

To: Mark Daly CBYA

From: CEO Denny Price Family YMCA

Re: Wayman's Lightning Basketball League

I would like to thank you for your work in establishing the state wide Christian Basketball Youth League. I appreciate your genuine concern for our youth and your desire to work to improve fundamental and competitive basketball in the state of Oklahoma.

I have coached and have been around YMCA youth basketball for over 30 years. My observation was that a select group of kids excelled but a larger number were not learning good basketball fundamentals and dropping out at a young age. I believe this is due to poor coaching in some cases and game rules that are not age appropriate and not conducive to good skill development. Through the years at our Y we developed some rules that were helpful but at the very young ages, kids were not able to apply what they learned in practice to game play. Also, in most cases the kids played "herd basketball" with a few players dominating and some kids hardly touching the ball the whole season.

With the copyrighted rules that you have developed, we have seen a significant change in the unfortunate situations described above. Your rules provide opportunity for all players to pass, dribble, and shoot in a game. Also, the youth are able to put good individual and team fundamentals into practice in games. These rules provide opportunity for increased individual success that will result in kids sticking with basketball rather than dropping out before they get to junior and senior high school.

The clinics provided for players and coaches by the Oklahoma Basketball Academy were excellent and well attended. We look forward to the opportunity to participate in state wide competition for our older age group youth. I believe this will stimulate more interest in basketball participation and raise the standard for Oklahoma basketball.

Sincerely,

Ken
CEO
Denny Price Family YMCA Enid, Ok.