

WHISTLE BLAST

BELOW ARE A FEW UPDATES ON WHAT'S HAPPENING:

Update on the merger of **CABO** into **CBOC**

On October 31st 2019 the national council of Canadian Association of Basketball Officials (CABO) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Canada Basketball to formalize the process that will amalgamate the responsibilities of CABO with the Canadian Basketball Officials Commission (CBOC). The vote to approve the MOU was 22-0 with 4 abstentions. There were affirmative votes from at least one representative from every province, so I am comfortable that there is nationwide support for the merger.

The purpose of this writing is to provide some of the reasons for the merger and what we believe the improvements will be for officials across the country.

CABO and CBOC worked together last year to draft a document that outlines the future vision that we propose for officiating as we move into the third decade of the 21st century. The document covers the following areas;

- Continued development of an integrated pathway that will allow officials to find their niche in the game - please see the accompanying summary (Canada Basketball Officials Development Program) by clicking [here](#).
- This pathway would also allow for exposure to various forms of the game that previously were not under the umbrella of CABO such as but not limited to 3x3 and wheelchair officiating
- The pathway would also begin to formalize the training for referee coaches at the local, provincial and national level.
- Assignments will eventually be made using a standard platform across the country which will allow for efficiencies that will save dollars for those involved. Some of the savings could then be reinvested in officiating development at various levels.
- Licensing will replace membership as the means by which officials are recognized. The licensing fee will reflect the skill level of the official. Those who work at the entry or grass root level will pay a lower license fee than those officiating at the CCAA and U Sport level.
- The CBOC through Canada Basketball and our soon to be announced national referee manager will work with various groups including educational organizations to try and build an aligned model for rule training, on floor assessment and other areas to support the pathway model mentioned above.



- Operational practices will be shared across the country to develop best practice manuals that will allow officials to find practical solutions to challenges regardless of where they officiate. The revamped National Officials Certification Program (NOCP) will more accurately reflect the knowledge, skills, and attributes an official needs as they advance through their career.
- The revamped NOCP will more accurately reflect the knowledge, skills and attributes as official needs as they advance through their career. The revised NOCP recognizes that officials need support throughout the process as they continue their growth at a given level, become more comfortable with the expectations of the curriculum and then ultimately request an assessment for possible promotion to the next level. This will allow those individuals with the very best skill sets the opportunity to be nominated by CBOC for their international officiating license with FIBA.
- By having partnerships with scholastic organizations and recognized clubs through the Provincial and Territorial Sports Organization (PTSO's) officials can be assigned knowing that the games are sanctioned by a recognized body. Should those issues arise where inappropriate behaviour by players, coaches or spectators requires further investigation the CBOC in conjunction with the Provincial officiating bodies can work to find a suitable outcome for all involved.
- A national uniform is presented to the officials. By organizing the officials nationwide, the CBOC will be able to bring together suppliers and find the best option for the lowest cost. A national uniform could also be part of a larger marketing strategy that would allow additional revenue for officiating development.
- A new dispute resolution process will be run within CB that will protect the anonymity of a complainant during the investigative stage. This will ensure that officials have a safer environment to practice their avocation.
- So much of what was done in the officiating world in the past and continues today is through the efforts of countless volunteers who often have to find the time on evenings and weekends to complete their responsibilities. The CBOC is committed to developing a system where the officials in partnerships with their NSO and PTSO's can tap into the professional expertise in the offices of these organizations to reduce the workload for volunteers and to guarantee a smoother transition when new people step forward to share their time and talents.
- Proper financial oversight will now be a feature of governance within officiating at all levels insuring proper records are maintained. This should give officials confidence that revenue and expenditures are properly recorded leading to an end of the fiscal year audit ensuring accuracy and compliance with approved policies.

In conclusion on March 31st of this year the transition from CABO to CBOC will be complete. The overarching goal of the CBOC is to make Canada the world leader in all phases of officiating. The vision and the plan described here is the foundation of this endeavour and we are excited for the next steps in the process.

Morgan Munroe

CABO President and CBOC Chair

upcoming camps:

NEXT LEVEL OFFICIALS CAMP - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Karen Lasuik is hosting her annual "Next Level Officials Camp" in Edmonton, AB from May 1st - May 3rd. Marking its 8th year, the camp is designed for referees who either want to learn, gain experience or take their game to that "next level" in 3 Person FIBA Mechanics. For more information and how to register, click [here](#).

