**Welcome**

We, The Board of the Methuen Youth Basketball Association, would like to welcome all players, coaches and fans to the 17th annual Ken Waldie Memorial “Tip Off Classic”. We run the tournament to honor Ken’s memory and ideals. Thanks to the many volunteers, the generosity of the referees and the many teams that participate, we are able to raise money for scholarships and special projects. Over the past 16 years we have raised over $125,000.00 for scholarships and other community causes.

**Tribute to the Referees**

Ken Waldie was a member of the Northeast Massachusetts District Board #130. He belonged to the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials. Ken volunteered hours of his time in working charitable tournaments in the Merrimack Valley. Thanks to the organizational efforts of Peter Gangi, over 80 referees have volunteered their time. Their support of the tournament has been overwhelming.

**Championship Awards**

The champions will receive hooded sweatshirts. We will do our best to match all size requests.

**Visit the Loop**

If you are looking for a place to eat Fuddruckers, a sponsor of our league, is located just north off of 213 on rte. 28. Also, the Loop which is parallel to Rte. 213 has restaurants and fast food options. It is located between exits 3 and 4 off of 213.

**Tournament Rules**

**.** Each half is 20 minute running time with stop time the last two minutes.

**.** Overtime will be 2 minutes, stop time, with 1 timeout, no carryover time outs.

**.** Two timeouts per team, per half, and no carryover to 2nd half or overtime.

**.** Regular MIAA High School rules will be followed with the exception; shooting two begins at the 10th foul. (No one and one at the 7th foul)

**.** In the event of a 2 way tie in the standings, the tie will be broken in the following order 1) head to head record, 2) record against common opponents, 3) points given up against common opponents 4) coin toss. The top 4 teams determined by tiebreakers will be in the semifinals. All decisions will be finalized by the tournament committee.

**.** In the spirit of the tournament, we ask that teams not press trap or double team if the lead grows to 20 points. We ask that no more than 3 coaches are on the bench. If we need scorers, we will ask each team to supply a volunteer