

The Whistle

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The 2018 class included Gene Schaaf, Darren Thomas and Bill Coulthard as athletes and Ken Murray from the coaches category.

Gene Schaaf - OABO Honorary Member, IAABO Life Member, Inducted to Basketball Ontario Hall of Fame

By: Rick Parnham

The night of Monday February 11, 2019 saw another official rightfully inducted into the Basketball Ontario Hall of Fame. Gene Schaaf became the 8th official to be included in the illustrious collection of honorees; a list which also includes IAABO Life Members, the late Kitch McPherson, along with Ron Foxcroft and Patricia Lang, who were in attendance to help celebrate with Gene.

The Basketball Ontario Hall of Fame was created in 1999 with the induction of Dr. James Naismith. Since then, Basketball Ontario celebrates a new class of inductees every second year. The nomination process is open to players, coaches, builders, teams and officials who have made outstanding impacts on the basketball community of Ontario.

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The Toronto Raptor game against the Brooklyn Nets provided a backdrop for the four inductees to be celebrated at halftime on the court of Scotia Bank Arena. At pre-game reception each inductee was introduced by a presenter and surrounded by friends and family. The speeches of each of the inductees shone a light into the history and depth of basketball in the province. Gene's extensive accomplishments which were included for his nomination can be read as follows;

"Gene Schaaf (Official) has been involved in basketball in many roles throughout his life, but he is most known for his extensive career as an official.

Schaaf began officiating in Hamilton over 50 years ago and he continues to be a valued member of the Ontario Association of Basketball Officials (OABO), the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO) and three local officiating boards: York Region Association of Basketball Officials (YRABO), Durham Region Board of Approved Basketball Officials (DRBABO) and Toronto Association of Basketball Officials.

In addition to Schaaf's many years of officiating for OFSAA, OCAA and OUA and at the provincial and national levels, he has been actively involved with OABO, IAABO and his three local boards in multiple roles including secretary, treasurer, interpreter, evaluator and assignor. He sat on several OABO and IAABO committees, and he has served on the Board of Directors for OABO as well as Basketball Ontario.

Schaaf was instrumental in the creation of YRABO, where he was an assignor for 40 years. With DRBABO, he has held Executive positions in various roles. Schaaf is still involved with his local boards, attending membership meetings and supporting training and evaluation activities.

OABO, IAABO and all three officiating boards have awarded Schaaf Honourary Lifetime memberships in recognition for his dedicated commitment to officiating development within each organization. Additionally, OABO has recognized him with an Honourary lifetime membership and a Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Canadian Association of Basketball Officials presented Schaaf with the John A. (Wink) Willox Award."

It was a proud evening to share with Gene and his family and fellow officials. OABO and IAABO shares our appreciation for all the contributions you have made to the game and wishes you the most sincere congratulations in being honoured by Basketball Ontario.

For more on the celebration and the 2018 class, you can find speeches and photos here.

<https://basketball.on.ca/ontario-basketball-hall-fame-welcomes-class-of-2018/>

From the Desk of the Secretary & IAABO D9 Rep

IAABO News

The Canadian contingent who attended the IAABO spring conference in Atlantic City New Jersey this past April included Jaime & Cathy McCaig, Dennis Herbert, Mike & Ursula McPhee, Tim Laurain, Gene and Marie Schaaf, Tina Thorne and myself. The highlight of the weekend was the IAABO Life Membership Luncheon and a party Saturday night celebrating Tom Lopes' retirement as Executive Director.

During the IAABO AGM it was announced that the 2019-20 NHFS Handbook dedication would be in honor of Dr. Ken Walker and the Canadian FIBA Handbook would honor Harvey Bishop.

The 2019 IAABO Fall Seminar will be held in Bethesda, Maryland and the 2020 Spring Meeting will be in Ocean City, Maryland.

OABO News & Deadlines:

Please review the next items carefully. The deadline dates are extremely important.

****URGENT****: Next year rule book orders must be in **no later than Friday July 1st**. The OABO Executive encourages all members to purchase the IAABO FIBA Rules Handbooks. **NOTE**: IAABO members receive the FIBA handbook as part of their IAABO membership (\$40 CDN). Rule books for non-IAABO members will be \$45 Canadian **plus** shipping.

Nominations for OABO Award of Merit will be accepted up to midnight **July 1, 2018**. The OABO Award of Merit nomination must come from Local Boards and are presented annually to OABO members in recognition of their contribution to a Local Board.

Local Board Reports are due **no later than August 1st**. Please email them to me in either Word or PDF format. Reports should include the names and contact info of your Executive Committees, number of officials, number of games assigned, accomplishments of the members of your board i.e. OFSAA championships etc, and anything else you want to ramble on about as long as it can be printed on preferably one page, **2 pages max**.

