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Time to start looking at tournaments. We have many good tournaments in the Yakima Valley. Check the web site www.ieaaau.org for a list of events. Deadlines are two weeks before the event starts. Don't procrastinate; some of the tournaments will close when full.

I have always felt it is wise of teams to play in a couple of AAU Basketball tournaments.

Spring League: Don't forget Spring League, not everyone plays baseball or softball. Our spring league is getting bigger each year. We play 6 games over 7 weeks. Check with the parents and see if they want to play more.

We had a good week of basketball, a couple of players were injured in games, but that does happen. Remember, if a player gets hurt, the officials will stop play, it is the coaches responsibility to help the athlete and replace him. The officials will ask the players to move to the bench area if needed.

Questions and concerns from coaches and parents and officials.

Shooting the basketball by non-players and coaches during timeouts, quarter breaks and half-time.

The policy of the AAU is that this does not take place during games. Time outs for teams or quarter breaks the coaches want to talk to their athletes. If someone is shooting and dribbling the ball on the court, this is a true distraction. These are usually children from the team involved in the games or players waiting for the next game. I ask all adults, especially the parents to monitor this.

Score Keepers

Scorekeepers are part of the officiating crew, you need to work together, each has their own responsibilities. A score keeper should at all times remain neutral toward officials. You are ask to keep the best records possible when it comes to all aspects of the game. Make sure you show your total points and the opponent's total points when you finish. At all times, keep your comments to yourself about the calls, sitting at the score table doesn't give you the right to yell at the officials or question their calls.

Coaching

I have always appreciated the job of a coach. Coaches have to deal with many things outside the game. Cool calm actions by coaches are important. Coaches have to remember they have a responsibility to all players, not a select few. Coaches should be able to play each player at least 6 minutes in a game. (In a six-minute quarter game you have 120 minutes of playing time for all the players) Plan ahead, parents take the time to see their son/daughter play the game. Make all players a part of the team.

Gym Supervisors

They are there to provide your team with a chance to participate. They are also there in a effort to make money for their program. Work with the gym supervisor. They have a great responsibility in providing a positive experience for the teams playing in their gym. They have the right to except or reject your team's participation in the gym.

School Gyms

I think it is very interesting that in the Yakima Valley we pay about \$30.00 per team per game to manage. In the Spokane AAU League, they are charging the teams over \$100.00 per game per team. Thanks to the schools and the clubs in the schools or parent groups trying to raise money for their programs. We are able to keep this cost down. The school districts have supported this program indirectly and we should be supporting our schools by voting yes.

Have a great week and enjoy next week games.

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