



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE - JAIME McCAIG

OPENING REMARKS

Season’s Greetings Everyone. I hope the first half of your officiating season has gone well. The upcoming holiday season is a special time of year for families. It is a time for everyone to gather together & express gratitude for our blessings and look forward to the year ahead. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy & prosperous New Year.

2017 OABO SEMINAR

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to Bruce Covert, Chair of the 2017 OABO Seminar who did an amazing job of organizing the 67th Anniversary of OABO. As well a big thank-you-must go out to Geordie Montgomery and his company 4 Pillars who absorbed all costs for the production of the annual Seminar Booklet and Name Tags. Additionally I want to thank Danice Covert & Cathy McCaig who spent numerous hours putting together the Registration Packages and working the Registration table along with the tremendous assistance of Georgia Risnita, Tino Decastro & Geordie Montgomery.

This was certainly the best year we have had in terms of diverse topics and captivating Guest Speakers. My thanks to all of them for their wonderful educational presentations and my sincere appreciation to Bruce Chapman for all of his technical guidance throughout the Seminar, Wall of Fame Dinner and our Annual General Meeting.

IAABO

I want to thank Executive Director Tom Lopes and Associate Executive Director Donnie Eppley for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend our annual OABO Seminar & AGM in Toronto. Their willingness to be involved as Guest Speakers and their assistance with the arranging of our fabulous Keynote Speaker Debbie Williamson continues to demonstrate their support for OABO (IAABO Board 102)

BASKETBALL ONTARIO

With our new Memorandum of Understanding in place I have attended two OBA Board of Directors Meeting and their annual 2017 Annual General Meeting.

As part of the OBA’s ongoing commitment to the development of female officials across the Province they are running an ‘All Female Officials 3 Person Camp’ December 15-17 at the Pan Am Centre in Toronto and the Abilities Centre in Whitby. Accommodation was provided Friday & Saturday evenings along with all meals.

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There was a \$50 Registration Fee of which \$30 was returned at the Camp. The target audience of officials was individuals who had some three person experience or officiating in the OSBA or OCAA.

The Manager of Officials Development, Bruce Covert served as Camp Director and current & past OUA Female Officials served as Camp Staff. I would like to thank for the following Officials for their tremendous assistance at the Camp:

Frances Enns	Anna Del Col	Lindsay Walsh
Heidi Jaaskelainen	Sandy Forand	

This was another tremendous opportunity for the Female officials attending and no doubt they will benefit from the educational and evaluation experience.

I attended the Camp on behalf of OABO and also acted as the Assignor of Officials. In conjunction with this initiative there will be several others taking place in 2018 to be announced in the next Edition of The Whistle in conjunction with OBA & the ongoing Officiating Development Grant Funding.

OFSSA

I am pleased to announce that OABO and OFSAA now have a 3 year contract agreement in place that includes the 2017 Girls & 2018 Boys, the 2018 Girls & 2019 Boys & the 2019 Girls & 2020 Boys Provincial Championships.

OABO DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

I am pleased to announce that Bruce Covert has been appointed Camp Director for the 2018 OABO Development Camps. In looking at future succession planning Bruce will work with mentoring the recently posted Assistant Camp Director position(s) once it is filled. As well an Assistant Technical Director position(s) has been posted to work with the current Technical Director Tim Laurain

2018 OABO SEMINAR

The OABO Executive will once again be responsible for hosting the 2018 OABO Seminar and AGM. It will be held at the same location - The Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel. The dates are September 7-9/2018.

CLOSING REMARKS

I want to express my sincere appreciation to Tino Decastro for his ten years of dedicated service to the OABO Membership in his role as Membership Support Officer. His commitment to his OABO Executive duties was always evident in his own quiet, unassuming, classy respective manner. I will remember him fondly not only for that but especially for the countless hours he put in assisting me during the 2006 & 2012 hosting of the successful IAABO Fall Seminars in Toronto. Best Wishes my friend

Merry Christmas to All
Jaime McCaig
President, OABO

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
APPROVED BASKETBALL OFFICIALS, INC.**
“Celebrating over 95 Years of Excellence in Basketball Officiating”

What Does IAABO Do For You?

