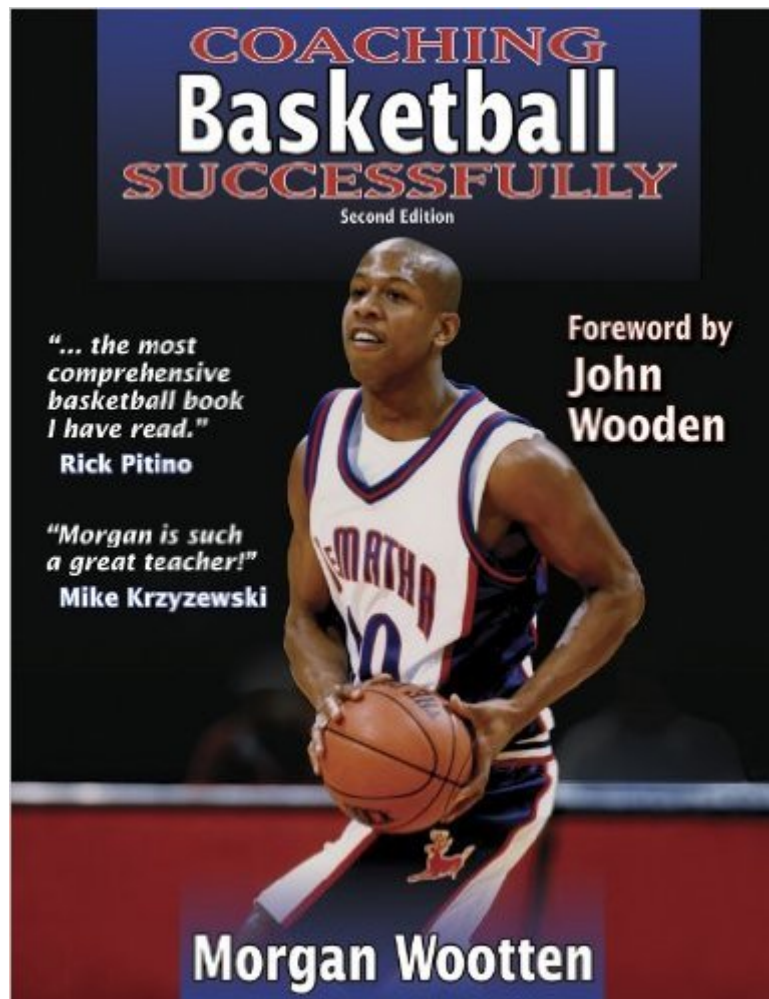


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# Coaching Basketball Successfully 2nd Edition (Coaching Successfully Series)



## Synopsis

Post more victories this season and every season with advice from high school basketball's ultimate winner! In *Coaching Basketball Successfully* Morgan Wootten shares his full arsenal of coaching wisdom on topics ranging from player communication and motivation to Xs and Os. The new material on zone offense, quick-hitting plays off the secondary break, man-to-man and trapping defenses, and situational in-bounds plays is sure to make this second edition even more popular than the original work (which sold more than 75,000 copies). This latest edition includes guidelines for physical conditioning, recommendations for job interviewing, advice on conducting summer camps, and a master plan for handling game situations. And sprinkled throughout the book are many of Wootten's "thought for the day" phrases the coach has found especially effective in motivating and communicating important lessons to athletes. Wootten amassed the most successful high school coaching record ever (1,274-192) during his 46-year career at DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Maryland. His coaching has been praised by the game's best all-time coaches: John Wooden, Mike Krzyzewski, Bob Knight, Pat Riley, Rick Pitino, Lute Olson, Dean Smith, Chuck Daly, and others. Now, in *Coaching Basketball Successfully*, Wootten shares the wealth of knowledge that produced a .869 winning percentage, 5 national championships, a National Basketball Hall of Fame induction, and hundreds of high-achieving student-athletes. Just as Wootten is considered the best high school basketball coach, legendary UCLA coach John Wooden is considered the best college basketball coach. So when Wooden states that Wootten's "Coaching Basketball Successfully is as fine a teaching aid on the development of a high school team and program as I have ever read," he speaks with authority on the quality and appeal of this book. This edition of *Coaching Basketball Successfully* proves that you can improve on a classic. With expanded offensive and defensive tactics and new personal insights from one of the game's greatest coaches ever, this book is sure to be a winner for many years to come. v

