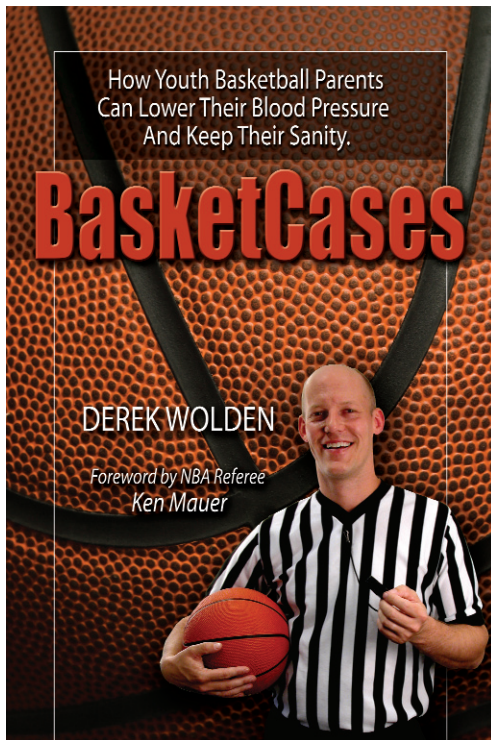


BasketCases by Derek Wolden

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Each year, American youth basketball parents invest millions of dollars – and hours – so their sons and daughters can play organized youth basketball. These parents spend weekend after weekend, year after year participating in the youth basketball experience. Unfortunately, because of the misperceptions and misguided expectations of a significant number of parents, the experience is often negative.

Despite the countless hours parents and coaches spend teaching their kids how to play the game of basketball, no one has ever taught youth basketball parents how to enjoy youth basketball – until now. Youth basketball is filled with far too many BasketCases: parents who yell at referees, kids, coaches and even the opposing team's parents.

BasketCases: How Youth Basketball Parents Can Lower Their Blood Pressure and Keep Their Sanity is not a rule book but chronicles “Six Rules Every BasketCase Must Understand and Memorize.” From a referee’s perspective, the book looks at all aspects of the broken youth basketball system from age-appropriate officiating to sportsmanship to which calls officials make and which ones they ignore and why. Parents who read BasketCases can lower their blood pressure, keep their sanity and make youth basketball a better experience for millions of American parents, coaches, officials and players.

“I enjoyed BasketCases because it’s the first book I’ve read that focuses on educating parents, coaches and players about the game. Derek Wolden’s perspective as a basketball official provides valuable insight to make the youth basketball experience enjoyable for everyone.”

— Gregg Popovich, 4-time NBA champion coach, San Antonio Spurs

Derek Wolden has officiated thousands of basketball games from Division II college athletes to fourth graders and every age and level of basketball players in between. A 10-year officiating veteran and a trainer/mentor to newer officials, he has seen – and heard – all the problems with youth basketball firsthand and is determined to do his part as a “whistleblower” to make the experience better for all participants. A former journalist, he combines his expertise on the court and at the keyboard to fill a glaring knowledge void by educating parents, coaches and officials about the intricacies of youth basketball.

For more information and to read sample chapters from BasketCases, go to www.basketcasesbook.com.

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