



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE THE WHISTLE**

### **OPENING REMARKS**

With Spring just around the corner and the completion of OCAA and OFSAA Championships it is now time to turn our officiating to the start of the OBA Provincial Championships which will take place in March, April & May. Best wishes to Local Boards hosting the various Championships.

### **2018 OABO SEMINAR & AGM**

The dates for this year's seminar is Friday, September 7 & Saturday September 8 and our Annual General Meeting will be on Sunday, September 9. It will be hosted once again by the OABO Executive at the Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel. More details to follow with on line registration expected to be ready by May.

### **2019 OABO SEMINAR & AGM**

The Bay of Quinte Board of Approved Basketball Officials will host the 2019 Seminar & AGM. Their Executive and Members have decided to host it in Toronto at the Airport Marriott Hotel. The dates will be September 6 & 7 with the 2019 OABO AGM on September 8.

### **IAABO**

I will be attending the IAABO Spring AGM representing IAABO Board 102 which will be held April 19-22 in Ocean City, Maryland.

### **2018 LOCAL BOARD PRESIDENTS MEETING**

The annual meeting will take place on Thursday May 10 via Conference Call from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. I will send out the agenda after our April 29 OABO Executive meeting along with Call in details.

### **OABO DEVELOPMENT CAMPS**

Congratulations to Frances Enns & James Wallace our successful applicants for the position of Assistant Camp Director. Both individuals have worked at various Camps over the years and I know will do a great job working with Camp Director Bruce Covert in their new roles which will commence in May with Pre-Elite & Elite Camps.

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Unfortunately there were no applicants for the Assistant Technical Director position(s). It is good to see the Pre-Elite Camp May 4 - 6 in Kitchener and the Elite Camp May 25-27 in Kingston close to being filled in conjunction with OBA Provincial Championships. The U14 Girls and Boys Camp for this year will be run in conjunction with Ontario Summer Games August 2-5 in London.

### **BASKETBALL ONTARIO**

The Ministry Grant Funding for Officiating Development in conjunction with our Partnership Agreement with OBA will continue in 2018 with an additional All Female *Officials Camp and with the providing of Provincial Evaluators to three Local Boards* to evaluate their officials at Ontario Cup Championship events. The Manager of Officials Development Bruce Covert has been in contact or will be in contact with the various Local Board Executives. As well, an Introduction to Officiating Course has been established and most recently a course has been conducted for 16 players of the Kingston Impact Club Team and for 25 students at Nipissing University in North Bay where for the first time an officiating component has been included in any sport section at Nipissing and now are considering adding it to other sports.

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

My sincere appreciation to all Officials and RC's who had the honour of being involved at the recent High School and College Championships. Thank-you for all your hard work.

Regards  
Jaime McCaig  
President, OABO

## **Ontario Military Regional Championship Game Trenton**

L to R Jaime McCaig, Jason Branscombe, Bruce Covert



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The IAABO Canadian Officials Handbook (FIBA Edition) is one of the most valuable resources IAABO provides at no cost for IAABO members. It's a 'one-stop at your finger tips' portable FIBA resource . Its core contents are the FIBA Official Rules and Interpretations, the Canadian FIBA Case book and Canadian 2PO and 3PO Mechanics Manuals. It also contains ancillary materials specific to the modified rule set adopted by the high schools in Ontario as most Canadian membership is in Ontario.

The Handbook is not produced by CABO or CBOC. Printing and distribution has been and will continue to be done in Canada which has increased cost-effectiveness and easier delivery methods as well as reduced delivery times.

All necessary and updated FIBA materials for 2018-19 are expected to be released before August allowing us to aim for a August printing.

IAABO FIBA Lesson Plan Book is one of the most comprehensive sources for FIBA rules training in the world. It was first issued to IAABO Board Interpreters in the Fall of 2016 and is presently under revision for publication and distributed in the near future.

The IAABO FIBA Rules Knowledge Exam is produced and widely used by Canadian Boards. A Modified FIBA Rules Exam for Ontario was produced but due to the timing coinciding with release of the FIBA Rules Knowledge Exam and studying for the CABO National Exam, it was not widely distributed. The recommendation for next year is to have the modified exam available (if necessary—the high school governing body is reviewing the use of modified rules over the summer) for the start-up of high school ball in September and thus not overlap with the FIBA Rules Knowledge Exam released in November or the CABO National Exam in December.

For the first time, a 2PO Mechanics and Signals Exam was produced. The exam was not publicized as it could have been and was only used by a few Boards. The plan is to have this ready for September and appropriately communicated to all IAABO Boards.

IAABO hosted 3 FIBA Interpreters Conference Calls using the WebEx platform utilizing on-line shared video and presentations.

A digital up-to-date mechanics and rule FIBA pre-game card was produced and available on-line

“Sportorial” and “Inside the lines” editions are a value-added component to our IAABO members. Besides the FIBA content article in each Sportorial edition, many articles provide officiating tips and content universal across rule sets.

“Inside the lines” contains weekly video plays where members are asked to “make the call” has been a very popular feature and learning tool. This past season there were no FIBA rule-based plays however, there were plenty of plays and situations where the rulings were applicable across rule sets eg block/charge, contact situations. IAABO is planning towards either having actual FIBA weekly video plays ore separate FIBA rule-based voice overs for the plays presented. Inside the Lines will be continued throughout the year, not just during the basketball season.