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## Customer Reviews

This book does much more than just teach the game of basketball, it shows coaches how to prepare their kids to be successful in life. And does an excellent job at both. His experience and record speak for themselves, the man definitely knows the game. But I feel his expertise at the X's and O's is just icing on the cake. I first discovered Mr. Wootten's masterpiece about five years ago while preparing to coach a Y.M.C.A. travel team (my first gig). It was the main source I used to develop my program. I recieved rave reviews from both the parents and the Y.M.C.A. Over the past five years I have endorsed the book in social settings(when the subject arose) but hadn't seen the book since then. In the meantime I've had an increased yearning to coach basketball, which I've gone back to school to accomplish. Today I found out, it was Mr. Wootten's book that caused me to believe I was born to coach. I recently landed an Assistant Coaching job for the Varsity Women's basketball team at the Div.III school I'm attending. Preparing for the upcoming season I decided "Coaching Basketball Successfully" was the first book I'd reread. Very quickly I realized where my passion to coach came from. The coaching philosophy paper I had to write the previous semester was eerily similar to many of the ideas in Coach Wootten's book. Since the copy I'm reading now is from the library, I intend to buy my own copy and one each for both the Men's and Women's Head Coach here at my school. Coach Wootten's wonderful book optimizes the true meaning of the word COACH...,and sparked a fire in my soul, to be the positive influence and guide that a coach is supposed to be. Exactly what our children deserve.

This book is an essential. It gives you everything you need to build a successful high school basketball program. It gives you good information on what a coach needs to do and how to be successful basketball coach. It is by far the best book for the aspiring basketball coach!

During the 15 years that I've been coaching in Middle School, AAU, and Rec Leagues, I've read a lot of books on coaching basketball, some excellent (Dean Smith's "Multiple Offenses and

Defenses," and John Wooden's "Practical Modern Basketball" come to mind), and some not so great. The book in my library that's the most dog-eared and smudged is Morgan Wootten's "Coaching Basketball Successfully." For the levels I've coached, I consider this book indispensable. The book is full not just of X's and O's and drills, although there are plenty of those, but also advice on how to organize a team, how to run tryouts, and how to relate to assistants, players, and parents. There are sections on everything from how to put together a game schedule for the season to when to call (and when not to call) timeouts. It's written clearly and concisely and at a perfect level for my needs. Part of my coaching routine every year is that the first week in August, I take "Coaching Basketball Successfully" down from the shelf and read it cover to cover, one more time.

Morgan Wootten is probably THE most successful high school basketball coach, and his book is one that I believe coaches at all levels can benefit from. I have found that the principles, plays and strategies he has written to be very beneficial in my own development as a coach. Plays and diagrams are simple and complete, and his focus on developing his kids as both individuals and players is great reading. This book is one you will want to take your coaching and your team to "the next level."

Morgan Wootten guides the reader through his complete basketball program. He explains everything from gaining support from your community to motivating players before games. He also includes many different systems (against zone or man-to-man) which helped me a fair amount during my last season of coaching. The Book (approx. 220 p) gave me a lot to think about. It certainly helped me forming and criticizing me and my "basketball-philosophy".

Morgan Wootten's book, Coaching Basketball Successfully, is a blue print for running a championship program and is a must have for any high school basketball coach. He reveals his secrets to organizing practices, player development, evaluating programs, and teaching methods.

There is not doubt Coach Wooten was a master of X's and O's and this book certainly covers those aspects of the game. Coach Wooten was probably the best high school coach ever, or at least in modern basketball history. No, you can't go wrong if you buy the book for the X's and O's. But don't buy it for the X's and O's, buy it for all the other information in the book, like how to organize an entire program and develop YOUR OWN style and philosophy of play and coaching. Those topics are what I found set this book apart. Kevin Sivils - author of Game Strategy and Tactics for

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I spent one year as an assistant coach and one year as a head coach for boys high school basketball. After a four year hiatus I am returning to head coaching a freshman team and being an assistant for a varsity team. This book made me realize the little things I missed the first time around. From having a philosophy to in game situations. This is a comprehensive plan that I wish I had the first time around. Instead of going to coaching clinics to tell other coaches what Im doing, Im going with questions for the more experienced coaches on how they handle situations. All aspects of being involved in a program are covered: discipline, dealing with the media, dealing with parents, practice plans,etc.... This book does not miss a beat, a must have.

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