**DECISION MAKING WILL DETERMINE YOUR SUCCESS**

**IN BASKETBALL AND IN LIFE**

**Success or lack of success on the basketball court or in society is the result of the decisions we make.**

**We make thousands of decisions; many are insignificant, some are life changing.**

**Learn how to categorize decision making from simple to extremely important.**

**Try to predict what the outcome or result will be because of your decision.**

**Be objective in your prediction or expectation.**

**What is the best possible result from your decision?**

**What is the worst possible result?**

**If you had to repeat the situation, would you do the same thing again or would you do something different?**

**Do you need to consult someone for input?**

**Is this a quick decision?**

**Do you have time to think about the alternatives?**

**Don’t make the same mistake again. Learn from your mistake.**

**Do I shoot or pass?**

**What kind of pass do I make?**

**Do I fight over the screen or switch?**

**Do I go to the rim or pull up for the jumper?**

**When do I go to the full court press?**

**When do I go to the zone defense?**

**How much time on the clock when I shoot the game winning shot?**

**Am I sure this is the lady I want to marry?**

**Can we afford this house?**

**Is this new job on the West coast right for my family?**

**Condition yourself to be objective, especially if the decision is not popular.**

**Have the courage to do the right thing.**

**A simple rule for our team was:**

**“Stay out of the gray area....**

**If you are not sure – don’t do it!”**

**Our players understood and bought into this tenet and it did a great deal to solidify our team!**

**When you handle important issues in BB and life, think it through. If the result is not what you wanted and you can still say, ”I would not change a thing,” you made the right decision.**