The three OABO Executive Positions that are up for election this year are Rules Interpreter, Secretary and Treasurer. The three incumbents have been reminded that they need to provide me with specific required information **no later than August 1st** if they intend to run for re-election. The dates listed in our Constitution was for when our AGM was the last weekend in September/first weekend in October. We have since moved the AGM to the weekend after Labour Day which makes some of the deadlines not of significant notice. I will notify the Local Board Presidents and Secretaries by email on or before **August 4th** of those intending to stand for re-election. After August 4th, according to Article 8.3.2: "Any member of the OABO in good standing, other than a present Executive member, who wishes to nominate an OABO member in good standing for election to a position on the OABO Executive at an AGM as per Article 8.2 must submit, to the OABO Secretary-Treasurer, **by August 15th** in the year of that AGM the following information: Name of the Candidate, Candidate's Local Board, Position being Nominated For, Consent to be Nominated, Name of the Nominator, Nominator's Local Board. The OABO Secretary-Treasurer will forward the names of all candidates to the last known contacts of all the Local Boards by **August 22nd**, of the year of that AGM by e-mail."

Any proposed change to the Constitution must be submitted to John Grilli or Don Thorne **no later than July 15th**. The Constitution Committee will send back all proposed changes which I will send to the Local Board Presidents and Secretaries by email on or before August 31st. At that time I will also send a list of the number of votes entitled to each board.

Well that's about it for me. I always end on a golf note especially since we are in that time of year so.... We have received so much rain this April and May that I feel that summer may get here by August. Our course is so wet there are fish in the puddles in the fairway (well not quite that bad but you get the picture). Anyways, sun and warmth are due to arrive soon. I hope you all have a good safe summer.

Don

President's Message

Rick Parnham

Spring has finally made a brief appearance now that the bulk of the season's basketball has drawn to a close. For many, this part of the year allows for healing and rest, while others take the time to attend a variety of learning opportunities or immerse ourselves into reflection on the previous year's work, while preparing for next year. As such let me provide a few notes to update membership on the ongoing work within OABO and beyond.

OCAA / OSBA Partnership: The year began as a bit of a scramble and we were fortunate enough to build a working plan to implement a structure to officiate these games while encouraging collegiality and movement of officials. OBA / OCAA were able to hire Rob Ferguson as their facilitator and the journey began. There were hiccups along the way with the implementation of new ideas and processes, but as the year unfolded and through the tremendous work of Tim and Lindsay Walsh , along with Rob, problems were identified, new structures created and solutions were found. As with anything new there are growing pains and learning curves. Through considerable work with local board assignors and presidents a thorough line of communication was built between the facilitator. We are pleased to say that both client partners were satisfied with what we were able to build initially and enhance over time with feedback and consultation with local boards. A survey directed to local boards and the officials involved in working at this level is almost constructed and will be sent to those parties when ready. We strongly encourage all to complete the survey to allow for OABO, OCAA and the OBA to hear your voice and work to make this process as good as possible.

CABO / CBOC Transition: As many know, FIBA has required Canada Basketball to ensure that our country's officials are under the umbrella of the National Sport Organization [NSO]. As such, CB has been working hard to build a committee we all have come to be familiar with, CBOC or the Canadian Basketball Officials Commission. We were introduced to the work headed by Dawn Smyth last year at the OABO AGM in regard to IOT training modules, an update to the NOCP System, and the further development of training and educational resources for our officials. I was invited to attend a working group session in Winnipeg jointly hosted by CB and CABO to discuss the issues surrounding a CABO / CBOC transition. This is an inevitability in our country so we looked at it from a position of what could be done in the near future and what will be more of a long-term action plan. Much conversation and strategic goal setting happened with an outcome of a vision statement for what could be possible, identification of the obstacles which are present and the need for the development of clear, concise communication strategy to inform and educate officials about not just the what is happening, but more importantly the why this work is being done.

Once the information from this working group is processed and synthesized, the provinces will have a chance to be part of conversations with CABO and CB to voice concerns and provide feedback around the next steps looking to be taken in the transition. OABO will be given the opportunity to voice the concerns of our officials and local boards in advance of the CABO AGM in September and we will provide our membership with updates as we get them from CABO and CBOC

On another CABO note, I am pleased to inform you that our loan from CABO has been paid back in full through a few initiatives we have taken to clear that debt from the books. This provides the executive with the ability to review our budget for next year with a fresh outlook on how to best support officials and provide the best resources possible for development and training.

OABO President's Conference Call: As one of those cost cutting measures, we will be hosting the OABO President's Meeting via conference call on Thursday May 30, 2019 at 7:30 pm. Each local board will be invited to have one representative on the call that evening. Agenda items can be forwarded to me - rparnham@rogers.com for compilation and circulation by May 26. This will allow the agenda to be sent out in advance of the meeting.

Ontario Officiating Forum: OBA and OABO have reached out to the various basketball partners in the province to be part of a forum to discuss issues pertaining to officiating. We have invited them to attend a meeting with OABO and local board representatives to talk openly and professionally about the structures in places and the needs and wants we all have with respect to growing the number and quality of our roster of officials. We are working on solidifying a date and arranging a location to host this event. We will communicate the details as the event gets built.

OABO Seminar and AGM Weekend: Thanks to the Bay of Quinte Board, the weekend planning is underway and ongoing. Justin and his team are putting together a comprehensive weekend of education, recognition and socializing. Be sure to take note of the information in The Whistle providing you the details of the weekend. We look forward to seeing as many of you as we can at the seminar and Wall of Fame dinner.

Knowing it is the time of year for many of the local boards to hold their elections we would like to welcome Justin Walsh - Bay of Quinte and John Grilli - TABO to your new roles of local board presidents. We look forward to your efforts in advancing officiating within your board and the province. Thanks to Darrell McGrath and Tino DeCastro for the service you provided your members previously in your roles. It can be a thankless job at times and we appreciate the work you did. Should other local boards have a change in leadership, please let Don know so that information can be recorded.

