### Welcome

This purpose of this presentation is to present the mission and guidelines for the Lady Slater Basketball Program 2015-16.



## Mission Statement

• The mission of the Lady Slater Basketball Program at Bangor Area Senior High School is to provide student-athletes with an enjoyable & challenging athletic environment which emphasizes the attainment of both physical skills & strong character development.

## Slater Goals:



- Produce young women who will develop the capacity to be successful citizens in our highly competitive society.
- For student-athletes to leave the program proud for having participated.
- Provide opportunity for its participants to grow physically, mentally, & emotionally.
- Generate school spirit amongst athletes & non-athletes.
- Emphasize team play with the development of loyalty, cooperation, & fair play.
- Teach new skills and offer opportunities to improve on those that the student-athletes possess.

## Challenges to Face

- Teach student-athletes to overcome adversity.
- Challenge student-athletes to pursue excellence & meet high expectations. (Get out of their comfort zone)
- This powerful learning environment also challenges families & coaches.

# Building character

- The program aims to develop different characteristics in the student-athletes:
  - Work ethic
  - Cooperation
  - Sportsmanship
  - Leadership
  - Loyalty
  - Humility
  - Maturity



# Academics/Athletics

- Both offer healthy learning & growth processes.
- Both provide experiences for student-athletes to mature, learn, & make thoughtful choices while considering the rights & feelings of others.
- Lady Slater Basketball Program encourages:
  - Participation & cooperation with others
  - Strong commitment to growth
  - Performance that demonstrates good citizenship
- Motivated students make better athletes



## Lessons from Athletics

### Athletics teach:

- Self discipline
- Teamwork
- How to operate under a set of rules & regulations
- Rules of the game
- Rules of training
- Closeness between teammates
- Sense of trust, respect, & dignity towards one another
- Mental toughness
- Dedication to reach an ultimate goal
- Not to give up at the first sign of stress

## "Slice of Life"

Basketball, like life:



- Has equal portions of hard work to go along with the fun
- Has equal portions of adversity to go along with the successes

# Participation is a Privilege

- Participation in this program is a privilege, not a right.
- The student-athlete must earn this privilege through dedication, desire, & discipline.
- Members of the program have a definite responsibility to contribute to the tradition, thereby gaining personal satisfaction.
- Participation should provide opportunities for lasting friendships as well as gaining of respect from teammates and opponents.

# Levels of Competition

- Playing time in game situations will vary at all levels based on:
  - Skills (Knowing the plays and being able to execute them)
  - Demonstrated commitments to improvement
  - Adherence to team rules & practice policies
  - NO ONE IS GUARANTEED ANY PLAYING TIME. (Varsity Level)
- At the varsity level, coaches are expected to put the best team forward to compete against a quality opposition. At the sub-varsity level, focus will be on the development of fundamentals.

# Coach's lessons & expectations

### Our coaches will teach:

- Responsibility
- The value of structure
- Commitment
- Sport specific skills

### Our coaches will expect:

- Regular attendance
- Active involvement
- Strong commitment to practice
- Good school citizenship
- Above average progress



# **Success** - Does not occur by accident or chance, But rather it is perceived, planned and implemented.

- The success of the Lady Slater Basketball Program has been a direct result of:
  - Dedication of our coaches
  - Cooperation between members of the Athletic Department & the Bangor High School Administration
  - Support provided by the Booster Club
  - Parents & members of the community
  - Dedication, skill, & attitude of our athletes



# Attitude is contagious; is yours worth catching?

## Attitude

- Attitude of the student-athlete may be the single most important factor in determining her success or failure.
- Competitive athletics is a great way to develop a proper attitude.

"Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work so most people do not recognize them."

100% - 100% of the time.

### The Successful Athlete Understands:

- Training is the key to individual & team success.
- It means getting into condition physically & mentally by means of common sense living & intelligent, hard work. BEFORE, DURING and AFTER the season.

## The Successful Athlete Understands:

- Athletes are made during the off-season
  - The off-season is the time to develop:
    - Stamina
    - Quickness
    - Strength
  - This is done by taking advantage of the opportunities presented
    - Regular attendance in the strength room
    - Participation in individual workouts
    - Attending Slater activity camps
    - Attending team camps
    - Attending open gyms
    - Attending summer leagues





### The Successful Athlete Understands:

### Self-discipline

- To develop self-discipline, the athlete needs to:
  - Participate in off-season work-outs
  - Stay involved
  - Make the most of each & every workout, whether it is during the season or off-season
  - Be on time! If you are 15 minutes early you're on time. If you are on time you are late. Come prepared.
  - Leave all facilities better than the way you found them
  - Do not abuse mental/physical well-being

## Successful Seniors

- There have been 68 Seniors who have graduated in the 18 years that I have been in charge of the program
  - Academic accolades
    - 66 Attended College 97%
    - 61 were on the Honor Roll 92%
    - Majority were in the National Honor Society
    - Valedictorians
    - LVC or Colonial League or Skyland Scholar Athletes
  - Athletic accolades
    - 39 played a college sport (21 Play Basketball) Div I / Div II Scholarships
    - Player of the year
    - 1st team LVC/MVC/SKYLAND/COLONIAL CONFERENCE
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> team LVC/MVC/SKYLAND/COLONIAL CONFERENCE

## Lady Slater Game Goals

### The program goals for each game:

- Score at least 48 points
- Hold opposition to 38 points
- Shoot 72% from the foul line
- Shoot 42% from the Floor
- Shoot 30% from the 3-point line
- Commit fewer than 12 turnovers
- Out rebound our opposition
- Shoot more foul shots than our opponents
- Allow no opposing player to score more than 14 points

## The Point Guard

- The point guard runs the offense and defense and is an extension of the coach.
  - She must have instinctive knowledge of the game.
  - She must be a good ball handler / passer.
  - · She must be able to penetrate and dish off.
  - Must be vocal on both ends of the floor.

## The Shooting Guard

- The shooting guard runs the offense and defense and is an extension of the coach.
  - She must have instinctive knowledge of the game.
  - She must be a good ball handler / passer.
  - She must be able to penetrate and dish off.
  - She must look to shoot from the 15 -20 foot shot. Looks for the open shot all of the time.
  - She must be able to move without the ball.
  - Must also know the offense in case she needs to play the point.
  - The best of these, can score at will, and simply take control of the game.
  - She must be able to run the floor on fast breaks.

### The Center

- The center needs to be aggressive and a little arrogant with a streak of meanness.
  - She is king in the paint. She must prove by her manner and actions that this territory is hers.
  - She must be adept at the power lay-up, with and without shot fakes, from both sides of the floor.
  - She must have defensive leadership always communicating to her teammates.
  - She must have strong hands, good upper body strength, and good jumping ability.

### The Small Forward

- The small forward is the most gifted player on the team.
  - She must be quick and fast.
  - She must be an adequate rebounder.
  - She must be a good passer.
  - She must be able to play defense anywhere on the floor.
  - Most of all must be a good scorer, capable of shooting from anywhere from the wings, around the key, and under the boards.
  - She must be able to run the length of the floor on fast breaks.

### The Power Forward

- The power forward is the player doing the "dirty work".
  - She must be solid rebounder...
  - She must be "gutsy" dribbler and a hard driver.
  - She must be able to run the length of the floor on fast breaks.
  - She must stand up to the opposition at both ends of the court. She is known as the "enforcer". Never be intimidated.
  - She should be one of the first people back on both offense and defense
  - She needs to communicate continually on defense.
  - She needs to set solid screens

"Loser's say it might be possible but it is difficult, Winners say it might be difficult but it is possible."