overall title.

BCANY features a wide array of events and activities, many of which were copied from and/or inspired by the leaders of other state basketball coaches associations. Membership in the National High School Basketball Coaches Association is vital to the strength and growth of BCANY.

BCANY ACTIVITIES

Academic All-State Teams –Annual Clinic – Assistant Coach Recognition – *BCANY Buzzer Beater*, email blasts - Best of BCANY, the Top 50 Players, Boys and Girls - Coaches Assist Fund - Coaches vs. Cancer Program – Coach of the Year (each section and state wide in all classifications)– Coaching Commitment Recognition – Glen McGinnis Dedication Award – Golden Media Award – Golden Whistle Award - Great Teams - Hall of Fame – Heart of a Champion Award - Milestone Victory Awards – Mr. New York Basketball – Miss New York Basketball – Official of the Year – On the Court Seminars - Pre-Season Poll – Recognition Certificates – Scholar Athlete Certificates – Scholarships – Ben Nelson Service Award – Showcase Events for High School Players - Summer Hoops Festival – Transformational Coach Award - *New York Hoop Report* – Virtual Hall of Fame website: www.nybasketballhalloffame.com and BCANY website; BCANY.org