I wish all of you a terrific spring and launch into summer. The golf courses are green and the temperatures warming to help with the cabin fever we all have this time of year. Please take the time to care of yourself and refresh during this slower season. September really isn't that far away.

Vice President's Report

We are winding down the OBA tournament refereeing season and I hope that there were many great experiences to be had by all.

The "Fair Play Committee" has dealt with numerous incidents that we can all learn from;

- Be attentive to inappropriate language used during a game by players, coaches, and fans. We have had to deal with accusations of racial slurs, verbal threats, and coaches berating their players. It is never okay for anyone to do so and we must always address this and not ignore it.
- Tournament convenors and table crews do a thankless job but we must always be ready to support and defend them from bullying, influencing and improper behavior. An incident that was brought forth to our committee involved a female tournament convenor who was accosted after a game by an assistant coach who threatened her. This convenor showed great courage to bring forth this incident to our committee and we dealt harshly and appropriately with this coach suspending him for an extended period of time.

In general, I am pleased with the incident reports that have been sent in by local boards. It's important to keep sending them in promptly and accurately to ensure that "bad actors" are dealt with appropriately. Remember that we should never accept abuse from coaches, fans or players and it needs to be reported for the benefit of all in the basketball community.

OBA's Policies & Procedures, including the Codes of Conduct and Fair Play Policies are found in the following link: <https://basketball.on.ca/about-us/policies-and-procedures/>

Have a great summer!
John Grilli

"Something for Everyone" - OABO AGM 2019 September 6-8

Greetings OABO members,

Our planning team has been hard at work and we are looking forward to hosting you at the 2019 OABO Seminar and AGM. Our goal, as our motto states, is to provide 'Something for Everyone'. Below you will find some important information about the weekend.

1. We will be hosting the weekend at the Toronto Airport Marriott. Same location as the past 2 years. You will be able to book rooms when you register.

Registration will become live on June 1, 2019 through the OABO.ca website.

Feel free to check out the hotel in the meantime:

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/yyzot-toronto-airport-marriott-hotel/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d19-a255-54ba596febe2>

2. OABO Membership Survey. We really want to provide "Something for Everyone", so we are asking for your input. Please take a couple minutes to complete the survey - linked here. It will help us with our planning.

<https://forms.gle/JCW7tqZeJrifXSX8>

3. Pricing:

Hotel \$150 per night, Parking \$5 per day

Full Weekend - \$180 - includes Friday Saturday hospitality rooms, Saturday Education seminar and Wall of Fame dinner

Wall of Fame dinner only - \$75

Saturday Seminar Only - includes coffee break and lunch - \$60

Golf Blue Springs Golf Club price TBD.

4. Saturday Education Seminar:

We feel confident that we will be able to provide "Something for Everyone" with our education sessions, presenters and materials. We feel that \$60 is a very reasonable price for the value of the day. I do hope you all consider attending, you won't be disappointed. More information on presenters, agenda for the day, etc will come.

I look forward to reading your survey responses, continuing to work on your behalf on the planning of the OABO AGM and Seminar 2019 and seeing you on or off the court this summer.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Sincerely,

Justin Walsh
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BQBABO President
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“SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE 2019” SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMS

Eric Kane Sponsorship Chair Committee Chairman
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As the basketball season draws to a close, its time to start thinking about next year. We are hoping everyone plans on starting next season at the “Something For Everyone 2019” Annual General Meeting (AGM) weekend in Toronto on September 6, 7 and 8, 2019. This will be the third year in a row for the OABO AGM weekend to be held at the same location in Toronto. While the Bay of Quinte Board Approved Basketball Officials (BQBABO) is hosting this event, we are hoping this central location will make it easier for everyone in the province to attend. We will be striving to have “Something For Everyone” and hope to make it very worthwhile for all who attend.

One important way to ensure a quality AGM for all is through sponsorship. Once again this year, we are hoping local boards will support the OABO AGM weekend through the purchase of advertisements in the AGM binder. Ads will be available to purchase at rates of \$50 for a quarter page, \$75 for a half page and \$125 for a full page. These prices are the same as in 2013 when BQBABO last hosted. It would greatly enhance the AGM weekend experience if all 31 boards in the province were to purchase an ad!

If your board has someone good with computers, make up a board greeting to the AGM on your board logo or letterhead. If this is a problem, simply send us your board logo and our ‘computer person’ will make up your board message. You should send your payment cheque and board logo and/or ad to **Bruce Chapman (613 329 8348) at 325 Ridge Road, Deseronto, Ontario K0K 1X0** and/or email at bchapmanmain@gmail.com. Please make cheques payable to ‘**BQBABO**’. E-transfers to Bruce are also acceptable.

Another way local board members can support the AGM is through personal sponsorship. The “Something for Everyone 2019” committee is running a ‘Patron Sponsorship Program’. In this initiative, we are hoping individual officials will choose to support the AGM program. They can do this by purchasing a **bronze** sponsorship for \$25, a **silver** sponsorship for \$50 or a **gold** sponsorship for \$100. These prices are same as in 2013. Each sponsor or ‘Patron’ of the AGM will be listed in a ‘Patron Sponsorship Program’ page in the AGM program. Each patron’s ID card will be in the colour of his or her sponsorship. Also there will be a special sponsorship patron’s draw. Individuals can send their sponsorship cheques to Bruce Chapman as above.