The International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO) is a nonprofit service and professional organization managed by and for basketball officials. IAABO was established in 1923. Through a worldwide organization of nearly 200 local "boards" spanning 38 states, 11 foreign countries and over 16,000 members, IAABO is the unparalleled and undisputed leader in worldwide education and training of basketball officials in the areas of:

Basketball rules

Mechanics and officiating techniques

Organization of local officials' boards

Development of curricula and standards by which other officials' organizations are judged

The purpose of IAABO is to:

- educate, train, develop, and provide continuous instruction for basketball officials.
- promote the welfare of the game of basketball, its players and officials.
- maintain the highest standard of basketball officiating.
- encourage the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship.
- cooperate with all organizations connected with the game of basketball in furthering its interests and ideals.
- have available, at all times, an adequate number of thoroughly trained and competent officials.

IAABO offers a variety of benefits for its local boards and members:

Membership Status and Recognition

Membership Card - distributed annually to recognize members certification.

Website - high-quality, organized website where pertinent IAABO and officiating information can be easily accessed.

Access to Professionals - access available to a nationally certified physical training professional who assists IAABO members with health and physical conditioning as related to officiating.

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Semi-annual national meetings – held during Fall and Spring in various IAABO member states. Free to all IAABO members. The Fall Seminar is geared towards the Interpreters and prepares Interpreters and officials for the upcoming basketball season. The Spring Meeting is geared towards Secretaries of the local boards and is also IAABO’s annual business meeting of its General Assembly.

Life Membership - recognition to members annually who meet the criteria established by IAABO.

50-year members – special recognition to those who have been IAABO members for fifty years.

Honorary Life Membership - special recognition to persons who have not been IAABO members, but who have made some significant contribution to the game of basketball.

Member recognition - provides local boards with service certificates and anniversary pins for a nominal charge.

Education, Training and Officiating Resources

Handbook – published annually and distributed to all local boards and its members in early August. One edition includes the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) rules book, case book and IAABO Crew of Two and Crew of Three Mechanics instructional manuals. The other handbook version includes the FIBA rules book and the FIBA Mechanics Manual for IAABO members who officiate international games.

Pre-game card, instructions for scorers, timers and shot clock operators - available to each Secretary and Interpreter on the IAABO website for distribution to members as needed.

Sportorials - IAABO’s very own publication, distributed five times per year. **Sportorials** features the latest happenings within IAABO and the game of basketball. All members have the option of either receiving a print or an electronic version of **Sportorials**.

Officiating Schools – scheduled every late spring/early summer in different areas of the United States with the purpose to improve the education and officiating skills of IAABO members.

“Play of the Week” video clip – available every week during basketball season. Commentary is offered on various teaching points covering rulings, signaling and mechanics. Each **Play of the Week** is archived on the IAABO website for members to review at any time.

Clinicians and Instructors - provides access to IAABO clinicians and instructors who are available to local boards for training and educational clinics on an assortment of officiating topics.

Scholarships – available through the IAABO Charitable and Educational Foundation scholarship fund to offset costs for officiating school attendees.

Examinations –

- an annual 50-question examination administered to new applicants, available in the Fall and Spring of each year. (NFHS Rules)
- an annual 50-question examination (FIBA Rules) administered to those who officiate international games.

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- an annual 75-question Refresher Examination with an answer key distributed every Fall for returning members (NHFS Rules)
- a practical floor examination for all new applicants. (IAABO Mechanics)

Tools and Resources for Rules Interpreters

IAABO requires local boards to identify a **Rules Interpreter** who is responsible for providing rules interpretation meetings for its members. .

IAABO requires that local boards **provide educational training programs** for maintaining and improving officiating skills.

Ref School – Rules Interpreters have free access to Ref School ©, a database of thousands of questions to assist instructors and Interpreters in the education of candidates for IAABO membership as well as the general membership. Ref School © is also available to members for a nominal fee. (NHFS and FIBA rules)

Officiating tools and resources – provides such resources as a lesson plan book, a yearly “You Make the Ruling” DVD, a yearly DVD of various video plays, DVD of approved officiating signals, access to E-Court and DVDs for the Crew of Two and Crew of Three Mechanics Manuals.