## INTERPRETER'S REPORT - MIKE MCPHEE

In this version of the newsletter I am going to write an article about areas of concern, that I have both witnessed and about which I have received questions and comments. This same issue was the focus of our final OABO FIBA "webex" conference call in February. I believe it's important that every official can read about them, hence this article.

We, as officials, seem to be inconsistent in how we view rules with some being weighted differently than others. There also appears to be a tendency, that when we officiate certain skill levels, rules are set aside so as not to "interrupt the game". However, it is our duty as officials to stop play with our whistle when a rules violation occurs. That's why the rule book is full of details about what must or must not happen in regards to particular actions, as well as the penalties for violation of those same guidelines.

It is curious, how many officials dramatically blow the whistle and emphatically signal when a player with the ball touches a line he is not supposed to (out of bounds, or back court) and yet when players are inside the restricted area for too long, or cross a lane line or arc on a free throw don't seem to have seen the violation happen. Worse still is that they do see it and don't rule that it is important.

**The three second rule** is very clear:

**26.1.1.** A player shall **not** remain in the opponents' restricted area for more than 3 consecutive seconds while his team is in control of a live ball in the frontcourt and the game clock is running. It makes allowances for players who:

- Make an attempt to leave the restricted area.
- Are in the restricted area when he or his team-mate is in the act of shooting and the ball is leaving or has just left the player's hand(s) on the shot for a field goal.
- Dribble in the restricted area to shoot for a field goal after having been there for less than 3 consecutive seconds.

It also clearly states that (26.1.3.) To establish himself outside the restricted area, the player must place both feet on the floor outside the restricted area.

Understanding the purpose of the rule can help us to realize its importance. Any offensive player in the restricted area is less than 6 metres from the basket, so they have a greater chance of scoring when they shoot, and a greater chance of rebounding a shot by a team mate. To allow them to stay there in excess of the limits gives the offense an advantage. In addition to those chances, the defensive team can't ignore a player who is there but must guard them. At the very least it takes the guard's attention away from the offensive flow and makes them less able to react to it. If the guard does concentrate on what is happening away from the player she is responsible for, then in order to legally guard that player, she must re-establish position which again gives an advantage to the offensive player. The more serious result of not dealing with 3 seconds is that the player forced to watch/guard the offensive player who is violating starts to push them away from the proximity to the basket, which when it escalates makes us blow the whistle and charge the defensive player with a foul that our lack of enforcement has allowed to happen. Enforcing this rule reduces rough play; not enforcing it leads to the same.

So, when is the time to blow the whistle?

As soon as a player in the restricted area for 3 seconds gets a pass.... Blow the whistle.

As soon as a player in the restricted area for 3 seconds passes to a teammate....Blow the whistle.

As soon as a player in the restricted area for 3 seconds sets a screen.... Blow the whistle.

And finally, don't let a teammate shoot the ball if someone on his team has been in the restricted area for 3 seconds.

To not enforce this rule because "nobody else does" is not doing the job we are paid to do. To not enforce it because someone has said NOT to is worse.

The free-throw situation mentioned above is another area where "philosophy" is leading to officiating that creates inequality. We have no problem blowing the whistle for violations by the shooter, but there seems to be a "don't interrupt" tendency when lane line or arc violations occur. The 2006 FIBA casebook covered the rule very well.

**Specifically:** 43-4 A4 is awarded one free throw (applicable to last of multiple as well) After the ball has been placed at the disposal of A4 but before the ball is released on the shot, a) a Team A player b) a Team B player c) both a Team A player and a Team B player enter(s) the restricted area. Has a violation occurred?

**Answer:** If the free throws are successful, the entry into the restricted area shall be ignored. In a) If the attempt is not successful, a violation shall be called and the ball awarded to team B at the free throw line extended. In b) if the attempt is not successful a replacement free throw shall be awarded to A4. In c) if the attempt is not successful a double violation has occurred and a jump ball situation results. An alternating possession throw in shall be awarded to the team entitled on the baseline.

Very frequently however we as officials are not ruling well on case A. There is a behaviour that suggests that if the defensive team gets the rebound, then we let play continue so as not to "interrupt the game".

Gord Black of Durham sent me some very well thought out scenarios which were a great help in preparing for this discussion. I used a couple of them word for word and modified others to use for the conference call. I will share the 3 that I used for the conference call. Note that in all of these cases, the defensive team gets the rebound and officials allow play to continue.

A1 is shooting penalty when on the last throw the shot is missed. As A1 releases the ball on the shot A3 crosses the three point line. B1 secures the rebound and immediately is checked by A4, the ball comes loose and A5 scores two points. The officials rule that no violation has occurred. **The ability of A4 to create the loose ball would not have occurred if the violation had been penalized. Team B has been seriously disadvantaged.**

A1 is shooting penalty when on the last free throw the shot is missed. Before A1 releases the ball on the shot A3 enters the restricted area. B1 secures the rebound and is immediately tied up by A2 and a held ball is called. Team A has the possession arrow. Officials award Team A the ball. **There should have been a violation called on A3 and Team B should have been awarded a throw in on the sideline (free throw line extended.) The "let them play" philosophy has given Team A the ball in the most advantageous spot on the court.**

There are 6 seconds remaining in a two point game. Team B is losing. A1 is shooting penalty when on the last free throw the shot is missed. As A1 releases the ball on the shot A5 crosses the three point line from outside. B1 secures the rebound and the officials allow play to continue. Team A presses and as a result B3 is forced to take a shot from the centre court area, which misses. Team A wins the game.

