

# New York Hoop Report

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## **NHSBCA - Educate to Navigate - Initiative**

The National High School Basketball Coaches Association, Inc. is in the final steps of planning *their* **EDUCATE TO NAVIGATE** initiative, to **TAKE BACK THE GAME**. Information about *Educate to Navigate* will be coming your way soon and regularly thereafter.

The National High School Basketball Coaches, Inc. is an organization that unites all of the State Basketball Coaches Associations in the United States. Our BCANY Executive Director also serves as the Executive Director of the NHSBCA.

The leaders of the State Basketball Coaches Associations meet quarterly via Zoom and holds an annual Summer Conference. The NHSBCA Executive Board meets monthly and the Operations Group usually meets weekly. The NHSBCA has grown in stature and actions as works to serve as the Voice of HS Basketball Coaches.

## ***Thoughts from BCANY***

**Executive Director, Dave Archer**

The basketball world at the Professional, Collegiate, Scholastic and Youth levels in the nation continues to change in large and small ways. The number and magnitude of these changes makes it ever more difficult to be a high school coach.

At the scholastic level of basketball across the nation it did not take long for Name – Image and Likeness to become part of the culture. Transferring has become common place as well. It seems like there are a number of transfers from other states to New York State and from schools in our State to other schools in our State.

Travel basketball has become a major influencer at the youth level. Money has taken over the game at every level. So very many of you went into coaching to teach and coach a team of individuals and develop them into a cohesive team. You went into coaching to teach values and character and help people to grow mentally and physically. As you know, the National High School Basketball Coaches Association, Inc. has developed and is implementing an *Educate to Navigate* initiative to unite education based coaches throughout the nation to make positive changes in the game and culture.

# ***The Rise of Unorthodox Defenses***

By Greg Flynn  
President, BCANY

This high school season has been a long and cold one. Coaching for 27 years on Long Island I have never seen high school teams use unorthodox defenses like the box and one, triangle and two and diamond and one so frequently. Typical man to man packline and regular zones like a 2-3 or a 1-2-2 are still common ,but this year I have gone to at least 20 games that have included an unorthodox defensive strategy. The question is why.

I don't know the answer. But I think it's important as a coach to examine possible reasons. One possibility is that we are now dealing with kids whose youth basketball was interrupted by Covid-19 and has reduced the skill base that usually exists. This also caused many players to never take up the game in the first place. The result is a pool of players where teams have to use much weaker players in their lineup. Each team has really good players who trained and played AAU but the skill gap can be large between your best player and your fourth and fifth starters so therefore we see more unorthodox defenses. That is theory number one.

Another possible theory is the availability of information. Almost every team has Hudl here on Long Island and also access to *Hudl Fan* for scouting. If you don't have these tools I would investigate getting them. Hudl allows people to keep film and exchange film easily as well as see the in-depth stats of both teams from a particular game. I believe sometimes when you are coaching you do not realize how some kids on the court struggle. When you look at the in- depth stats it could give support to the idea that these defenses can help you win.

Also *Hudl Fan* allows people to scout easier. This leads coaches who normally would not scout to be able to and then to conclude that these types of defenses are their best opportunity to win. Finally, access to tutorials of these defenses on Youtube allow them to be easily implemented. You realize with one search that not only are there very few offensive strategies to combat these defenses available to the average coach but the information to install them is readily available. The success that these coaches have with these defenses will determine if coaches around the state will have to adjust to a reality where this may become commonplace. Whatever your theory, the impacts in reality on the court will impact every coach in the state at some point.

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## BCANY Summer Hoops Fest – new site?

The Johnson City School District has hosted the BCANY Summer Hoops Festival since its inception. JC was a great host for the event and an easy place to get to. This year The Johnson City School District is starting some capital improvement projects, so their gyms will NOT be available. We did discuss this a little at our last Board Zoom Meeting – and NOW we are seeking a different site.

If you have any thoughts about possible sites and maybe hosting the 2025 SHF in your section, please contact your BCANY Sectional Rep or EMAIL Dave Archer ([Darcher@stny.rr.com](mailto:Darcher@stny.rr.com)) the basic information and one of the SHF Committee members will get back to you.

## BCANY Mr. New York Basketball Award and BCANY Miss New York Basketball Award

will be named by the end of this season.

## Reminder of the BCANY Hall of Fame Induction Brunch

will be on

**Sunday, April 13, 2025.** The event will be held at the Cool Insurers Arena (formerly the Glens Falls Civic Center.)

### ***2025 BCANY Basketball Hall of Fame Honorees***

		<b>2025</b>	<b>Inductees</b>
			<i>Alphabetical by Last Name</i>
1	Stan	Bujacich	Wantagh HS
2	Jeffrey	Charney	Purchase Univ. Port Chester HS. Blind Brook HS
3	Gary	Domzalski	Cardinal O'Hara, Frontier HS,
4	Paul	Gilvary	Contributor to the game, NYC Catholic HS Athletic Association – And Coach
5	Mark	Henry	Ogdensburg HS
6	Ray	Holmes	Potsdam, Chateaugay and Plattsburgh HS
7	Brian	Laffin	Poughkeepsie HS
8	Bob	Mackey	Christ the King HS
9	Steve	Podias	Yeshiva, Brooklyn College, Baruch College
10	James	Satalin	Coach, Contributor, Coaches vs. Cancer
11	Thomas	Spanbauer	SUNY Cortland

For additional information, including tickets email; [Darcher@stny.rr.com](mailto:Darcher@stny.rr.com)

Coming soon will be all of the information about the BCANY Awards and Recognition Programs. Awards Descriptions and criteria as well as – How and When to Nominate, etc.