



MAVERICKS BASKETBALL

WHAT MOST BASKETBALL COACHES LOOK FOR IN TRYOUTS

1. PLAYERS WHO ARE “LOCKED IN” ON DEFENSE

It's going to be incredibly hard to win games if a team can't stop the opposition from scoring. Therefore, expect coaches to be looking out for players that are:

- Always in correct position off the ball.
- Consistently in defensive stance, and can always see both the ball & the player they are guarding.
- Constantly talking to teammates.
- Consistently box out & get rebounds.

2. PLAYERS WHO ARE COACHABLE

To improve throughout the season, players need to be coachable and want to get better. Coaches do not want players who are discipline problems in the classroom or who need to be directly supervised 100% of the time when going to other schools.

Coaches are looking for players that:

- Pay attention when we are giving instructions.
- Carry out those instructions on the court.
- Ask great questions and can take feedback.

3. PLAYERS WHO ARE ABLE TO MAKE THE "SMART" BASKETBALL PLAY

Having intelligent, unselfish players is important. Coaches are on the lookout for players who care more about team success than their individual stats.

For example: If there is a clear lane to the basket, they drive hard to the rim. If there's an open player, they make the pass. They follow their shot looking to grab the rebound. If someone has a mismatch, they recognise that & give them the ball.

4. PLAYERS WHO ARE WILLING TO HUSTLE

If there's a 50/50 loose ball, coaches want players who are willing to dive on the floor and get their team the ball. Players who do this will give their team several extra possessions every game. ***The other team cannot score when your team has the ball.***

5. PLAYERS WHO CAN PUT THE BASKETBALL IN THE HOOP

Finally, coaches need scorers. To find them, coaches will put players in competitive situations such as 1 on 1s, 2 on 2s, 4-on-3s, scrimmages, etc. during their tryouts.