The AGM committee is also looking for business ads for the AGM program. If any official in the province has a business which they would like to advertise in the program, this would be available at quarter page for \$50, half page at \$75 and full page at \$125. As above, please send info to Bruce Chapman.

In summation, the Bay of Quinte Board Approved Basketball Officials is working very hard to make sure “Something for Everyone 2019” is an even better time for OABO members than the 2009 and 2013 AGMs we hosted. All officials in the province can help ensure a bigger and better experience through board, individual and private company support of our sponsorship programs. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding the AGM sponsorship program, please phone or email me and I’ll get back to you as soon as possible.



“SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE” PROGRAM AD BOOK

Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel
September 6-8 2019



Name: _____

OABO Board Name
Or Business Company

Address: _____

City _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail _____

AD Size: Please circle one

No.1
Full Page
\$125.00

No.2
Half Page
\$75.00

No.3
Quarter Page
\$50.00

**All ads should be submitted in black and white and camera ready (PDF or Word files please).
Business cards will be accepted and enlarged to fit ad size if requested.**

ADS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY AUGUST 16, 2019

Submitting your ad today will ensure the success of the Hospitality Suite & Educational Sessions

CHEQUE PAYABLE TO: **BQBABO**

& ON THE CHEQUE PLEASE REFERENCE: **“SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE 2019”.**

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**BRUCE CHAPMAN
325 RIDGE ROAD,
DESERONTO, ONTARIO K0K1X0.**

Phone : (6133298348)

Email at bchapmanmain@gmail.com.

E-transfers to Bruce are also acceptable.

Receipts are available upon request.

Questions regarding the AD book may be directed to: Eric Kane at kane@bell.net

The Organizing Committee thanks you for your generous support to help defray the costs of “SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE 2019”.

Hard Copy Rulebooks VS Online Reading

Sandy Forand - Niagara

Is your “other” sport moving towards online rulebooks?

I do believe many ARE and it has certainly been discussed by Softball Canada as well!

I personally use my copy of the Softball Canada rulebook extensively! Whether looking up a specific rule for myself, clinic use or reviewing wording with a fellow umpire; digging it out of my bag, flipping the pages and highlighting specific text, just seems normal to me!

“I know, I know younger people are text savvy and live online but just hear me out!”

While officiating basketball in Abu Dhabi at the World Special Olympics, I had my magnetic pregame board and my “IAABO Rulebook Canadian Edition” (combo rule book, casebook and mechanic book) at courtside. While leading a group of 8 officials from around the world, despite the FIBA rule set being the same for all countries (except with our fellow USA Federation and NCAA officials), NO ONE else had a rulebook!!! It soon became apparent that basic FIBA rule knowledge, interpretations and mechanics were lacking from numerous countries.



It was tough enough “culturally” changing an opinion on a rule, but being a female was especially trying, to say the least! So; it was in the crew’s best interest, to be cognisant of the approach. What would be that ideal approach?? A financial gain! A bet! \$10.00 American per rule!

I never argued or debated, I just bet. It was a very worthwhile exercise. As well; if I had a dozen extra rulebooks, I could have sold each and every one of them. Heck; I would have given them away! After communicating with our Ontario, Canada leadership, we were all out of this precious commodity. Oil has nothing over the IAABO Rulebook Canadian Edition.

All the sport powers that be, can put rulebooks up into the cloud, but will all or most people read them?? Not in my experience!

No; I’ll take the book! I’ll pay for the rulebook thankyou!

Post Script: I never did collect my winnings. Payment enough was education for all and great conversations with fellow officials!

Interpreter's Report- Mike McPhee

As the major portion of the officiating comes to a close with the OBA championship tournaments, it can be useful to do some critical review of the year. One of the most important reviews should be about how we rule on all of the issues in a game. The focus of this article was initiated by a few e-mails that I received, and all of them raised the issue of rulings or enforcement not being made across the province.

I first wrote about this in May of 2015, in response to issues that had occurred over the months of the season that had passed. At that time the issues were hand checking, obstructing a player's vision, coaching box, intentional fouls, and free throw violations. Three of those five were the issues in the e-mails this year. So, let's have another look at consistency and what it means.

A really good definition of consistency that I found in writing the 2015 article stated as follows: "*Consistency means reliability or uniformity of successive results or events.*" It fits neatly into what participants and professional officials say when asked about consistency. "*Players want someone who's consistent and works hard. If you hustle to get in position to make the plays and establish good consistent decisions, you won't have any problems*", says a former professional sports official. "*Officials form the backbone of competition. Consistent high quality decisions made by Officials are essential to give clear direction to coaches and competitors alike*", says an international sports training manual.

So, it's clear that as officials, consistency is one of the traits we should strive for, in part because it's something coaches and players need. Players and coaches expect their referees to make the same decisions across similar circumstances and for both teams. It's our job to make sure the game is played fairly, and consistency can help us do that. We can certainly understand their frustration when a situation not whistled during the majority of a game is whistled for the first time in the last three minutes, or when we suddenly appear to put our whistles away during crunch time.

