

THE YANKTON BUCK WAY ON THE FLOOR

MISSION: TO COMPETE TO WIN EACH GAME ONE POSSESSION AT A TIME.

We have talked about our overall philosophy and what our program stands for and what we want to accomplish. We have defined success; we are going to make each day our masterpiece in order to rise to our competitive peak. We have set realistic goals for our team and have trademarks in place to help lead us and keep us focused on controlling what we can control. It all goes hand in hand. As we continue to streamline our philosophy at some point we need to get to the basketball floor or, **THE YANKTON BUCK WAY ON THE FLOOR.**

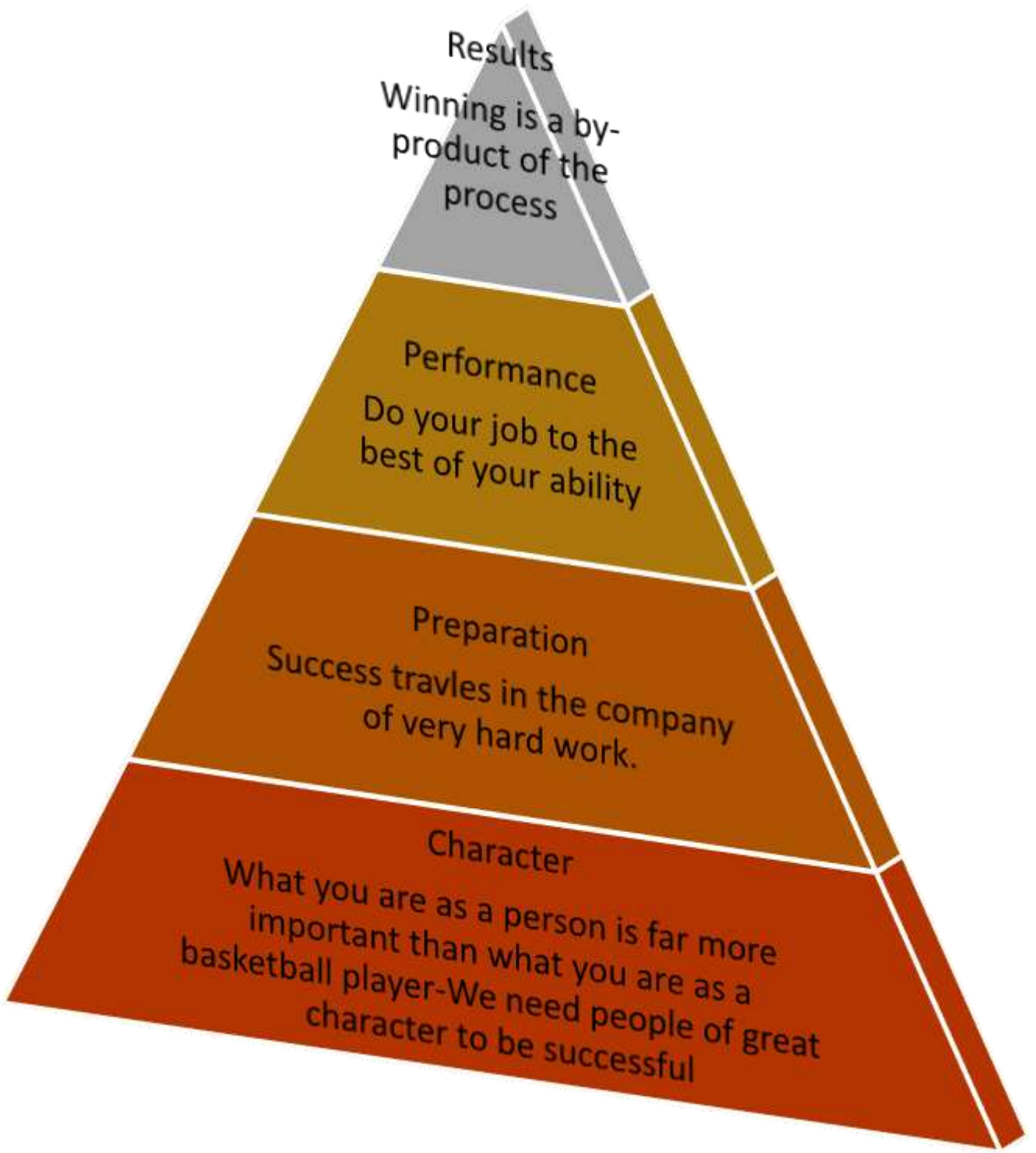
Our mission is to compete to win each game one possession at a time. The game of basketball is a game of possessions. The team that wins more possessions wins the game. There is a lot that goes into winning each possession. It is an ongoing process in everything we do in order to get to the point where we are winning more possessions than our opponents. When we are on the court it is important not to think about the end results or the goals that we have set. We can't think about winning an ESD title or a state championship. We do not talk about these things on the floor. We talk about what we need to accomplish at the given time. The task at hand. That may be coaching 1st graders how to make a chest pass in summer academy or trying to stop the opposing team on the last possession in the state championship game. Either way we need to be locked into what we are doing in that moment and give that moment our 100% attention. That is the process. It all matters.

On the back of this page is a step by step approach to winning possessions. At the base is character. If you have good kids, who truly care about their teammates and care about the team more than themselves than you have a chance to be competitive. Regardless of talent. If you do not have kids of high character you will never be successful. The team will never reach its full potential. You may still have enough talent to win games but it will not be enjoyable and most likely will lead to turmoil and end in frustration. Character is the foundation of the team. The coaches must lead by example. The veterans on the team must show the younger players and be examples for them.

The next step is preparation. Our team; coaches and players, need to be prepared. As coaches it is our job to get our players prepared. We work our way up through our academy and camps into middle school and finally into high school. It is all development to get our players ready to win possessions on the varsity floor. Properly being able to perform the fundamentals of the game is vital to winning possessions. We need to teach our players how to properly play the game of basketball and demand that they play it to the best of their abilities. We must be prepared in order to win possessions.

After preparation comes performance. Confidence is earned through preparation. If we put in the work, we will be confident in being able to perform to the best of our ability. Every member of the team should be focused on doing everything they can to help us win possessions. Everyone should trust the work that has been put in and execute it on the floor. There should come a peace within from our preparation knowing that we are ready to perform at our best.

Last we have results. Quite simply the results, or in this case, the scoreboard will take care of itself. If we are following our philosophy day in and day out, we truly believe we can live with the final score. We are all competitive and we all want to win every game, but winning every game is not always totally in our control. We truly believe that the scoreboard will take care of itself and we will win our share of games if we follow what we believe in. Winning will be a by-product of the program.



Results

Winning is a by-product of the process

Performance

Do your job to the best of your ability

Preparation

Success travels in the company of very hard work.

Character

What you are as a person is far more important than what you are as a basketball player-We need people of great character to be successful