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**“We are extremely proud to announce Karin Nicholls as the club director of girls basketball for P2PSports!. With nearly 30 years of coaching experience and a lifetime of working with kids and the game she loves, northern Colorado is truly fortunate to have such a great addition to our established tradition of youth basketball.”**

Karin Nicholls has 27 years of coaching experience at both the Division I and II levels as a head coach. A graduate of Bradley University, she received her degree in Mass Communication in 1990, and her Masters in Sports Administration and Management from the University of Illinois in 1992. As a player, she was the Gateway Conference Newcomer of the Year in 1987, an All-Gateway Conference Selection in 1987, 1989 and 1990. She received Bradley's Most Valuable Player and Team Captain award in 1989 and 1990. She was Bradley's Athlete of the Year in 1990, and became a Bradley University Hall of Fame Inductee in 1993.

Nicholls began her coaching career at the University of Illinois while earning her degree. Nicholls then became the Recruiting Coordinator for the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers from 1992-1995. Nicholls signed the first ever top 20 recruiting class that included Hall of Fame selection, and WNBA All Star Anna DeForge. Nicholls quickly made her mark as one of the top recruiters in the country.

Her first head coaching job came at Truman State University, where she coached for five years. The team she inherited had one win the season prior to her arrival, and as a program only two winning seasons in 26 years. Nicholls guided Truman to 3 straight conference tournaments and a trip to the NCAA Tournament. The 1998-99 squad made the Sweet Sixteen and finished with a 22-9 record. Nicholls was also responsible for signing and coaching two All-Americans that both went on to play professionally. Nicholls then took over as Head Women's Basketball Coach at the University of Texas Pan American from 2000-2002, and was named the National Independent Coach of the Year and guided the Broncs to the most wins in school history as a Division 1 Institution. Coach Nicholls also served as recruiting coordinator at both Youngstown State University and The University of Nebraska at Kearney, as well as Head Coach at Mercyhurst University.

Nicholls moved to Colorado in 2009, and in 2010 she founded Elevation Basketball Academy. She has worked the last seven years in Northern Colorado coaching, teaching and mentoring all grade levels through 1-1 skill development, camps and clinics.