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No more free food for this NBA team
Posted by [Branson Wright](#) / Plain Dealer Reporter January 29, 2009 10:37AM
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The Memphis Grizzlies pull the plug.

Many NBA players, including the Cavaliers, enjoy the luxury of having breakfast and lunch before and after practice at their practice facility or at The Q.



Instead of the players rushing to practice and grabbing something unhealthy like a doughnut or fast food, [a healthy meal is waiting for them](#) --- provided by the team.

This is a common practice in other sports. In baseball, the food provided to the players by [some teams resemble an all-you-can-eat buffet.](#)

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But there's no more free meals in Memphis. [New Grizzlies coach Lionel Hollins](#) put a stop to the food line. I guess he believes the players can afford to buy their own food, especially with the Grizzlies' average salary at about \$3 million per year.

Hollins told the Memphis Commercial Appeal:

"They're grown men. It's not the team's responsibility to treat them like kids."

Is this a smart move by Hollins?

Shouldn't he want management to make the players as comfortable as possible off the court so the players will have more incentive to push on it? And when it comes to free agency, would a player be more inclined to go to a winning organization that would at least help make things convenient off the court?

Or should more organizations follow Hollins' lead?

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Posted by **rotorcs** on [01/29/09 at 12:31PM](#)

I say it's a good move. I seriously doubt a free agent is thinking about whether the team serves them meals or not.

What they should do is charge all the players a fee to provided them the meals. The players who don't want to eat can opt out.

It's silly to think these guys can't feed themselves food that's good for them.

Just send them to Braylon for some 5 hour energy drink.

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Posted by **carolefun** on [01/29/09 at 2:18PM](#)

LOL @ Braylon's energy drink. I agree, these guys can afford their own food. In fact they should lower the prices for the fans, what they charge for food and drink is obscene.

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Posted by **lbjstays2010** on [01/29/09 at 4:39PM](#)

Hollins - "Don't you want to sign with us and play here in Memphis?"

Free Agent - "I was - until I found out I would have to pay for my own food."

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