**There should have been a violation called on A5 and Team B should have been awarded a throw in on the sideline (free throw line extended.) Allowing play to continue places team B at a very serious disadvantage. Team B was entitled (because of the violation) to a time-out or substitutions or both. If the time-out was taken then the ball would have been moved to the front court for the ensuing throw-in with 6 seconds remaining in the game. The desire “not to call something that affects the outcome” has cost Team B a chance to win which they owned BY RULE.**

We are still stuck, some of us, with terminology from the NFHS rules set with regards to behavioural fouls and when they can be applied. Behaviour that occurs once the horn sounds to end the game cannot be dealt with by using fouls. The best way of dealing is to avoid the situation, but if you can't and it's egregious then an incident report should be filled out and submitted. Behavioural fouls are administered during the game time. There are 3 types.

**Technical Fouls:** These always involved unacceptable language or refusal to co-operate as instructed and include things like “flopping” for example. A player or head coach who gets 2 of these is disqualified from the game. Technical fouls cannot be given to bench personnel like assistant coaches or substitutes. Those types of technical are called B and charged to the head coach. If the head coach gets 3 B technical fouls, then disqualification occurs. The rationale is that the head coach will deal with the personnel involved before the behaviour affects him/her. In addition there is no such term as “Intentional Technical Foul”. The penalty for any Technical is **1** shot and the ball at centre.

**Unsportsmanlike Fouls:** These fouls are always contact fouls. During playing time they are classified by 5 criteria of unacceptable contact. Any contact that occurs during dead ball periods or during intervals of play is deemed to be Unsportsmanlike. The penalty is **2** free-throws and the ball at centre. Just like for Technical fouls a player who gets charged with 2 of them is disqualified. Once again the term “Intentional Foul” no longer exists.

**Disqualifying Fouls:** Any flagrant unsportsmanlike action either physical or verbal by players, coaches or bench personnel shall lead to disqualification. They are single events that deserve removal from the game. The second Technical or Unsportsmanlike (or combination) that are mentioned above are NOT disqualifying fouls. A disqualifying foul is how we deal with that assistant coach who is out of control. Penalty the person is removed from the game under the guidelines that occur for the level of play, and the non-offending team gets **2** free throws and the ball at centre.

Some further exchanges of questions and answers occurred regarding “dead ball” ,“interval of play” and excluded player fouls when the FIBA released Interpretation updates in February. I will share 3 of them here.

Following a whistle for an out-of-bounds violation, A2 pushes B3.

**Answer:** Since this is a contact foul during a dead ball period, it shall be ruled an Unsportsmanlike Foul (or a Disqualifying Foul, if the contact was for a flagrant unsportsmanlike action).

What if we have player contact during pre-game warm up, which is an interval of play?

**Answer:** this shall either be an Unsportsmanlike Foul or a Disqualifying Foul – the offended player is awarded 2 shots followed by a jump ball in the centre circle to begin the 1st period.

Player A4 is called for his 5th foul and on the way to the bench, he now pushes an opponent and is called for a foul.

**Answer:** A foul by a player who has previously committed 5 fouls is considered as an excluded player's foul and it is charged and entered on the scoresheet against the coach ('B')...(Art. 40.2). Again, since this was a contact foul it can only be an Unsportsmanlike Foul or a Disqualifying Foul. The penalty shall be 2 free throws for Team B followed by a throw-in at the centre line extended, opposite the scorer's table. As a comparison, if A4 verbally assaults an official in the case above and there is no other contact penalty, his foul would be considered as an excluded player's foul and this Technical Foul is charged and entered on the scoresheet against the coach ('B'). The penalty shall be 1 free throw for Team B followed by a throw-in at the centre line extended, opposite the scorer's table.

**The travel rule** for most of us has been accurately enforced and understood by officials if not by coaches. There have been however, comments that using the term "zero step" is causing confusion. The term itself is not part of the rule and was introduced by FIBA as an educational tool for officials when learning how to apply the rule. The best thing to do when asked by a coach to explain the rule is to use the following statement.

1. A player who catches the ball while progressing, or upon completion of a dribble, may take two steps in coming to a stop, passing or shooting the ball.
2. The first step occurs when one foot or both feet touch the floor **after gaining control** of the ball. In other words the act of catching/controlling the ball is **NOT** a step.

### Timeouts

Please note the following as it requires a change in behaviour of officials.

18/19-15 Statement. Each time-out shall last 1 minute. Teams must promptly return to the playing court after the official blows his whistle and beckons the teams on the playing court. If a team extends the time-out beyond 1 minute, it is gaining an advantage by extending the time-out and causing also a delay of the game. A warning to that team shall be given by an official. If that team does not respond to the warning, an additional time-out shall be charged against the offending team. If the team has no time-outs remaining, a technical foul for delaying the game may be charged against the coach, recorded as 'B'. If that team does not return to the playing court promptly after the half-time interval of play, a timeout shall be charged against the offending team.

**18/19-17 Example:** After the half-time interval of play, team A is still in its dressing room and therefore the start of the 3rd period is delayed.

**Interpretation:** After team A finally enters the playing court a time-out, without warning, shall be charged against team A.

Also please remind your officials about expedient ending of time outs in general, and note the interpretation below which is the example for 18/19-15

Example: The time-out period ends and the official beckons team A back on the playing court. The coach A continues to instruct his team which still remains in the team bench area. The official rebeckons team A on the playing court and

- (a) Team A finally enters the playing court
- (b) Team A continues to remain in the team bench area.