Robert Stephen Weinberg and Peggy A. Richardson in their 1990 book *Psychology of Officiating*, have some good points about consistency and how it can be achieved. *When working on being consistent, they say, make sure you apply uniform interpretations of the rules. While no two game situations are alike, even within the same game, it's important to make sure that you keep your decisions the same. Your knowledge of the rules directly contributes to your ability to interpret them properly and judge actions on the field or the court. It might be tempting to "even up" your calls, but Weinberg and Richardson advise against this. While it might seem fair at first glance to give each team a similar number of calls, the fact is that officials would need to make calls incorrectly for this to happen. Punishing teams for things they didn't do can lead to even further distrust. Make calls when you need to and don't try too hard to balance them out. Strive for fairness, not balance.*

We are the third team on the court, and as that team we have to have a good understanding of how our knowledge and judgment matches our partners' knowledge and judgment. While we strive for consistency across games, consistency within a game is the first step to this—and a much more attainable goal. We need to have a good pre-game with our partners, so that we have a team mindset going into the competition, and can plan for what we expect to happen or the issues that might surprise us. During the game we need to be aware of what our partner is calling, especially with body-contact situations, since these are the ones that cause the most frustration.

Inconsistency in game officials is often the result of uncertainty. You as an official might not be sure of a situation because your emotions are clouding your judgment, or "advice" from other officials has you confused. Fatigue is definitely a factor in "emotional clouding" and it increases the longer the season gets. It's time to put the days of working 4-8 games on a single Saturday or Sunday behind us. I realize, the game fees are nice and the assignor is short, but if you're working this many games, there is no way you are as good in the last half of the day as you were in the first half of the day. Unfortunately too, it's in that last half that the critical games occur.

Now, returning to the issues mentioned for this year.

- 1) An e-mail from a local interpreter about free throw violations (not on the last throw) being enforced (or not), opened up a discussion as to what was the practice over time as opposed to what was the rule. My response was “enforce the rule”. The rule itself is very clear:

43.3.3 If a **free throw is not successful** and the violation is committed by:

- A free-throw shooter or his team-mate on the last free throw, the ball shall be awarded to the opponents for a throw-in from the free-throw line extended unless that team is entitled to further possession.
- **An opponent of the free-throw shooter, a substitute free throw shall be awarded to the free-throw shooter. (NOTE THE WORDS “last free throw” ARE NOT HERE).**

It therefore is pretty clear that the “practice” of not charging the violation on the first of 2 throws is not consistent with the rule.

- 2) An e-mail from a coach at the U-12 level decried the lack of hand checking enforcement in games where his team was involved. His most telling comment was as follows: “More and more coaches are going this route of teaching to play D with hand checks as it is a great advantage if it doesn’t get called. Even had one coach tell me to toughen up that is how the game is called now (this is a U12 level). Less and less refs will make the hand check call for various reasons like; inexperience, and the most popular flow of the game.

Once again, it’s pretty obvious that this is a situation that is handled in an inconsistent and in fact erroneous way. Hand Checking is a point of emphasis and certainly meets the requirement for calling a foul under the Rhythm, Speed, Balance, and Quickness criteria.

- 3) An e-mail from a host board for an OBA Provincial Cup weekend stated that, many of the teams came out with multiple colored t-shirts, full length tights, long sleeve shirts, multiple colored headbands. It was clear to him that such things were not enforced in some other areas. This was shared to all boards, with the response being “We stress that”... from many of them. However I personally have heard the comment... “I’m tired of policing dress code”. That in itself begs the question about what else someone is “tired” of enforcing, thus leading to inconsistency.
- 4) “Coaching Box” was one of the 2015 issues at Ofsaa Championships under NFHS rules. It is now 2019 and “Bench Decorum” or “Coach/Official” interaction as CABO defines it remains an issue. The guidelines for this have been shared a number of times in a number of ways. Still, I see games at provincial level events where the behaviour of coaches is not dealt with by floor officials. This pretty clearly is a question of uncertainty in an official’s mind about what to do. When young officials see unacceptable behaviour being tolerated by senior members who aren’t “bothered” by it, it makes them reticent to enforce the rule. This is one issue where a Team approach developed in the pre-game meeting can make the job simple. “WE will deal with coaches thusly...”. No emotional uncertainty now.

I started this article by suggesting a critical review of the year. So let’s each of us think about that. Did we deal with all of the rules (even the “picky” ones) in a consistent manner throughout a game, from game to game and crew to crew? How do we get better at this? Let’s think about our physical and emotional overload points and deal with them in a way that truly serves the game.

Regards, Mike

NORTHERN REPORT Northern Rep Brian Seccareccia

It has been another long and busy winter for our Northern Officials. With the NBL and OSBA Girls team beginning play in Sudbury and Timmins hosting the OFSAA Boys AA Provincial Championships basketball continues to grow in popularity up North. The NCAA Men's and Women March Madness Basketball Tournaments were the most exciting ones that we have seen in years. Our attention now shifts to the Toronto Raptors for excitement and hopefully a championship. GO RAPTORS!

Greater Sudbury Board of Basketball Submitted by Charlie Ketter

Like many Boards around the province Sudbury had to deal with a record number of "snow days" with High School schedules. It seemed that every time we thought we had rescheduled we would wake up to another weather disruption. Fortunately, everyone was able to cooperatively work towards solutions. Our Franco Elementary scheduled was affected as well but again, thanks to a positive approach, things moved forward with only a few major adjustments.

