



## **Club News Release – 12/21/2011**

### ***Mass Elite Announces Staff Promotions and 2012 Advisory Board***

**Club Director Eric Polli announced a slew of staff promotions and 2012 Advisory Board appointments for the Mass Elite Basketball program beginning in 2012.**

**Among the staff promotions, Coach Polli announced (*see bulleted points below*).**

\*Assistant Director Ray Veguilla will take on the newly created role of Director of Business Operations where he will oversee the “business operations” for Mass Elite Basketball and also serve as a Vice President and Executive Director on the clubs 2012 advisory board. Veguilla will now focus his energies on business development for the program and all subsidiary units.

\*Coach Dave Latimer has been promoted to the newly created role of Associate Director of Basketball Operations where he will assist Director Polli in all facets of basketball club operations. Coach Latimer in his time with Mass Elite Basketball has served as both a National-Select coach for our 13U and 14U teams and has coached a variety of teams for our annual Summer AAU program. Coach Latimer in the offseason serves as the Assistant Varsity Coach and JV Coach at Pingree Prep School in South Hamilton Massachusetts

\*Coach Ron Sanders has been promoted to the role of Elementary and Middle School AAU Director, a role that will allow him to focus exclusively on the growth and development of our programs (both AAU and In-House) for players in grades K-8. Coach Sanders joined the Mass Elite Basketball coaching staff this past Fall season where he served as the head coach of an 11U team and also coached a variety of “part-time” teams for the program. This offseason Coach Sanders is coaching a winter team for Mass Elite Basketball that participates in the Eastern Basketball League.

Speaking in more depth regarding these promotions Polli stated “Dave, Ray and Ron are more than just great basketball minds, they are very good people”. Adding “It’s really special building a program for youth and high school basketball players, especially knowing that I have the support, admiration and dedication of guys like this”.

Polli also mentioned that the club had recently hired Coach John Preziosa (former Wheelock College - Head Men's Coach) as a Coach and Basketball Operations Adviser for the upcoming Spring season, specifically stating "Coach Prez is going to be an awesome addition to our program, he is a high energy coach that has a ton of coaching experience at the collegiate level".

**In addition, Mass Elite Basketball also announced the appointment of some popular local coaches to the clubs Advisement Board. The Advisory Board will meet regularly with Club Administrators and will each represent a different segment of the New England Basketball Community.**

**Newly appointed Board Members Include: Gus Dettorre – Head Coach for Wakefield Travel Basketball, Pat Kelley – Head Coach for Billerica Travel Basketball, Sal Monteneri – Director and Head Coach of Tewksbury Travel Basketball and Rich Nagle – Director and Head Coach of Triton Travel Basketball.**

#### **2012 Advisory Board**

##### **President and Executive Director**

Eric Polli

##### **Vice President and Executive Director**

Ray Veguilla

##### **Adviser – Merrimack Valley**

Sal Monteneri

##### **Adviser – Merrimack Valley/Middlesex County**

Pat Kelley

##### **Adviser – Middlesex County/North Shore**

Gus Dettorre

##### **Adviser – Lightning Basketball**

Rich Nagle

***When discussing the upcoming year Polli looked at the programs notable accomplishments from this past year stating*** \*In 2011 the Mass Elite program had 500+ participants and fielded 97 teams..... \*Mass Elite in 2011 graduated our first class of Junior athletes, many of which are being recruited by D2 and D3 Colleges..... \*This past year our 17U and 12U National teams won state championships and represented our program at their respective national tournaments in Florida and Virginia..... \*Mass Elite had record numbers at its annual Fall AAU tournament, this year called November Madness..... \*Mass Elite hosted its inaugural All-Star Night for some of the programs most accomplished and talented middle school players.

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