IAABO Coordinator of Interpreters – access is available for Interpreters to request/receive answers to any rules or mechanics questions.

Administrative Assistance

Local Board Operations - provides qualified personnel to assist local board officers with any logistical questions concerning local board operations and procedures.

Constitution - provides a Constitution and Policy Manual to guide local boards in maintaining fair and equitable routines and procedures.

Arbitration Procedures - provides an appeal and arbitration process for members and local boards to resolve problems at various administrative levels.

Discounts - provides its members with discount automobile rental cards.

Database - provides a comprehensive database for all record keeping related to membership data.

Member Transfers - provides systematic and orderly transfer of its members from one IAABO Board to another.

Standing Committees - makes available advice to local boards on various matters through IAABO Standing Committees.

Insurance - provides local boards with discounted group rates for officials’ insurance.

Officiating Supplies - gray or black and white officiating shirts and officials’ pre-game jackets with the copyrighted IAABO emblem are available to its members through an IAABO official’s supplier.

If you have any questions pertaining to the information in this document, please contact the IAABO office at 717.713.8129 and visit us at www.iaabo.org

John Boyle - Bay of Quinte Life Member



From left: BQBABO Life Member Bill Latchford, new Life Member John Boyle and BQBABO president Darrell McGrath. (Submitted photo)

For at least one night, some local referees were in the spotlight.

The Bay of Quinte Board of Approved Basketball Officials (BQBABO) recently held its annual Christmas gathering where they awarded an Honourary Life Membership to John Boyle. The association also made a \$1,200 donation to the Canadian Cancer Society in memory of former long time local official and teacher-coach, Gord Smith.

The BQBABO raised funds at this year's Gord Smith Memorial basketball tournament in September. Along with the \$1,200 to the Canadian Cancer Society, another \$550 was donated to the officials development fund. BQBABO officials said Smith's daughters — Stephanie Manderville (a BQBABO member) and Jenny Smith — felt their father would've strongly approved of both contributions.

TREASURER'S REPORT— ARTHUR WONG

Season's Greetings Everyone. I want to take a minute to thank all of you for the vote of confidence in allowing me to serve you as the OABO Treasurer. It's a great honour and I look forward to working with all the Boards in the near future. For those who don't know me, I am a Chartered Professional Accountant and I've been a member of OABO since 1999. I also serve as the treasurer for my local board and I am a member of the IAABO Audit & Budget Committee.

I'd like to thank my fellow executives for easing me in during this transitional period, especially Don. He is extremely detail-orientated, and everything is well documented, making it easier on my end. We are still working on a few administrative transitions and tentatively full transition will happen January 1, 2018.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Arthur

From the Desk of the Secretary and IAABO D9 Rep

My fellow Executive members have fill this edition with tons of information and I'll try to make my section as short as possible. As December 31st fast approaches, it brings the closure of my position as OABO Treasurer. I just completed my last official duty as Treasurer yesterday when I received the final batch of envelopes for OFSAA officials so I could mail out their game fee cheques earlier today (Dec 19).

I bet there are 30 Local Board Treasurers out there that are going "wahoo" because they don't have to read my emails every day about paying up, lol. Seriously, I want to thank all the Treasurers in the Province for their cooperation in working together over the last 12 years. OABO is financially in good shape. We would never be without the constant communication back and forth and the diligence the treasures do collecting membership fees. I truly hope that the relationship continues for Arthur.

So... on to new stuff. I hope everyone enjoys my first edition of The Whistle. I welcome feedback regarding the format. This edition has moved away for the "newspaper" column format into a more traditional document style. The font has been changed to a more easily readable size.

For those wishing to see more Wall of Fame Banquet Photos please check out

<https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipNppbbaaBi73mT5M4R0Fb1dNjax1DBvAVdV5FCfpJJjWpvNYC7RKycb-mdg3MCsw?key=OVRNMGRPUzc3VkVKWEZhOEpvM2tkcmZFUjVuTW53>

The CABO FIBA Exam

This was my first year being a Provincial administrator and I hope we had less problems this year than last year for persons logging in. There was a few hiccups and only 2 concerns that didn't get solved however it must be pointed out that those two left it to literally the last 2 hrs to try to log in.