This was our first year of dealing with a OSBA Girls team at Lo-Ellen Secondary that opened a few more opportunities to work 3 person games. Jointly with the OCAA the OBA worked on a variation of the previous system of assigning that incorporated the OSBA as well. Despite a few glitches all seemed to move in a positive direction. The officials working these games had only positive comments about the level of play. We were able to share some slots at many of the games in Sault and North Bay to help engage various officials in advancing their game.

It was encouraging to see the number of northern officials that became involved with NBL play. Locally Marty Nadeau and Chris Pakkala were able to showcase their abilities in working these games. They were ably joined with Jeff Boisseneau and Chris Spooney from Sault. This league has been well received in the city and has definitely motivated the general public. Crowds were usually close to, if not at, capacity and with a berth in the first round of playoffs people were excited. As well they employed members of our Board as part of their Table and Stats crews with Steve Lafreniere as shot clock operator and Carine DiMaio on stats. An exciting time for all involved.

We are presently engaged in working thru our Elementary leagues and tournaments, providing opportunities for our many younger officials to be engaged and develop. Added to that is Cambrian College hosting a recreational men's league that now covers the entire year in 3 segments. This opens numerous opportunities to work on improving their games for officials at all levels. Last year saw the inauguration of a coed recreational league in Espanola that set up once more. Hopefully through this we will be able to recruit officials to assist us with covering games there and on the Island.

It has been a rewarding season despite Mother Nature and the snow. The spirit of cooperation helped get us all through this turbulent weather and has us to prepare for such interruptions ahead. We are looking forward to Tim Laurain coming up to develop the roll out to the CBOC resources. Carine is off to Quebec for a camp in her drive to move to the upper levels of the NOCP.

We wish a reviving and restful summer to all. Keep your whistle handy!

Sault Ste. Marie Submitted by Jeff Bussineau

The second half of the basketball season seemed to fly by in Sault Ste. Marie. Covering local high school games, Sault College, and the Guy Vetrie Invitational tournament kept most of our membership busy. We are currently officiating Elementary and OBA games.

Chris Spooney and Alyssa Ferreira had busy postseasons as both were selected to the men's and women's CCAA Championships, respectively. The first week of May will also see them get married in Barbados.

During the last weekend in May, Sault Ste. Marie will play host to the U-17 Boys' OBA Provincial Cup. A busy weekend that we will get through with a little help from our neighbouring boards.

Muskoka Parry Sound Submitted by Ray Chan

The high school season came to an end just before the march break. It has been a challenge because of bad weather, we had to reschedule twelve games but we were able to get it done. Now we are concentrating on OBA and things are going well even though a number of officials are also coaches. There have been times when we have asked other surrounding boards to help us out. For the past two years we have been trying to recruit younger officials but unfortunately, they typically do not stay long because they go to university or move to larger cities to find employment. We are always looking for new ideas, if any other boards encounter the same challenges and have any solutions please let us know.

Timmins Submitted by Pierre Thibodeau

Timmins officials travelled to various parts of the North this Fall including Iroquois Falls, Cochrane, Kirkland Lake and Kapuskasing for regular season play. Our annual trip to Moose Factory was cancelled since the winter road wasn't in good shape.

In December, we had the Boy's Gold Cup tournament hosted by Timmins High. Once again, we got support from the Sudbury and North Bay boards as Ryan Basso, Riley Roy, Rob Roy were able to help out. From Barry's Bay we had our young friend Craymer Forth come back to Timmins to help out.

The Zenon Ziemba Boy's tournament was hosted by O'Gorman High School February 1st and 2nd 2019. We called on our surrounding boards and they came through to help. From the Sudbury Board, Alysha McKeown, Gary Miller and Stu Fairwell and Ryan Basso, and from the North Bay board, Butch Forbes made the trip to Timmins. Thank you.

Timmins hosted the Boy's OFSAA ``AA`` Provincial Championships in March 2019. The RC was Craymer Forth and the RCAs were Jeff Fong and Pierre Paul Thibodeau. Congratulations goes out to all officials who participated in the tournament.

We have one more tournament in early May. Timmins High is hosting a men's tournament on May 3-4 2019. This will mark the end of our season for our officials in Timmins.

We are now looking forward towards the fall. Thank you for our association members for their hard work and dedication again this year on in providing quality officiating in all communities. We are still looking to bring in some new officials in the association and we will be offering some clinics for the new officials during the summer.



2019 OFSAA AA Boys tournament in Timmins.

Front row from left to right: Noel Parker, Pierre Paul Thibodeau (Assistant to R/C), Angelo Lia, Tyler Seal, Ben Ojara, Connor Barbeau, Peter Tran, Kelly Clark, Kashif Syed

Back row from left to right: Evan Colameco, Vic Simkus, Saeed Ali, Ryan Laidlaw, Dez Collins, Jeff Fong (Evaluator), Craymer Forth (R/C) Absent: Chris Leather

Thunder Bay Submitted by Rod Miller

We provided officials for all Varsity and Junior Varsity boys at the high school level in Thunder Bay as well as select tournaments in nearby (600km) communities. At the moment we have started providing officials for elementary school tournaments. We officiate the local Masters and Men's League, which truly tests our officials' endurance and capacity (approximately 65 games). We had the pleasure of officiating the Ontario Native Basketball Association season ending tournament. Our group also supports the local Blaze and Junior Wolves elite program by providing referees.

