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Athletic Director

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Q- As an Athletic Director what are your responsibilities and duties?

1. First and foremost is to manage all of the extracurricular activities within the school system. Making sure to give every student athlete a chance to play and perform at their best. I’m also the head football coach as well but my overall goal is to make sure all the programs and kids under my watch get the best shot to succeed.

Q- how long have you been an AD

1. 13 years

Q- Are there any ethical issues that concern you?

1. I think ethical issues going on now were the same ones that was going on years ago. It doesn’t bother or concern me because I can only control my actions. I can only try influence other colleagues and student athletes to have good ethical behaviors and practices.

Q-Do you think the media these days is beneficial?

1. Media can be a positive thing or negative in just life period. In sports it is the same way. I just wish things that were positive were shown in the media more than thing that are negative.

Q-How do think the globalization of different sports have affect this country?

1. People from all over the world are now playing basketball at higher levels and not just here in the states. Baseball has always been a lot more global than the other major sports here in the states. I think it is extremely positive to diversify things.

Q-What is the effects of money in sports?

1. Well places with more money have better facilities, equipment, and just better things in general. Now that doesn’t mean that money leads to a quality program as far as winning is concerned. I’ve coached against dome schools that had more money than my program and I’ve been successful against them. So money at high school level leads to nicer things but not always to wining. Now professionally, more money leads to nicer things and better players. So that will most of the time have effect of wins and losses.

Q-Religion in sports is it bad of good for the game?

1. I think that boils down to the individual and their own personal beliefs. It’s beneficial in my life. I don’t place my beliefs on my student athlete but I think it’s a major aspect of my life.

Q- Politics in sports

1. I think people should have the ability to express themselves as they wish. I don’t have to agree with their views or beliefs but they should be able to do so.

Q-What role does race and ethnicity come into effect in sports?

1. Well race has always played a role in sports in America. Think about the Negro League in baseball and the assumption that a black person couldn’t play the quarterback position in the NFL. Minorities have always been viewed differently in sports. On the field if it’s a person of color is playing on the team you like then it’s a good thing. Playing in the south I’ve experienced and seen racism firsthand. My thoughts are be the best version of you that you can be and the rest will take care of itself.

Q- How Is gender equality in sports?

1. It’s kind of like race in the fact that most people have always believed that a woman is less talented than a man. Take the NBA and WNBA if they both started at the same time then I think they would be on a more level or closer playing field but that is not the case in this country. The marketing for the two are drastically different as well. If you don’t follow the WNBA, you couldn’t tell me popular players in that league but everyone knows who LeBron James is.

Q-Do you think children are better in sports now than in years pass?

1. Absolutely they are more advance as with technology and things like that. However, the fact that kids want to spend more time inside the house using all this technology we now have in return has hurt them some.

Q-What are some good practices to implement as a coach and administrator?

1. I’m a coach at heart so I’ve always wanted people working with me to have a team mindset. Because if we can have that kind of mindset then as we all pull our weight and responsibilities then we can all experience success. If one person is lacking on their duties and responsibilities, then we all will not succeed like we should. So teamwork is the most important practice to me.