



Louisiana High  
School Basketball  
Coaches Association

# LHSBCA Newsletter

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## Membership Drive Letter

Dear Coaches:

In order to increase our Louisiana High School Basketball Coaches Association Membership, we are attempting to create an up to date database of all boys and girls Varsity, Junior Varsity and 9<sup>th</sup> grade high school coaches in the state of Louisiana.

If you could please take a moment to update your contact information (Name, Address, E-mail, School) for our records, it would be much appreciated. Also, if you could forward this newsletter to any other coaches you know who may or may not be affiliated with the LHSBCA it would help us reach out and recruit new members.

We have also met and discussed new and exciting ways we can incentivize membership in our association. Your input is of vital importance. Consequently, providing us with the contact information requested will enable us to better serve you and high school basketball in the state. Please keep in mind that our association is separate from the LHSAA and LHSCA. Our purpose is solely high school basketball. While we are affiliated with these groups, we are by no means beholden to them. Our mission is to be the voice of basketball coaches as they teach our young people life lessons through athletics.

URL: <https://goo.gl/forms/CmmS8uDEqPfs2j462>

Sincerely,

Todd Martinez  
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**LHSBCA NEWS****May 14 – Summer Rules Begin**

LHSBCA will host regional meetings to keep members informed of what is going on in basketball in the state. The association is looking for coaches to be regional representatives to host meetings. If you are interested, please notify someone on the board.

For a list of high school camps go to the LHSBCA website:  
[www.lhsbca.org](http://www.lhsbca.org)

**NCAA News and Camps****McNeese Cowgirl Camp Dates**

Team Camp June 1st-3rd

Youth Camp June 12th-14th

**Louisiana College Lady Wildcat Camp Dates**

Team Camp June 3

Position Academy (Overnight) June 4th-6th

Fundamental Day Camp June 7th-8th

Elite College Prep Camp June 23rd

**NSU Demon Camp Date**

Team Camp June 16th-17th

“Challenge Camp” (Overnight) High School and Jr. High July 28th-30th

Contact Jeff Moore 318-357-6527

**NSU Lady Demon Camp Date**

Team Camp June 6th-7th

Elite Camp June 11th

Day Camp June 19th-22nd

**UL Lafayette Women’s Team Camp**

June 15th-17th

**UL Lafayette Men’s Team Camp**

June 23rd-22nd

**LSU Lady Tiger Team Camp**

June 24th-25th

## LHSBCA Monthly Coaches Profile

### David Duhon

How many years have you been coaching? 34

When and where was your first coaching position?

Booker T. Washington Shreveport. I drove over after school and coached the girls BB team at Woodlawn. I also was Asst. Baseball coach at BTW that year

What sports, if any, did you play in high school/college?

Basketball and Baseball in High School.

What is your coaching philosophy? I don't know if it is a philosophy, but I believe that everyone is born knowing how to win. That's easy. As coaches, I think we are tasked with teaching kids how to prepare and compete with fervor, and that does not always translate into wins. How to lose with class and dignity, after you have given your best, is much more difficult. Jack Nicklaus was golf's greatest winner, but he was also golf's most dignified loser. To teach that without teaching losing is a difficult but essential task of today's coaches.

What is one thing about the game today you wish would be changed? Recruiting, in both high school and college. Ethical concerns for high school, and concerns with college recruiting because they are forced to deal with AAU coaches that don't really have an investment in the player, only the talent.

Who is your favorite basketball team? LSU. I don't have a favorite NBA.

Who is your favorite player of all time and why? Pete Maravich. I was always fascinated with his abilities, and he was LSU. The day that I found out that Pete Maravich became a Christian was one of the most fulfilling days of my life (corny, but true). He was the motivating factor in my love for the game.

Who is the best player you've ever seen in person?

Pete Maravich. Saw him twice when he was with the Jazz.

### Kenny Almond

How many years have you been coaching?  
44 years (39 as varsity basketball coach)

When and where was your first coaching position? I started at Baker Junior High 7<sup>th</sup> grade football, basketball, track 1971-1975

What sports, if any, did you play in high school/college? I played high school football and baseball at Istrouma High.

What is your coaching philosophy? Develop players in a way in which they reach their fullest potential as a player and team.

What is one thing about the game today you wish would be changed? Officiating and AAU basketball and the combination of the two have been in most cases a negative effect on the game.

Who is your favorite basketball team? The one I'm coaching. The Boston Celtics with John Havlicek and Larry Bird. Also Indiana with Bobby Knight.

Who is your favorite player of all time and why? Larry Bird and his work ethic and approach to the game.

Who is the best player you've ever seen in person?  
Pete Maravich

Do you have any peculiar pre-game rituals? No

What's one bit of advice you would give to anyone considering a career in coaching?

I'm not sure I could advise any young person to go into coaching today. That is sad to say but things are very different today than they were when I began to coach. The rewards have never been in money earned. It does take a toll on your family and there is no so called perfect job, Jr. High, High School, or even college. Be sure it is what you want to do.

## LHSBCA Monthly Coaches Profile Continued

*David Duhon*

Do you have any peculiar pre-game rituals? Nope

What's one bit of advice you would give to anyone considering a career in coaching? Make sure that you are in it for the right reasons. Coaching is one of the best ways to feed your competitive hunger. In fact, there are times when I have found it more fulfilling than actually participating. When someone, that once they cross the lines you have no real control over, performs at a high level and does things that even you might not have imagined they were capable of doing, you gain a sense of accomplishment that only a coach can explain. However, especially in high school, you have tremendous influence. It is a dangerous power that a coach needs to respect and use appropriately. Everyone needs to make sure they have the right mindset before putting on that whistle. Also, get a mentor that you trust. This will keep your head on straight and save you plenty of heartache later on. Thanks

## 2017 LHSBCA All State Team

**Boys**

Romin Williams- Country Day

Mitchell Robinson- Chalmette

Joshua LeBlanc- Madison Prep

Kobe Julien- Madison Prep

Parker Edwards- St. Paul's

Devion Dunbar- Sicily Island

TJ Zeno- Carencro

Cameron Dumas – Episcopal

Phillip Stewart – CE Byrd

John Jones – University High

**MVP-** Brandon Rachal – Natchitoches Central

**Girls**

Tiara Young – Evangel Christian

Jayma Mingo Young- Loranger

Victoriana Nelson – South Lafourche

Domonique Davis – Deridder

Emily Ward – Benton

Ashlyn Poole – Barbe

Rayah Haynes – Zachary

Kayla Watson – Amite

Presley Wascom – Live Oak

Tremeeka Spikes – Denham Springs

**MVP-** Kaila Anderson – University High