

NY HOOP REPORT

Insights, Updates, and Strategies for NY Coaches

Tip-off Talk:

Chris Russo, Associate Executive Director

With the official end to summer just recently passing, we are inching closer to our favorite season – BASKETBALL SEASON!

I would like to invite you all to attend the 45th Annual Fall Clinic. We have prepared a fantastic line up of coaches and have included several vendors to add to the experience. I have always looked forward to the clinic and have been at every BCANY clinic since 2003! It is a great way to connect with colleagues from around the state, build relationships with other coaches, kickstart your season, and learn some new drills, techniques, and styles of play. I have never walked away from the clinic with out a notebook full of things I could bring back to my team. I hope that many of you can find the time to attend – it will definitely be worth it. You can find out more about the clinic on our website, or click here to register: [Fall Clinic Registration](#)
See you in Cortland!

Make BCANY part of your pre-season planning. Please remember to renew your membership, attend the clinic, and look into the coaching resources we are providing from PGC each month, as well as the NHSBCA.



Upcoming Events & Important Dates

BCANY Membership
Annual memberships expired
on *August 31, 2026*
Please remember to
renew/join for 2026-27

45th Annual Fall Clinic
October 8-9
SUNY Cortland

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Teach decision making. Great players don't just run plays—they make reads. Practices should challenge players to think and react, not just execute patterns. Giving players ownership of decisions improves game performance.

Take to Practice:

- Use small-sided games (3v3, 4v4)
- Limit dribbles to force movement and decisions
- Ask questions instead of giving answers immediately

Better decisions lead to better outcomes.



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Fall Clinic

**FOR New York Coaches
BY New York Coaches**

Speakers:

- Matt Langel (Colgate MBB)
- Colleen Ames (SUNY Cortland)
- Maurice Kearny (SUNY Cortland)
- Ben Drake (Jamestown, HS)
- Ryan Pettit (Columbia Prep HS)
- Matt Jones (HOOPs STRENGTH)
- HS Coaches of the Year –
Jon Connelly, Sierra Beaver,
Ty Carver, Mike Curtis, & Riley
Chevrier

Vendors:

- VerticalRaise
- GOAT Basketball
- Anova Sports
- Shoot-A-Way
- BSN

You Want More?

- Free gift
- Door Prizes
- Coaches' Social

30-Second Timeout

“It’s what you learn
after you know it all that counts.”
— John Wooden

Question: What are you still teaching—
and correcting—even after your team
thinks they ‘get it’?
What are you still learning?

PGC - CONTENT DRIP



PGC Fall Shooting College

Check out these great resources
from PGC - Coaching.

[Play of the Month](#)

[Drill of the Month](#)

[Tip of the Month](#)

Click on the link to the left to
find more information and
register for PGC Fall Shooting
College. Use promo code NY50
at checkout to save \$50.

Hoops & Habits:

The Power of the Extra Pass

Unselfishness is a mindset and often a separator among teams that are
average vs good or good vs great or great vs elite.

This month’s focus:

- Celebrate assists
- Show video clips of good ball movement
- Reward the “one more” pass decisions

Unselfish teams are the hardest to guard.

Reminders

- Don’t forget to renew your BCANY Membership and, make sure your
First Aid, CPR and Concussion Awareness certifications are up to date.
- NYSPHSAA Winter Sports Starting Date – 11/16/2026.
- BCANY HOF Nominations are still being accepted – Contact Larry Jones
for more information (ljones@depewschools.org)