We have undertaken a training program and have trained 9 new officials. We expect three or four of these officials to stay in Thunder Bay and officiate in this fall. The other trainee's will be returning to their small communities in our region where it is difficult to find officials.

Spring Whistle Report (May 2019) – Provincial Supervisor

Tim Laurain

This is a brief report on some of the recent activities. There will be more information provided for and reviewed on the President's meeting call.

Congratulations and thank you to all the officials who were selected and participated at the Boys' OFSAAs, OCAA Provincial Championships and OSBA Championships and to the Referee-Coaches.

Women's OCAAs	
Geordie Montgomery	Kingston
Justin Walsh	Kingston
Mike Chambers	Kingston
Paul Pennell	Kingston
Mattke Hutzler	Kingston
Pat Adams	Kingston
Alyssa Ferreire	Sault Ste Marie
Heidi Jaaskalainen	Guelph
Janice Lui	Toronto
Fei Xiang	York
Stacey Newbigging	Hamilton
Steve Cho	Hamilton
Ray Samuels (RC)	Hamilton
James Wallace (Assistant RC)	Kingston

Men's OCAAs	
Sean McNammy	Barrie
Jason Branscombe	Barrie
Andy Zvantajs	Barrie
Anna Del Col	Barrie
Michael Kim	Ottawa
Steve Wilkie	Hamilton
Aarash Rafiaie	Ottawa
Dan Estey	Peel
Ardavan Eizadirad	Toronto
Saif Rehman	Toronto
Chris Spooney	Sault Ste Marie
Farhan Baig	Toronto
Rob Ferguson (RC)	Ottawa
Jamey Jennings (CABO Evaluator)	CABO
Tim Laurain (Assistant RC)	York

OSBA Championships	
Stacey Newbigging	Hamilton
Anne Pastrana	York
Heidi Jaaskalainen	Guelph
Fei Xiang	York
Vince Bull	Guelph
Tommy Wu	Toronto
Clifton Grant	Toronto
James McNeil	Toronto
Seth Swartz	Toronto
Caleb Chau	Toronto
Ardavan Eizardan	Toronto
Troy Bennett	Durham
Richard Collantes	Toronto
Andrea Beneteau	Toronto
Michael Broughton	Toronto
Tim Laurain (RC)	York
Bobby Adore (Assistant)	Toronto

OFSAAs Boys AAA	
Lido Allega	Hamilton
Steve Black	Hamilton
Chris Buccella	Hamilton
Steve Cho	Hamilton
Harley Marshall	Hamilton
Kevin Maven	Hamilton
Dan Ozimkovic	Hamilton
Tim Sanders	Hamilton
Bradley Spera	Hamilton
Bradley White	Hamilton
Aleksandar Terzic	Toronto
Timothy Persaud	Peel
Pete Lannon	Niagara
David Smith.	KW
Tom Christie (RC)	Niagara
Mario Suffolaetta (Assistant)	Hamilton

OFSAA Boys AA	
Angelo Lia	Timmins
Evan Colamecco	Timmins
Vic Simkus	Toronto
Peter Tran	Toronto
Syed Kashef	York
Jeff Fong	York
Chis Leather	York
Kelly Clark	Barrie
Connor Barbeau	Quinte
Ben Ojara	Quinte
Saeed Ali	Ottawa
Tyler Seal	Ottawa
Noel Parker	Thunder Bay
Dez Collins	North Bay
Ryan Laidlaw	Barrie
Craymer Forth (RC)	Renfrew
Pierre Thibideau (Assistant)	Timmins
Jeff Fong (Assistant)	York

OFSAA Boys A	
Kevin Armstrong	London
Richard Corriveau	London
Andy DelNegro	London
Glenn Greenfield	London
Trevor Hall	London
Norman Handrigan	London
Eroll Joseph	London
Michael Nason	London
Michael Turcot	London
Matt Hartman	London
John Krouse	Chatham
Paul Cowan	Oxford
Dave Frank	Elgin
Matt Rose	Sarnia
Robert Newbigging	Grey-Bruce
Robert Edwards	Grey-Bruce
Steve Wilkie (RC)	Hamilton
Gary Schauer (Assistant)	London

Ontario Make-up FIBA Exam

A make-up exam was created for Ontario officials who failed to write the CABO National Exam, who wrote the incorrect level/version of the exam or who failed the exam. Individual local boards made the decision on whether they wanted their officials to participate or not. Some boards did not participate as they had already created a make-up exam as the Ontario make-up was not prepared and administered until the later part of January. CABO/CBOC had been approached to create a 2nd exam and made the decision it was unfeasible this past season with the timing and there had been no preparation/planning beforehand. I have made the request to them to review the exam process and provide a 2nd National Exam for next season. Looking ahead to next season, if CABO/CBOC does not produce then Ontario will again create and administer a make-up exam. It will be created and ready for the end of the national exam period and we will work with local boards to provide a timelier writing period.

Invitations to write were sent out to 352 officials and 225 wrote the make-up. One board required their officials to keep re-writing the make-up until they passed.

