What does it take to be a Firebird Basketball player?

Being a basketball player does not merely imply wearing a uniform and being a member of the squad. There are many areas to think about if you want to be a winner, not only in basketball, but in life itself. The importance of the following qualities, absolutely necessary for every great player, cannot be impressed upon you enough.

1. ARE YOU COACHABLE? Can you take coaching? Can you take criticism without looking for an excuse or alibi? Are you a know-it-all? Will you always do your best to try to improve?

2. ARE YOU POSSESSED WITH THE COMPETITIVE SPIRIT WHICH FIRES AN INTENSE DESIRE TO WIN? Do you want to win with a passion? Will you never take no for an answer when there is a job to be done? A screen to be set? A pass to be made? A loose ball to dive for? A rebound to get? Does it bother you to lose?

3. ARE YOU WILLING TO PRACTICE? Can you work every day with the same zest, determination, speed and intensity that you would in a game? Or will you just report every day and put in your time, looking to loaf and cheat when you can? Do you work hard when a coach is not looking at you?

4. ARE YOU WILLING TO MAKE SACRIFICES? Do you realize conditioning to play can be very demanding? Do you realize it is tough and includes personal denials in order to remain in top condition? Do you realize great players are just as thrilled when their screen or pass sets up a basket?

5. DO YOU HAVE AN ARDENT DESIRE TO IMPROVE? Are you willing to devote extra hours concentrating on a skill until you perfect it? Are you eager to work hard on the skills you lack that they may become your strongest asset.

6. DO YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO THINK UNDER FIRE? Can you concentrate on the job to be done?