

Troya, N. Dak.  
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"Phog" Allen  
Basketball Coach  
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Dear "Phog",

This is my first experience as a Coach and I am badly in need of something definite on which to work in handling a basketball squad.

How should I plan and conduct the practice session? How much time on fundamentals, and what kind of fundamentals should I use? I use the man-to-man defense and I plan to develop the slow break, set play, 3 in, 2 out offense. What sort of plays should I use? and how should I coach the boys to lose their guards? the forwards shifting past the pivot man for instance? What rules should the defense follow in watching their men?

Any pointers that you may offer will be sincerely appreciated.

Do you plan having a summer session next year?

An early answer will be welcome.

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