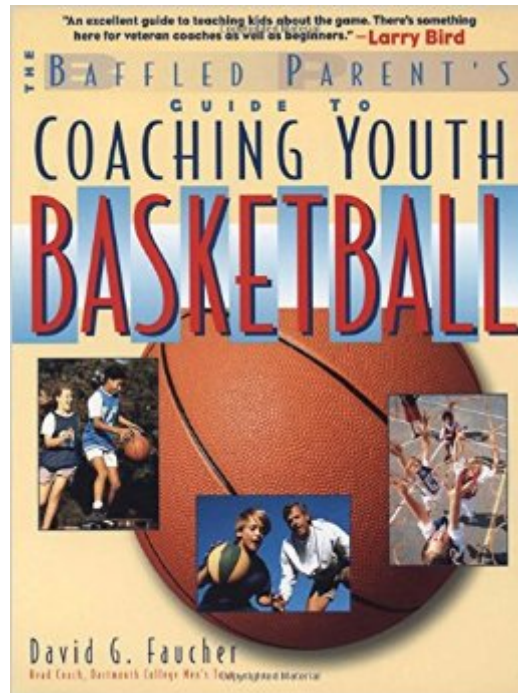


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# The Baffled Parent's Guide To Coaching Youth Basketball



## Synopsis

David G. Faucher shares his successful "full-participation model" of coaching youth basketball in this Baffled Parent's Guide. Faucher, the head coach of the men's basketball team at Dartmouth College, covers creating good habits, offensive skills and defensive basics, dealing with parents, first aid and safety, and game rules.

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I was drafted to coach a my son's basketball team a few months ago. An experienced coach, I'm not. It was an absolute delight to have a friend suggest this book. It provides everything from a great youth coaching philosophy to all the Xs and Os I could ever need. Equally important is that it provides offensive and defensive schemes that the team could understand and remember. Bottom line: these kids aren't the athletes they will be someday, but they have begun to understand how to play the game intelligently, that they are more successful as a team than as individuals, and they support one another in games and in practices. There is a David-and-Goliath element to their play now. They are usually over-matched physically, but they manage to pull most games out at the end. This book will be great for your team and, as time goes on, for the game of basketball and the kids who play it, too. Coach Faucher really knows how to capture the kids' attention.

i decided that i wanted to coach basketball at my school, i wasn't sure what i should do, how to do it, etc. this book is a real good start. it talks about what skills kids need to be taught, it gives drills on how to teach those skills, it gives you sample practice plans that show you how to organize the

drills, etc. it even gives you some plays for inbounding the ball, etc. all in all the book has everything a first year coach would want. a small warning however, this book is designed for first year coaches. you are not going to find how to run a triangle offense, or how to beat a pressure defense. but if you are looking for a book to start you off, then this is the one.

About 4 practices and a game into the season I was totally frustrated. My practices were disorganized, and the team wasn't responding to any of my "drills". I found this book at the store and bought it. It was wonderful! I now had renewed hope, and a plan. The kids responded quickly, and I enjoyed coaching much more. The next season I started fresh after reading and re-reading the book. It was a great season, and many parents told me how much they enjoyed my coaching style, and the kids had fun too. I owe most of it to the book. I was more organized and polished.

I had previously coached boys soccer, but not basketball. This book helped me immensely. It covers everything from the first practice and parents meeting through more advanced drills. I saw my 4th grade team improve when I started to apply the principles and drills from this book. I highly recommend it.

When I started reading this book, I knew absolutely nothing about basketball. I was asked to coach because the girls' league in my town desperately needed a coach, and I decided to give it a try. This book was very helpful inasmuch as it gave me a guideline on the skills to emphasize in basketball. I also appreciated how the book pretty much guided me on everything from dealing with parents to what strategies to use in the game. I can't say that at the end of the season I had myself a championship team, but I did have a bunch of girls with highly improved basketball skills and a great confidence in their abilities.

I had never coached basketball prior to being asked to coach my daughters 6th grade basketball team. This book has and is a huge asset to me. The skills shown in the book are easily passed on to the players. We are a new school in an highly competitive district and we have won 3 of 4 games so far. Our only loss coming from the top team by just a few points. The drills are fun for the kids and they and I are learning alot. I owe it all to this book. I highly recomend it.

I played a lot of basketball before taking on coaching my 6 year olds' team, but I had never coached. I digested the basics of this book in about an hour and it was a roadmap to get me started.

I keep reading and using it as the season progresses. Very very good for first-time coaches for kids leagues of about 5-13 years old.

I bought 4 basketball coaching books for my husband when he signed up to coach our son's Kindergarten basketball team. He has never coached basketball before. This is the only book he wanted to keep. He uses it to come up with basic drills and general coaching tips. It's good. If you buy only one, I'd recommend this one.

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