Interpretation:

- (a) After the team starts to return to the playing court, the official gives a warning the coach that if the same behaviour is repeated, an additional time-out shall be charged against team A.
- (b) A time-out, without warning, shall be charged against team A. If team A has no timeout remaining, a technical foul for delaying the game shall be charged against coach A, recorded as 'B'.

We haven't been applying the timeout example consistently.

We are entering the Provincial Cup segment of our season. We know the stress and workload of these tournaments will test us. Let's be prepared to do our best every game. I hope these points that I covered will help you to be mentally alert and complete in your rulings.

Mike

## **OBA DOCUMENTS NOW POSTED ON THE OABO.CA WEBSITE UNDER SECRETARY RESOURCES**

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## *From the Desk of the OABO Secretary - Don Thorne*

In three weeks I will be off to Ocean City, MD to take part in the IAABO Spring meeting. Last year's meeting was very special for me as I received IAABO Life Membership. This year will be just as special as our OABO President, Jaime McCaig, will be inducted into this elite class. I am very sure that this is the first time two Canadians have received this honor in back to back years.

While I am on the IAABO topic, the OABO and IAABO partnership remains as strong as ever. IAABO has, once again, agreed to allow Canadian members to join/renew their membership for the upcoming season at a reduced rate of \$40 Cdn (\$31 US funds). The normal fee is \$35 US funds. The reduction seems small but any reduction these days shows a significant show of faith and understanding in the monetary concerns between both countries.

As always IAABO provides FIBA educational material for the intended use of their members. As mentioned on page 3 of this newsletter the IAABO Canadian Edition FIBA rules handbook is one of the most valuable resources IAABO produces for their Canadian members which is included in the price of membership. It must be noted that those non-IAABO members wishing to purchase a handbook will face a higher cost this year. The book for non-members will be \$45 Cdn and it is expected to increase in coming years.

On the OABO front, the transition of the duties of Treasurer has now been completed and Arthur Wong is off and running on his own.

As I receive evaluations from various Provincial Championships, copies will be sent to appropriate home board Secretaries and Presidents. We all congratulate those chosen to represent their boards at these events.

We also would like to congratulate those selected to the CIS and CCAA National Championships. OABO was well represented and a huge "job well done" goes out to Geoff Astles CIS Men's Gold Medal Game, Brendan Byrne CIS Men's Consolation Final Game, Christine Vuong CIS Women's Gold Medal Game, Anna DelCol and Nick Borich CIS Bronze Medal Game, Georgia Risnita CIS Women's Semi Final, Kayla Herdman CCAA Women's Gold Medal Game, Melissa Famme CCAA Women's Bronze medal game, Lindsay Walsh CCAA Women's Consolation Final, Rob Capporicci CCAA Men's Gold Medal Game, Greg Spagnoli CCAA Men's Bronze Medal Game and Farhan Baig CCAA Men's Consolation Final Game.

Lastly, think how lucky we are this year down here in the balmy southwestern Ontario. We have had little snow but it could be worse like our east coast neighbours who are buried under 2 feet or more. Kind of makes you want to go "aww" doesn't it. Maybe we'll be golfing sooner here.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT—TIM LAURAIN****Congratulations and Continuing to Move Forward****Men's and Women's OCAA Championships and NOCP 4 Certifications**

Note: NOCP is the National Officials Certification Program

Congratulations to the following officials for being selected and officiating the OCAA Championships

**Women's OCAAs**

Ardavan Eizadirad	Toronto
Anne Pastrana	Toronto
Daniel Falloon	Toronto
Troy Bennett	Toronto
Caleb Chau	Toronto
Bruno Pileggi	Toronto
Kayla Herdman	Sarnia
Lindsay Walsh	Durham
Melissa Famme	KW
Heidi Jaaskelainen	Guelph
Stacy Newbigging	Hamilton
Tommy Wu	York
Bruce Covert	RC
Morgan Monroe	Ass't RC

**Men's OCAAs**

Azlan Bacchus	Niagara
Pat Rocco	Niagara
Jim Spitali	Niagara
Norbert Prenier	Niagara
Mike Zason	Niagara
Joe Zarado	Niagara
Farhan Baig	Toronto
Rob Caporicci	London
Greg Spagnoli	Peel
Chris Delaney	Toronto
Martin Nadeau	Sudbury
Dave Bohnen	York
Rob Ferguson	RC
Kevin Moore	Ass't RC
Tom Christie	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nat'l Eval

The decision was made to provide two national evaluators at each tournament to allow for NOCP 4 assessment as well as NOCP 3 assessment. I want to thank Morgan Monroe from Alberta the CABO President and a National Evaluator for making time in his schedule for working with Bruce as a second national evaluator at the Women's. CABO provided travel and per diem funds to allow this to happen. I want to thank Tom Christie who took 2 days out of his schedule before then driving to the Usports Championships on the Saturday to make up the required compliment of two national evaluators with Rob Ferguson at the Men's.

Congratulations to Tommy Wu, Melissa Famme, Farhan Baig, Greg Spagnoli, Chris Delaney, Martin Nadeau, Dave Bohnen, and Joe Zaroda on achieving their NOCP 4 at the OCAAs.

Furthermore, we were able to co-ordinate the required NOCP 4 assessment opportunities using the OUA play-offs and championships. Congratulations to John Grilli, Jeff Bates, David Maxim and Oggie Sokolovic on their NOCP 4.

