



MEL ROUSTIO

"HEY COACH, I HAVE A QUESTION"

Mel Roustio is a native of East St. Louis, Illinois and received both a bachelor's and master's degree from Illinois State University.

He was a teacher, coach and athletics administrator in six different Illinois communities covering a 39-year career. During that career in education, he received numerous honors. He is a member of the Illinois Basketball Coaches

Association Hall-Of-Fame and was recognized by the Illinois Athletic Directors Association as one of the state's outstanding athletics director in 1992.

Mr. Roustio has an interesting and diversified background. He was a high school and collegian athlete receiving statewide recognition in basketball and as a baseball pitcher. He has served the Illinois High School Association on numerous advisory boards and the legislative commission. He served the I.H.S.A. television network two years as color analyst for the Class AA state basketball tournament. He also hosted a weekly radio sports show for 21 years. Mr. Roustio coached the scholastic boys' Prairie State basketball team six times and was The Games volunteer of the year in 1997. Mr. Roustio umpired high school and college baseball for eleven (11) years and worked the N.C.A.A. Division II World Series in 1978.

Following his retirement from education, he hosted a four-hour daily morning show on WLDS radio in Jacksonville, Illinois. He has been very active on the speaker's circuit conducting clinics, seminars, workshops and motivational speaking. Many schools and educational conferences throughout the country have solicited his passionate messages the past twelve years. Mr. Roustio is an instructor for the American Sport Education Program, which is a nationally recognized certification program for coaches. Mel served as the IHSA liaison to the N.F.I.C.E.P./A.S.E.P.

In 1998, Mr. Roustio compiled high school basketball stories into a top-selling (State of Illinois) book, titled; "*Courtside Memories*". His second book, "*99 Answers for the Sport Parent*", has sold over ten thousand copies.

He and his wife, Gerry have been married 45 years and have three children and fourteen grandchildren.