Next year the local board Secretaries will also be able to help with log in problems. Actually I have already set that up but they all just don't know that yet. They will when they read this.

The Exam did have some concerns with save and exit but OABO has no control over this other than informing CABO and they said they will work on improvements for next year.

IAABO news:

IAABO Charitable & Education Foundation is conducting a Raffle for 1 prize—2018 Nissan Rogue S AWD SUV. The person who wins can accept the vehicle (Connecticut) or can negotiate a cash buy back with the dealer. Tickets are \$100 US each. The draw is Saturday April 28th 10am. Odds to win 1 in 1000.

Anyone wishing to purchase a ticket can contact me.

Lastly, Tina and I wish all OABO members a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, or just Very Happy Holidays. Enjoy this time of year with your family and friends and be safe.

Don

OABO Vice-President Report—Rick Parnham

'Tis the season to be jolly..... Well, as a basketball official that may not always be entirely the case. However, I hope this message finds everyone happy and healthy and looking forward to a bit of a reprieve of the grind of daily games. Taking some time to rest and relax, clear the mind and focus on other things is always a nice opportunity. If you are looking to connect with me over the holidays, send me an email and I will try to get back when I am off the course. Fore!!!!!! I have been practising really hard on the video game so I can make a birdie on the 17th at Sawgrass?

Since this is our first communication since the AGM, I want to take the chance to welcome Arthur Wong to the executive team. We have worked together in administration for a number of years at the local level and I look forward to his expertise being added to our team. I would also like to thank Tino for years of service he has put in sitting as an OABO executive member. Your contributions are so very appreciated. Thanks for being a colleague over the many years.

I also want to thank all those that contributed to the AGM weekend. It was a pleasure to work as part of the host committee with Jaime, Bruce, Don, and Tino to ensure it was a terrific weekend. I was glad to be able to put together the golf outing, it was just too bad the monsoon that arrived came earlier than expected. With the date change for the next AGM, I have reached out to ClubLink to see if there is a chance to get tee times at Glen Abbey for the event this coming September. A big applause must be shared with Jaime, Don and Tina, for yet another fantastic evening of celebration of officials at the Wall of Fame dinner.

To keep everyone in the loop regarding the Constitution Committee, we expanded this year to begin two very large undertakings. The first is to reorganize and restructure our Constitution, with the intent of simplifying our governance, making it a more efficient . Our second task is to address the need for compliance with the Not-for-Profit Act. Thank you to Rick W, Bill M, Geordie M, Charles F, Charlie K, Jason H, Gord B, and George V for volunteering your time and expertise to these much needed tasks. Our goal is to regularly submit to local boards, a progress report and draft of the work we are accomplishing. Early in the New Year the committee will meet via conference call, to begin formalizing our ideas and work to date.

The other major piece of my portfolio involves work with the OBA Fair Play Committee and being the executive liaison to the PSC. Unfortunately we have already had a couple of significant incidents arise that are going to require a formal hearing to deal with them. I want to reassure all of our OABO members that the Fair Play Committee wants to affect change in behaviours. We need your help to accomplish this goal. Every time we let a coach or a group of parents blatantly misbehave without so much as a conversation, those people learn that abusive behaviours toward officials is okay. It is really challenging for us to hold people accountable when they step out of line, if we as officials across the province can't consistently address negative behaviours in a timely and appropriate manner.

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The number of times I see in reports that officials called a technical on a coach for misbehaving and breaking the rules, followed by a statement like, "After the technical, the coach settled down and was no longer an issue in our game," says a great deal about our ability to not only enforce the rules, but affect change in our gyms. Floor officials are the first line of teaching what is appropriate ways to communicate during a game.

We will gladly assist in dealing with problematic situations, so please ensure you report all incidents related to player, coach, or spectator ejections to your local board and make sure Don gets a report from each official. We will do our best to support officials when we have the reports with all the necessary information.