Going forward, we will continue to identify NOCP 4 qualification opportunities for Ontario officials so that they can show case their skills at the National level. Presently, OCAA and OUA play-offs are opportunities within the Province. CCAAs and U17 Summer Nationals are further opportunities. You now must be NOCP 4 to qualify for USports championships. I have proposed several further potential future opportunities within Ontario with CABO/CBOC and they are in discussion.

**Boys OFSAAs**

I would like to thank the hosts in Cornwall, Renfrew and Windsor for well organized OFSAA Championships and the local officiating Boards Seaway, Renfrew and Windsor for their hospitality.

Geography and size of the tournaments meant that we travelled 23 officials for a total of approximately 14350 total kilometers. Combined with the Girl's OFSAAs, we travelled 43 officials a total of 28700 total

kilometers. Planning a head for such a contingency, the travel subsidy fund was set to \$5000 for 2017-18 up from the \$2500 the previous year.

A process I just completed that I started last year was to review the final travel kilometers over all 6 OFSAAs - with the subsidy numbers like I did last year and have contacted the Boards and Arthur with the final overall revised travel credits/subsidy amounts.

Thank you to the Referee-in-Chiefs and Assistants for their time and dedication to OABO and official's development. All RCs for the OFSAAs were also used last year in either a RC or Assistant RC role. The reality was that only two other Provincial Evaluators were available for the OFSAAs and one I didn't book in time so instead it worked out well to use them both for the upcoming Juel and Juel Prep championships. Geography was a factor. I think the primary factor is that they occur during weekdays and involve, depending on location, a 3.5 (3 days of games and be there the night before) to a 5 day commitment (i.e. Timmins involving 3 days of games and 2 days travel).

Each of the girl's OFSAAs were able to supply a local assistant evaluator but it was necessary to travel another to cover the sites in Muskoka. Only Windsor was able to supply a local assistant for boys as Cornwall and Renfrew had their suitable assistants on the court officiating thus two assistants were travelled to Renfrew and one to Cornwall.

Congratulations to the following officials for being selected and officiating the Boys OFSAA Championships.

<b>Boys OFSAA A</b>		<b>Boys OFSAA AA</b>		<b>Boys OFSAA AA</b>	
Jim Fournay	Seaway	Jacques Caron	Renfrew	Joe Abi-Abdallah	Windsor
Charles Freeman	Seaway	Craymer Forth	Renfrew	Paul Carter	Windsor
Alan Greig	Seaway	Ray Holder	Renfrew	Mike Ducharme	Windsor
Guy Lamarche	Seaway	Joe Lavoie	Renfrew	Mark Garvey	Windsor
Perley Lewis	Seaway	Dave Rooyackers	Renfrew	David Krndija	Windsor
Mike Perras	Seaway	Bo Stelmach	Renfrew	Josh Leeman	Windsor
Lorraine Knowles	Cobourg	Matt Trudeau	Renfrew	Jon Metler	Windsor
Cassandra.Carpenter	Ottawa	Jonathon Turcotte	Renfrew	Suzy Pizzicaroli	Windsor
Saeed Ali	Ottawa	Ted Wren	Renfrew	Steve Rice	KW
Sicong Ma	Ottawa	Graham Anderson	Durham	Mike Mitchell	London
Mohamed Abdi	Peel	Alex Ivan	Durham	Michael Broughton	Toronto
Tim Persaud	Peel	Jim Pereira	Kingston	Saif Rehman	Peel
Gavin Berry	Toronto	Blake Parnham	York	Ruben Despabiladeras	Peel
Saeed Osman	Toronto	Andrew Yan	York	Bradley Spera	Hamilton
Anthony Yacub	Durham	Kelly Mercredy	Ottawa	Gary Schauer	RC
Conrad deBarros	Kingston	John MacInnis	Ottawa	John McKibbon	Ass't RC
Tim Laurain	RC	Eric Kane	RC		
Geordie Montgomery	Ass't RC	Eric Jordan	Ass't RC		
		Bill Magnus	Ass't RC		

### **NOCP 3**

A total of 15 officials were certified provincially to NOCP 3 this past season and made retroactive to the Fall. Another two officials were certified at the OCAAs.

I will be contacting the local boards to identify their officials looking for and positioned for assessment and possible certification. We can then work together to identify the opportunities for the assessments. At present, Juel, Pre-Elite and Elite OABO Camps are opportunities for NOCP 3 assessment.

**NOCP 1 and 2: Present, Future and Ramifications**

I successfully approached many local boards before Christmas regarding administration of the database for NOCP 1 and 2. At the time, we had over 500 officials in the system without a NOCP designation.

