

Basketball Interview Questions

1. What is your philosophy of coaching and its relationship to education?

2. How do you deal with multiple sport athletes?

3. How do you plan to communicate your plans and expectations to parents?

4. What do you believe is the proper role of parents in any athletic program?

5. How do you deal with players and parents about discipline issues either major or minor plus repeat offenses?

6. How do you deal with players and parents about concerns about playing time?

7. How do you deal with player commitments that impact missed basketball time?

8. What role do assistant coaches at all levels play in your program? Do you consider yourself a micro or macro manager?

9. How do you plan to organize youth feeder programs?

10. Do you plan on running youth basketball camp? How would it be organized? Describe a typical camp day.

11. What is the role of booster clubs in your program?

12. Do you plan on fundraising and what type of activities would you use?

13. How would you deal with players and families that would not fundraise for what ever reason?

14. Describe a typical "open gym".

15. Describe your off season program organization. Do you plan on running "open gym", attending summer league, going to team camp, etc.

16. How would you handle key players not in another sport routinely not attending out of season activities?

17. How would you promote community support for your program?

18. How would your players be involved in community activities promoted by the basketball program?

19. Describe the proper working relationship between a coach, athletic director and principal.

- 20. What are your academic and behavioral expectations for your players both on and off the court?
- 21. What is your philosophy on discipline?

22. How would you support other sports and activities at this school?

23. What is your role in the off season?

24. How do you plan on improving as a coach from year to year?

25. Describe and give examples of your role as a role model for the players or your team and others.

26. How would you assist and counsel your players that are being recruited to play in college?

27. Describe the organization of a typical practice.

28. Describe your typical pre game, half time and post game locker room routine plus explain the thinking behind it.

29. Describe a coaches role as motivator. How do you plan on motivating players and getting them to buy in to their role on the team each year?

30. How do you handle the tryout and cut process?

31. What is your philosophy in regards to juniors on the junior varsity and freshman players being moved up to JV or Varsity?

32. What other factors might influence a player making the team other than grade, skill set and athletic ability?

33. What other factors might influence a players playing time other than grade, skill set and athletic ability?

34. Describe the organization of your bench area during games.

35. What coaches, teacher or other people have been great influences in your life and why or how?

36. What books or movies are you favorites and why?

37. What is one key event that changed your life in a positive or negative way?

38. Who is your greatest role model either personally or as a coach? Who want to get better

39. What one word or phrase do you want people to associate with your name?

40. What is one word or phrase that you hope former players use to describe you?

- 41. Why are you the best person for this job?
- 42. How do you handle media both personally and with respect to players on the team?
- 43. What is the first thing that you would do if hired for this position?

44. Describe the top five priorities in your life in rank order and explain why.

- 45. Do you plan on keeping any of the current staff?
- 46. How would you deal with questions about the previous coaching staff?
- 47. How would you promote a positive energy with your team through both positive and negative situations?
- 48. Why do you feel that you are the best person for this job?
- 49. What qualities would you look for if you were hiring an assistant?
- 50. What would you try to teach your players besides basketball? How would you do that?
- 51. What are your strengths and weaknesses as a coach?

- 52. What is the role of an assistant coach in building a program?
- 53. How would you deal with a player that complained about the head coach or the program?
- 54. What are three things that your previous experience in coaching have taught you?
- 55. What person and or event has had the most influence on you life? Why?
- 56 .How has coaching affected your life?
- 57. What do you know about our basketball program?
- 58. What are your coaching goals? Where do you hope to be in 5, 10, 15 years?
- 59. Who are your role models in coaching and why?
- 60. What are your best and worst memories in coaching?
- 61. Do you have a code of conduct?
- 62. Where do you see this program in the next five years?
- 63. What do you enjoy most about coaching?
- 64. What teams have you coached? What would you do differently in your next coaching job?

For coaches who want to get better.

65. How would you handle an upset parent who approaches you after a game?