

WHISTLE BLAST

BELOW ARE A FEW UPDATES ON WHAT'S HAPPENING:

Recap from Referee School in Edmonton!

As part of the Women's Pre-Qualifying Tournament in Edmonton last month, we had an opportunity to host our third Referee School on the Friday Night. Led by the seven FIBA Americas officials from the tournament, 18 local officials got the opportunity to hear about their experiences from the World Cup in China, their tips on officiating at the highest level to learning key officiating techniques on the court.



We would like to say a big thank you to the FIBA Americas officials, as well as Perry Stothart (Alberta Basketball Officials Association) and Mike Thomson (Canadian FIBA Instructor) who helped organize the event. To read the story on the event, visit the FIBA Americas article [here](#). (the video from the session will be posted on Game Plan soon!)

New Job Posting - Manager, Officials Development

As part of the continued process to merge CABO and CBOC under Canada Basketball, a new position has been created - Manager, Officials Development. This person under the direction and leadership of CBOC will work to enhance and improve all aspects of the officiating experience in Canada. For the full job description and how to apply, please visit the Canada Basketball job posting board [here](#).

Deadline to apply is:
December 31st, 2019



New!

TOUGH CALLS - WEEK 1

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](#).

FIBA EXAM UPDATE

Just a reminder that the FIBA Exam is available now for all officials to complete. **The deadline to complete the exam is December 16th** - we encourage officials not to leave everything to the last minute!

Our Canadian Officials Representing Canada

DO YOU HAVE A NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT TO SHARE?

Email **Riike Olasina** (cboc@basketball.ca) with your story and professional headshot (JPEG or PNG preferred), if you have one, to be featured in next month's Whistle Blast! We want to use this platform to highlight our officials from across the country.

ROGER CAULFIELD INDUCTED INTO NOVA SCOTIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

On November 15th the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame inducted Roger Caulfield into their hall. Roger is a most worthy inductee and has also received both the Wink Willox and Ted Earley awards from CABO. Roger continues to serve the officiating community not only in Nova Scotia but throughout the Maritimes. Roger had an exemplary career on the floor and he continues to play an integral role off the floor as well. The game is better for his efforts as well a significant number of officials are the beneficiaries of his efforts. We want to take this opportunity to formally congratulate Roger for this outstanding achievement and much deserved recognition.



GILLES BRIERE AWARD PRESENTED TO JOHN MCDONOUGH

On Saturday, November 10 2019 in Montreal, the CPA presented the Gilles Briere award, an award given to an official who has greatly contributed to the development of basketball officials in Quebec. John McDonough fully deservedly has received the honour from Gilles Briere himself. Several icons from Quebec were present fro the occasion, Tony Payne, Harry Hus, Pierre Marion, Mike Homsy, Mike Hickey, Alfie Paoletti, Anthony Metrakos to name a few. Special thanks to MMBRA and CPA for their contribution to the event. Nice moment in CPA s history in Quebec. Congratulations!



CONGRATULATIONS TO MARIPIER MALO & NATHANIEL SAUNDERS

We also want to congratulate Maripier Malo and Nate Saunders who were assigned to the FIBA Women's Qualifying Tournament from November 14th - 17th in Argentina.