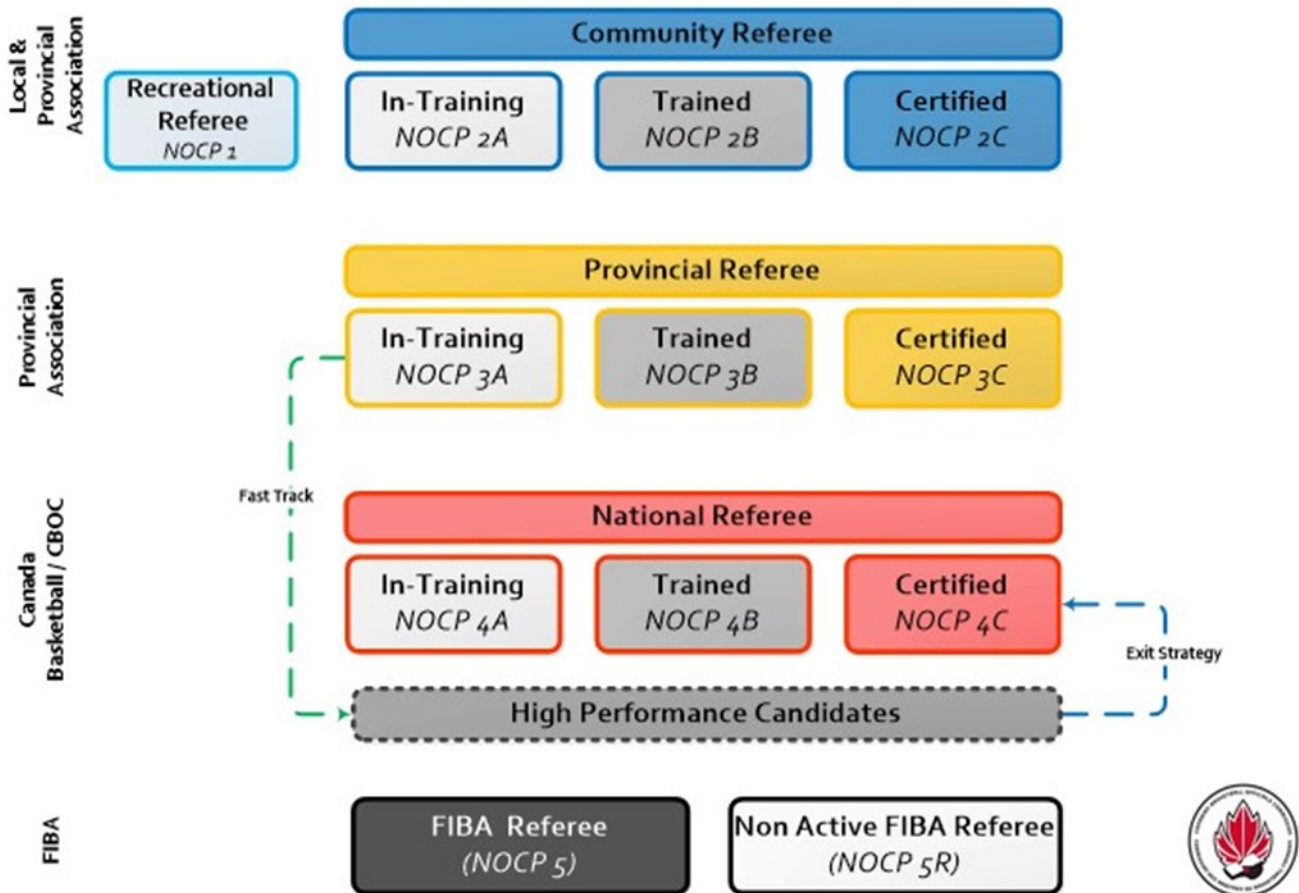
At last check, Ontario shows 287 officials in the National database without a NOCP 1 or 2 designation designated as Prospect. I will be following up within the next 2 weeks with Boards in respect to these officials. I will also follow-up as to if you have any officials that are NOCP 1 that should be NOCP 2.

I realize that for many Boards the basketball season is virtually over. I believe it is still a priority to qualify and properly administrate these officials. There are several factors involved.

As per the OABO constitution, all officials should have written either the IAABO FIBA Rules Knowledge Exam or the CABO National Exam to be a member in good standing. If needed, I will make the exam(s) available again for these officials to write.

I believe that there are potential risks to having officials on the floor that are not qualified, or their qualifications aren't properly recorded. Consider 'Johnny' breaks his leg in what is reported as a rough physical and incorrectly controlled game by the officials and the National Official's Certifications are Prospect. How does that affect the case?

The NOCP is under review and the present proposal has designations within the levels. The present proposal is:



I have not been privy to any implementation details in respect to present level to proposed level designation. What does make sense to me is that it is better to have an appropriate level now than possibly start from the bottom when the system is put into place.

For the above reasons, lets get ourselves and our officials properly certified, administered and positioned for the future.

Let's get 'er done. Please contact me with any and all questions, suggestions and feedback.

Regards,

Tim

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## OABO VP Message - Rick Parnham

Happy almost spring to all of you. The grind of high school, OCAA, OSBA and OUA games are behind us and with that comes the flood of OBA games as teams prepare for and compete in provincial championships around Ontario. This is a time when we need to understand the emotions and actions in our gyms and be prepared for what it brings to our work as officials. Teams and families have devoted considerable time and expense to get to these competitions. Understand and respect their passion. However, as most of us aware, that passion can many times be misdirected, resulting in situations where coaches and spectators are less than respectful to officials.

Remember that there are protocols in place to use both to be proactive in preventing these concerns from happening and dealing with them professionally and appropriately if they do. Prior to the games make sure you know who your site convenor is and ensure that they address the spectators and participants with the OBA statement around Fair Play and Zero Tolerance. This a requirement of all host clubs to speak to sportsmanship and appropriate conduct. Head coaches are responsible for not only their players and bench personnel, but also their followers. Build a rapport with your coaches as you make sure they have signed the game sheet in advance of the game. Once you have built that, don't be afraid to use them as an ally, if a problem starts to arise. Should you find the need to have a parent addressed or ejected, use the convenor to deal with them and make sure you file a game report with your assignor and executive.