In closing, let's take a moment to remind ourselves of the time of year we are now celebrating. Virtues like generosity, kindness and goodwill are all in the forefront. Officiating is tough job, where many days it is difficult to feel the love from anyone. Treating people with respect goes a long way to building solid relationships. A couple issues of accusations of actions and behaviours that could be considered less than appropriate have come to our attention. I would like to remind all of our OABO members that we are always being judged; in our performance, our interactions with game participants and most of all by our fellow officials. Professionalism at all times is not a wish in our roles as basketball officials, it is a must. The easiest thing to do to help navigate those difficult times is to remember the common sense and decency all humans deserve, no matter the circumstance. Be respectful in how and what you talk about both on and off the court. As a teacher I am held to the standards of professionalism 24/7-365. If you are an OABO member, you too are always a basketball official. There is no time that it is appropriate to be unprofessional in our dealings with fellow members, or people within the basketball community, ever!

Please have a fantastic holiday season, enjoying time away from the game and being with those that matter most to us. As always please let me know if there is any way I can support you as an official or local board. Please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to work through any questions or concerns you may have.

Rick



President Jaime McCaig presents Officer Katrina Rubinstein-Gilbert the OABO Recognition of Heroism Award at the 2017 Wall of Fame Banquet. Katrina is an Ontario Provincial Police Officer, Warton division. On the evening of January 17 2017 Geordie Montgomery (pictured right) was a member of a crew working a Durham College game underwent the signs and symptoms of a full cardiac arrest. Katrina unselfishly rushed out of the stands and as a result of her quick response and expertise, was instrumental in saving Geordie's life. All OABO members are so grateful for her service and for this act of bravery, kindness and courage.



DEB and TIM WOOD on stage with comedians COLIN MOCHRIE AND DEBRA McGRATH

WINK WILLOX & DUTCH DECKER AWARD



DAVE CUTLER (DURHAM)



OABO AWARD OF MERIT



RICK TUDHOPE (PETERBOROUGH)



PAUL ALLEN (BAY OF QUINTE)



DON HARGROVE (TABO) 50 YRS



BILL BLENKINSOP (KINGSTON) 50 YRS



ROSS BUCKLE (PEEL) 50 YRS



CHESTER GRAHAM (BARRIE) 50 YRS



ROB MATHESON (GREY BRUCE) 55 YRS



CHARLES KETTER (SUDBURY) 60 YRS



HARVEY BISHOP (LONDON) 60 YEARS OABO AND 50 YEARS IAABO



Northern Rep Report - Brian Seccareccia

It was another busy and successful fall basketball season in the north this fall. Two OFSAA Girls Provincial Championships were hosted by Timmins and Muskoka Parry Sound. There is no shortage of basketball for fans to watch with OUA and OCAA games occurring in the Sault and North Bay and OUA games occurring in Sudbury and Thunder Bay. As we move closer to full FIBA rules and mechanics local boards are doing a good job preparing their officials for the transition. I would like to wish all of the officials and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Timmins - Submitted by Pierre Thibodeau

We hosted the OFSAA A Girls Provincial Championships in November and from all reports, it was very successful. Coaches, players and officials all enjoyed our unique Northern hospitality. Chester Graham was the RC while George Postalain and Pierre Paul Thibodeau served as his assistants. It was an honour and pleasure for our board to host the out of town officials in the tournament, most of whom had never been to our city. Angelo Lia (Timmins) and Desi Collins (North Bay) were selected to do the Gold Medal game and Noel Parker (Thunder Bay) and Alice Kwong (Toronto) were selected to do the Bronze Medal game.

Evan Colameco, Rick Cornell and Pierre Paul Thibodeau travelled once again to the James Bay Coast to Moose Factory and Moosonee in October to officiate the *Moose Cree Basketball Tournament*. The tournament featured High School boys and girls, as well as Men and Women's divisions. All of the games were played in front of appreciative crowds!

With the help of our neighboring Sudbury Board, Carine Dimaio made the trip to Timmins for the Sister Fay Girls tournament hosted by O'Gorman High School.

Timmins officials travelled to various parts of the North this Fall including Iroquois Falls, Cochrane, Kirkland Lake and Kapuskasing for regular season play.