QUEBEC CPA CAMP & ELITE CPA CAMP | JUNE 26-28

This camp is aimed at all women and men who want to improve their officiating skill both on and off the court and desire to obtain visibility for D1, U SPORTS and NBL levels. For more information and how to register:

- [Click here](#) for **2 Person CPA Camp**
- [Click here](#) for **3 Person Elite Camp**

2019-20 FIBA EXAM SUMMARY

We would like to thank everyone for writing the 2019-20 FIBA Rules exam before the end of the year. In total we had 4172 officials from across the country write the exam and 4908 exams were completed, which included the rewrite attempts. Just over 80% of the officials who wrote the exam finished with a passing grade. We are continuously encouraged by the development of our officials and hope that we can build on the success of last year's exam moving forward.



TOUGH CALLS - WEEK 2

Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing with you a selection of plays from the Basketball Champions League which showcases the "tough calls" from the past week in the league. We will also be posting all the videos to Game Plan along with analyses. To view this week's calls, click [here](#).



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Our Canadian Officials Representing Canada

We would also like to congratulate the following officials who were selected for the upcoming CCAA National Championships taking place at Humber College (ON) & Vancouver Island University (BC) from March 18 - 21:



CCAA M

- Jeff Smith (NB)
- François Brouillette (QC)
- Christine Vuong (ON)
- Justin Rocchi (ON)
- Tommy Wu (ON)
- Chris Brischuk (SK)
- Mathew Fiedelleck (SK)
- Mike Maryk (MB)
- Trevor Barss (AB)
- Josh Carothers (AB)
- Cooper Toppings (AB)
- Jackson James (BC)

CCAA W

- Michael Duff (NF)
- Stephen Clow (NS)
- Shelley Quintos (QC)
- Troy Bennett (ON)
- Janice Liu (ON)
- Fei Xiang (ON)
- David Hersche (SK)
- Devan Seal (AB)
- Joanna Wieggers (AB)
- Alexandra Gruneberg (BC)
- EJ Link (BC)
- Lukas Wera (BC)

Referee Coaches

- Warren Poncsak
- Mike Homysy
- Terry Kindrat

Referee Coaches

- Jim Cervo
- Tim Heide
- Pierre Marion

Congratulations to our U SPORTS & CCAA Officials



We would like to congratulate the following officials who were selected for the upcoming U SPORTS National Championships taking place at both Carleton University & University of Ottawa from March 5 - 8.

U SPORTS M

- Matt Boyle (NS)
- Max Audette (QC)
- Maripier Malo (QC)
- Geoff Astles (ON)
- Farhan Baig (ON)
- Nathaniel Saunders (ON)
- Tony Turnbull (ON)
- Tanner Cervo (AB)
- Reid Kenyon (AB)
- Ryley Kerrison (AB)
- Micheal Weiland (AB)
- Reed Scott (BC)

U SPORTS W

- Alicia Bird-Smith (NF)
- Alexandre Lapointe (QC)
- Mark Baxter (ON)
- Anna Del Col (ON)
- Melissa Famme (ON)
- Kayla Herdman (ON)
- James McNeill (ON)
- Marla Van Gelder (AB)
- Kelsey Kisilevich (AB)
- Lisa Waschuk (BC)
- Waseem Husainy (AB)
- Kevin Lei (AB)

Referee Coaches

- Nadine Crowley
- Cam Moskal
- Jim Walsh

Referee Coaches

- Mike Thomson
- Nancy Ethier
- Jake Steinbrenner

OUR CANADIAN FIBA OFFICIALS REPRESENTING THIS FEBRUARY

A number of our FIBA Certified officials and commissioners have been selected in a number of tournaments taking place in February:

- o MP Malo will be representing Canada at the Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Bourges, France from February 5th - 9th
- o Nadine Crowley has been appointed as the Referee Instructor for the Women's Qualifying Tournament in Belgrade, Serbia from February 5th - 9th
- o Matthew Kallio will be officiating at the 2020 Intercontinental Cup in Tenerife, Spain from February 7th - 9th. This exciting tournament brings together the champions of the Basketball Champions League (BCL), Americas League and G-League
- o Michael Weiland, Reed Scott and Nathaniel Saunders will be representing Canada during the AmeriCup 2021 Qualifiers (Window 1) from February 21st - 23rd