I believe this past year was a progressive step. The goal moving forward is to ensure that all Ontario officials write the National Exam and that a valid make-up and/or 2nd exam is available. Officials are required to take an exam to remain in good standing. A future vision is to have all officials pass the required exam to be on the court.

I encourage Boards to provide me feedback in respect to this initiative.

IOT Training

A train-the-trainer initiative for IOT (Individual Officiating Techniques) training is underway. The IOT training modules complete with presentations and facilitator guides were produced by CABO/CBOC and ready part-way through last season. For many boards, they were available after a bulk of the local board training was done.

The IOTs have been identified by FIBA as essential building blocks of training and development for all officials. As such, Boards have been asked to send a facilitator (or two) to attend a train-the-trainer day long training session reviewing the materials (presentations and guides) in detail towards creating consistency and effectiveness in delivery. Local boards are being asked to identify how and what IOT training they will incorporate into their training delivery in 2019-20. It is not a requirement to complete all the IOT training, though it would be optimal. The control of delivery lies with the local boards. I will be following up over the summer and into the Fall with local boards further on this initiative.

The IOT train-the-trainer sessions are taking place on the Saturday of the local board camps/schools that have been identified in Ontario:

York - May 3,4,5

Niagara - July 5,6,7

Ottawa - July 12,13,14

Toronto - Aug 30, 31 Sept 1

London - Sept 5,6,7

The first training was attended by 7 local boards in York on May 4th. It was very positively received. Attendees are already signed up for the other dates and I have to follow-up with several boards who have not yet identified their attendance.

As well as the above dates and locations, there will be a IOT training session in Sudbury in the first weekend of June to serve the northern boards.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

U15 and U17 Nationals

The selection and application process and criteria for the summer nationals was released by CBOC at the beginning of May. These were sent to local boards along with the nomination forms to circulate to their members May 2nd.

Championships run August 5 - 10th. Officials normally travel the day before and after.

U15/U17 Girl's Championships are in Victoria, BC

U15/U17 Boy's Championships are in Fredericton, NB

Ontario will have a maximum of 2 applications for each of the U15 boys and girls and the U17 Men's and Women's.

The deadline for submission to myself is midnight May 15th.

U14 2PO (2 person officiating) Development Opportunities

OABO will run 2 2PO development opportunities in conjunction with the OBA U14 Summer Development Program. They will be taking place at Georgian College in Barrie. The participants will be showing up for 10 AM the first day and will finish noon or sooner the last day.

Dates are:

Girls School July 15 - 17

Boys School July 18 - 20

The format will be a combination of in classroom, on the court and on-court officiating. Meals and accommodation are included.

The cost is \$225 to the participant.

There are 12 spots for officials each school/camp. After the initial send out, I have received 4 applications for each.

The level of ball is faster and more athletic in the Boys camp. The girl's camp is more suited for officials with less relative experience and/or haven't attended camp before. Both schools will have 2PO specific training including video and other to better develop as a 2PO official. Ideally, as a further differentiation, consider the Girl's camp if NOCP 1 (and possibly prospect) and the Boys if NOCP 2

Officials can send me their applications and after the review I will request that a deposit be sent to reserve the spot. If not already sent, final payment will be due 2 weeks prior to each school. These are great opportunities for 2PO development.

What was not sent out in my initial correspondence with boards is that there are spots available for local board evaluators (referee coaches) focused on 2PO to attend.

Officials and potential evaluators can contact me directly with any questions.

There are other initiatives underway including the release of updated NOCP 1 and 2 which I will be following up with local boards on and provide further information (when I have it) and cover on the President's call.

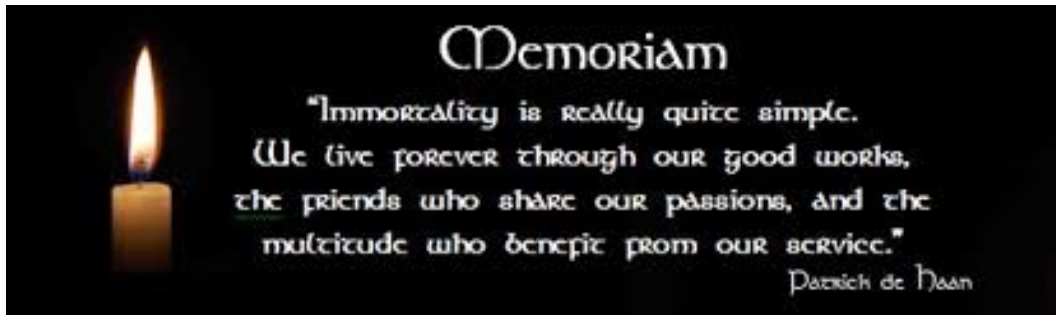
Regards, Tim

TREASURER REPORT - Submitted by Arthur Wong

Hello everyone, just a few updates on my end;

- All boys OFSAA, OCAA, OSBA, RC/Assistants/Officials cheques have been issued
- OABO has paid CABO the entire balance of the loan that they graciously gave us. This has been accomplished three years early based on the savings that this and the previous executive committees were able to implement.

Have a great summer.



Condolences to :

- The Sault Ste Marie & Sudbury boards with respect to the passing of their former member Zach McKillop (October 2018)
- Mike Foubert and family with respect to the passing of Mike's mother

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