

1  CALIFORNIA SCHOOL & CITY  
NOT LIABLE FOR FATAL ROADTRIP

MYRICKS

v.

LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Cal.App. Dist.2 1999

2  a girls' summer basketball team, the Running Rebels affiliated with the  
Lynwood Girls Basketball Development League.

3  plaintiffs were injured when the driver of their van fell asleep and lost  
control of the vehicle

4  Running Rebels served as a de facto summer developmental team for the  
Lynwood High School (LHS) girls' basketball team

5  Running Rebels was not an official school activity or part of the official  
LHS summer "intersession" program.

6  Barfield was coaching a summer league team comprised mainly of Lady  
Knights members and using LHS facilities and equipment to do so,

he was not a paid district employee during the summer of 1994.

7  Allen was working during the summer as a part-time, hourly employee for  
the city's recreation and parks department at Hamilton Park.

8  Allen, whose daughter was on the road trip as a Running Rebels player,

received no salary from the city or the district while on the trip.

- 9  evidence is undisputed that the basketball trip was not a school-sponsored activity

for which attendance was required  
and attendance credit given.

- 10  Allen's part-time, hourly position with the city required her to report for her shifts at Hamilton Park,

not drive the van for the Running Rebels.

- 11  record shows city undertook no responsibility for and exercised no control over the team or the planning, scheduling, or execution of the trip.

- 12  Having exerted no control over the team or the planning, scheduling, or execution of the trip,

the city may not, as a matter of law, be held potentially liable for plaintiffs' injuries.

- 13  The city exerted no control and made no decisions regarding the Running Rebels' road trip, coaching staff, uniforms, or schedule.

- 14  The city simply donated \$10,000 to help cover the bulk of the team's expenses,

demonstrating a "commendable interest . . . in the youth activities of the

**community" for which no liability may attach.**

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