As for coaches behaviour, deal with it early. Many occasions this year I have read game reports that outline coaches abusing officials throughout the game and eventually the crew issues a T. Usually the report says, "We had no further issues after the T." On a few occasions, the crew allowed coaches and assistants to berate them up to and after the conclusion of the game, without penalty and sometimes without so much as a warning. A submitted game report that describes this and then asks for the OBA Fair Play committee to deal with the behaviour, leaves us with few options. If the behaviour wasn't bad enough to warrant a T, how can we sanction a coach after the fact. The committee is steadfast in addressing issues of abuse of officials, but we need your diligence in helping to not permit these behaviours in your games, but most importantly, using the rules to quell any abusive situations from coaches or spectators.

I want to thank those who have reported issues around Zero Tolerance. Each of the issues has been discussed and remediation or sanction imposed to not only the offender but to the member clubs. In a few cases the offending coach has also been an OABO member as well. I want to thank the local boards who have taken a strong stance on this in addressing the behaviour with your members. As officials we have few friends in a gym, it is a shame to see some of our fellow colleagues behave in a manner that is negative toward officials and plays to the masses as just part of the game. Abuse of officials is only part of the game because we allow it to be. "If you permit it, you also promote it."

On another note, a number of situations have arisen this year around OABO members encountering situations around alleged unprofessional conduct. We all are representatives of OABO and our local associations. We are professionals with very clear expectations around our conduct. What we say to and about others can and does get scrutinized. Our actions are judged as much, if not more than players in the gyms. Many times we find ourselves in tough situations after working challenging players or coaches. We must ensure we are above reproach in all we do. Knowing your responsibilities as a member, knowing and applying the rules, hustling to cover plays, being professional in our conversations and completing any necessary game reports all must be part of what you do every season and every game.

I want to remind people to start thinking of any motions you might want to put forth at September's AGM. It is not that far off, in the big picture. Many things are already in the works to address concerns this year. If you would like to discuss any ideas around amendments please don't hesitate to contact me.

Finally, Thank you all for the commitment to game and the players. I am continually amazed at how many terrific people OABO has in the ranks. Just like in my classroom, most of the attention goes to dealing with negative behaviours. I wanted to end with a heartfelt congratulations and thank you to all of you who do it right each and every time you are on the floor. We rarely hear thanks for doing what we are expected to do, but I thought it necessary to let you all know we as an OABO executive appreciate all the efforts you put forth to the game.

Respectfully submitted:

Rick Parnham

## NORTHERN REPORT

Submitted by Northern Rep Brian Seccareccia

It is that time of year once again MARCH MADNESS! Congratulations and good luck to all of the officials who have been selected to officiate in the local, regional, provincial and national championships this month. It is with great pleasure and honour to announce that Charlie Ketter, from Sudbury, was selected by the OABO Executive to receive Life Time Membership for his involvement and contributions to basketball in Ontario. This award will be presented at the Wall of Fame Dinner at our AGM in September. Listed below are the major highlights for each of the Northern Boards since our last edition of the Whistle.

### **NORTH BAY** Submitted by Johnny Fong

The boys' high school season in January featured the Great Northern Shootout that kept our officials busy that weekend as we had a college game being played at the same time. The tournament featured a lot of teams from the North with two teams from Timmins playing for the championship. We will be hosting the Boys "AA" Regional Championships. We have officiated a few OBA games and some elementary games as well. In summary, it has been a quiet but good season in the winter months and we are looking forward towards the spring.

### **MUSKOKA/ PARRY SOUND** Submitted by Paul Doiron

The 2017-18 Basketball Season continues to be busy and exciting as basketball continues to grow in popularity in our communities. It is a challenge to do a detailed activity report for the Muskoka/Parry Sound Officials Association as most of the action for our association occurs in collaboration with a variety of individuals in towns such as South River, Huntsville, Parry Sound, Bracebridge and Gravenhurst. I want to thank each of our association members for their hard work and dedication in providing quality officiating in these communities and ensuring our relationship with our partners in basketball remain strong. To this point in our season our fifteen officials have officiated 700 games. This includes high school, OBA, Men's League, Elementary School Playoffs, the Olympia Basketball Camp and Rousseau College.

### **SAULT STE. MARIE** Submitted by Jeff Bussineau

Since the new year arrived, the Sault board covered the Guy Vetrie Invitational Senior Boys' Tournament, the Norm Neilson Junior Boys' Tournament, in addition to local high school playoffs and regional championships at the single A and triple A levels. We sent two officials, Rod Moynan and Dan Jodoin, to Chapleau to officiate the NSSSWA Boys' Regional "A" Championships. We also will be officiating the Catholic Schools Elementary Boys' Tournament March 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend.

At the time of writing, three of our officials have been assigned four OUA playoff games and Alyssa Ferreira was honoured by having her name put forward to the CBOC for consideration to the USports Women's Nationals.

Sadly, our number of OCAA games covered was the lowest it has ever been as we lost **one-third** of our game assignments due to the OCAA's inability to accommodate travel for Sault officials to any other location...even to the only other site in our agreed-upon "region" of the north. To say we are upset with the way the agreement has been executed and changed, and changed again, is an understatement and we will speak against the regional assigning agreement with the OCAA at any and all opportunities presented to us.

