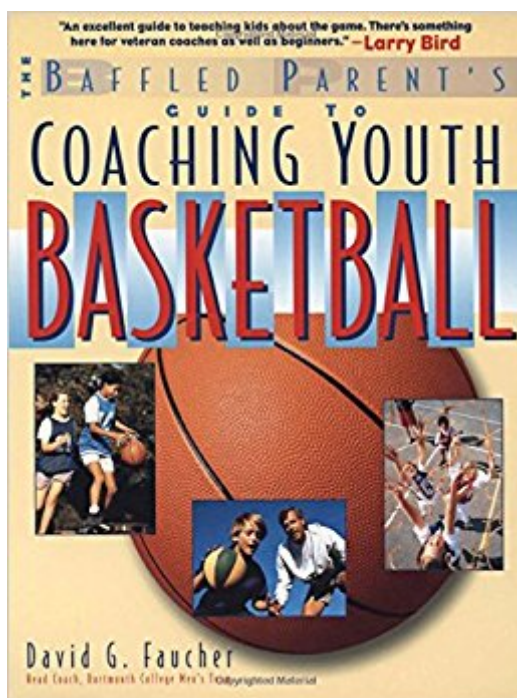


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# The Baffled Parent's Guide To Coaching Youth Basketball



## 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 teach at a small Christian school which offers 3 sports, but which is not very competitive in general. Last year our team really floundered, and I was asked to teach boys' basketball this year. While I've loved playing basketball, I was never part of an organized team and have had zero coaching experience. So when I went looking for books to help me coach this year, I bought "The Baffled Parent's Guide to Coaching Youth Basketball" by David Faucher. There were a lot of positive and enthusiastic reviews on , and so I decided to buy this book. I have to say that there's a lot of good advice in this book. It didn't all apply to our particular situation, but I found that the book provided a good foundation and review of basketball essentials. I learned a few things about coaching and would have learned more if I had read the book more systematically and had time to try to implement more of its wisdom. But even as a resource book for busy coaches I found the book useful for explaining and diagramming basic basketball skills. If you find yourself elected when you least expect it, "The Baffled Parent's Guide to Coaching Youth Basketball" will give you a good jump start into coaching. It's a good, solid book that applies to many levels, although it may not be sufficient for coaches on highly competitive teams. David Faucher presents his material in the following sections: 1. Creating an Atmosphere of Good Habits 2. Basketball in a Nutshell 3. Setting Up the Season 4. Essential Skills and How to Teach Them 5. The Practice 6. Sample Practices 7. The Game 8. Dealing with Parents and Gender 9. Fundamental Drills 10. Offensive Drills 11. Defensive Drills

Very useful to the new coach. I am very familiar with the game. Been playing since a child. However, I have never COACHED the game. When drafted to coach in our local 10-11 age league

this was VERY helpful in setting up practices and basic skill drills. ALL the basics are covered as well as some advanced stuff. Money well spent.

Having been a ball player through school (20 years ago!), I wasn't too nervous about accepting the volunteer coach position for our county's homeschool high school basketball team. However, as the first practice started nearing, doubts began to creep in. Did my coaches teach me the right stuff? How much did I remember? How much do I really know about coaching the post players? Etc. So, I picked a couple of books from that were rated highly. (The other, by Dean Smith, also looks very good- but I have not needed to dig much in there yet.) This book has proven to be a tremendous asset. I can easily imagine how much less structured our first practices would have been without this book. It clearly lays out drills and plays; and clearly organizes offense, defense, and fundamentals in separate sections. I would absolutely recommend to all but the most seasoned coach. For all of the rest of us, it is an absolute breeze to mine as much or as little as you need to make coaching a pleasure and not a chore.

Extremely well laid out book. The drills, explanations and what fundamental skill is the focus of a drill is very organized and easy to follow. Also, Faucher has included diagrams in his book that help explain what each player should be doing. His coaching philosophy as well as his Q & A from parents over his years of coaching are top notch. Highly recommend for not only parent's but any coach of youth basketball. Although it can be used for high school age, those with children 6 to 12 will find it most useful.

Clear and simple instructions for teaching your children basketball.

Great book for inexperienced coaches and parents. Used this along with "The Survival Guide for Coaching Youth Basketball". The books are both good yet different.

A really good introduction to basketball for the parent or novice coach. Covers all the fundamentals nicely. Clearly written and drills are explained easily.

Good book, has a lot of good advice for coaches and goes over positions and drills. Great for first time coaches!

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