**SUDBURY** Submitted by Charles Ketter

Once more GSBBO has faced a busy winter session. Not only did we cover the high school scene but the Rainbow Board decided to re-schedule their junior (Gr. 5-6) tournament to November and December while club teams started early play as well. As the high school Boy's season comes to an end we are engaged on their playoffs while our busy elementary sessions have become active.

Last year we were able to bring on board a few new and young officials who have worked diligently to provide quality officiating to the elementary and club level of play. This season we have had a couple more promising officials join our ranks to enable us to expand our coverage. Among this year's crop we have brought in a couple of mature individuals eager to be involved. With their help we are providing opportunities for many elementary schools to host their own tournaments.

With the merger of the eastern side of the North Shore Board we have accepted responsibility for training officials in that area. We have often assisted that area with their playoff and NOSSA obligations and expect that will become more common practice. At this point one of their members, Todd Stevens, who has had extensive experience in other parts of the province, continues to cover games in that area as well driving into Sudbury to cover games here.

This season has also seen the largest registrations in Cambrian Men's league with 14 teams participating. The challenges at this site should prepare officials for fast paced and competitive play. This league provides opportunities for three- person officiating as they utilize this structure for playoffs.

With the opening of the Franco Elementary league and the onslaught of elementary play, most weekends we are busily engaged. There have been periods where we have asked members to go well beyond their normal involvement. From now until well into April we will be on court most days of the week.

Long-time member, and OUA official, Marty Nadeau will be in Niagara March 1 to 3 after being selected to work the OCAA tournament. We wish him well! Hopefully OABO will continue to look for opportunities for officials to improve their NOCP rating.

Lots of ball left so keep working on your game improvements. Pre-game effectively and post-game to build you and your partner's game.

To those heading for OFSAA, OCAA, OUA playoffs give them your best and enjoy every minute of the experience.

**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 (within 600 km) communities. Our officials are in the process of completing the high school playoffs at the AA level in Thunder Bay, and at AA and A levels in nearby communities.

(Approximately 175 games) • We have started providing officials for elementary school tournaments. This had not been done in the past and the feedback received from the school board is that it has greatly improved the basketball for the students. • We officiate the local Masters and Men's league, which truly tests our officials' endurance and capacity. (Approximately 75 games) • Our group also supports the local Blaze and Junior Wolves program by providing officials.



## **TIMMINS** Submitted by Pierre Thibodeau

The Timmins board has been busy as the high school boy's league, OBA, Men's and Women's league are all in action.

Timmins High hosted the Gold Cup in December. We had help from our Northern officials at heart which included Jordie Main, Jessica Boutillier from North Bay, Craymer Forth from Barry's Bay and Martin Nadeau from Sudbury.

We also had an IAABO official from Vermont, U.S., Luc Riel who travelled 10 hours to help out in the tournament. Luc is a Timmins High Basketball Alumni and has been refereeing for years. He made great strides in adjusting to FIBA rules!

Officials from the Sudbury Board (Gary Miller, Eric Spence, Stu Fairwell and Dave McKnight) and North Bay (Rob Roy, Sam Levac and Jessica Boutillier), refereed the Zenon Ziemba boy's tournament on Super Bowl weekend which was hosted by O'Gorman High School.

Timmins officials have travelled to various parts of the North this winter to officiate games in Iroquois Falls, Cochrane, Kirkland Lake and Kapuskasing for regular season play.

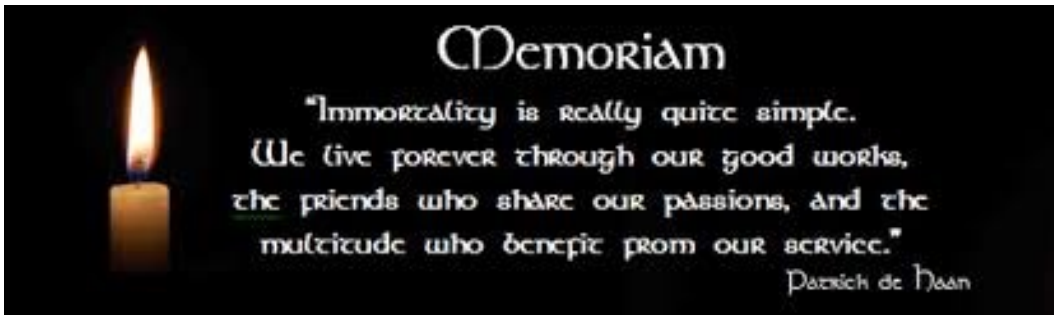
Evan Colameco, Rick Cornell, Angelo Lia and Pierre Paul Thibodeau are travelling the Ice Roads once again to Moose Factory and Moosonee February 23-25 to officiate the *Moose Cree Basketball Tournament*. The hospitality is second to none and the games should be exciting and well attended. The tournament features High School boys and girls, as well as Men and Women's divisions.

## Treasurer Update—Arthur Wong

As we wrap up OFSAA and OCAA tournaments, once I receive all the information and envelopes, I will be issuing payment to officials/RC/assistants.

I've also completed the transition with Don – thank you for his hard work for the smooth transition. If anyone has questions pertaining to my portfolio please feel free to email me.

I would like to thank all the Local Boards for submitting OABO dues in a timely manner during the fore-mentioned transition. Any small outstanding balances will take care of themselves after the Executive Committee has approved the OABO Travel Subsidy in early May.



Condolences to :

- Jaime and Cathy McCaig and family with respect to the passing of Cathy's mother
- Mike Falloon, Pam Ferrante and family with respect to the passing of Pam's mother

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