Our next tournament in December is the Boys Gold Cup tournament hosted by Timmins High. Once again Timmins will count on support from the Sudbury and North Bay board to help out. Happy Holidays to everyone!

Sault Ste Marie - Submitted by Jeff Bussineau

The fall of 2017 was eventful and busy for the Sault Board. Of most significance was our merger with the portion of the North Shore board that includes Blind River and Elliot Lake. We officiated three high school tournaments in the fall: Sault College High School Girls Tournament, Boys Junior Nystedt Tournament and the Boys Senior Tip Off Tournament.

We also officiated exhibition games at Algoma University which allowed us to practice our Three Person mechanics and court rotations for the upcoming OCAA Season.

In addition to our coverage of local high school, OCAA and OUA games, we welcomed the Ontario Native Basketball Invitational put on by the Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario. The tournament was very successful and everyone had a good time.

Our executive for this year is: President and Interpreter Jeff Bussineau, Vice-President Chris Spooner, Secretary Chris Siegman, and Treasurer Adam Carpenter.

We wish everyone a happy holiday season.

Thunder Bay - Submitted by Rod Miller

We provided officials for all Varsity and Junior Varsity girls at the high school level in Thunder Bay, as well as select tournaments in nearby (within 600 km) communities. Our officials were key to the completion of all high school playoffs at the AA level in Thunder Bay, and at AA and A levels in nearby communities. We officiated Lakehead University Men's and Women's preseason games and scrimmages.

We officiate the local Masters and Men's league, which truly tests our officials' endurance and capacity. Our group also supports the local Blaze and Junior Wolves program by providing officials. We say good bye and good luck to Matt Goble as he completes his education at Lakehead University, who is moving out to Halifax where he has been accepted on the AUS Panel, and will continue to take all the knowledge we have provided him over the last 3 years.

Congratulations to Noel Parker who was selected to do the bronze medal game at the OFSAA "A" girls tournament in Timmins.

Our executive for this year is:

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| 1. President Rod Miller | 4. Secretary/Treasurer Ryan Sinninghe |
| 2. Past President Markku Peuhkurinen | 5. Interpreter/Commissioner Peter Andros |
| 3. Vice President Doug Reid | 6. Recruitment/Training Officer Wally Peter- |

Muskoka Parry Sound - Submitted by Paul Doiron

We have opened one of the most industrious, ambitious, and exciting basketball seasons ever in Muskoka and Parry Sound. Our fall opened with our Annual General Meeting, the election of officers, and our first professional development session to become more knowledgeable about the rules, mechanics, and signals, and officiating in general. This year again, we lost members to retirement and movement, and as a result have recruited several new individuals to join our ranks.

MPSABO had the outstanding opportunity this fall to host the Senior Girls OFSAA "AA" Basketball Championships right here in our own back yard. Four local high schools hosted the event with four local officials participating in the event. From the preparedness of the schools, to the professional manner in which our officials conducted themselves, to the superior way the table teams performed the entire event was a stunning success.

Congratulations to the planners and all those involved for providing such an enjoyable spectacle in our community. One of the most significant spin-offs from hosting this event for MPSABO was the professional growth afforded our officials from the provincial evaluators which will be shared with all our members.

Sudbury - Submitted by Charlie Ketter

Best of the season greeting to everyone from the Greater Sudbury Officials! Once more we have completed a successful Girl's season that saw the local Lo-Ellen and MacDonald teams moving on to Bronze medals at the A and AA OFSAA's. Our own Carine DiMaio worked the gold game at the AA tourney and we are all proud of the job she did.

Last season's move to FIBA and shot clocks was uneventful and again this year officials and Table crew worked diligently to ensure a job well done. The local high school sports organization has moved to a FIBA type score sheet and its introduction created some confusion. That has since been cleared and scorers are finding it much easier to work with than the previous version.

GSBBO and the Sault Ste. Marie Boards work constructively to merge elements of the North Shore Board into their own. The present assignor in that area will continue to assign the games in that area with their present members. As in the past both these Boards will continue to assist that area with the development of officials and their ongoing support. Officials from the 2 merging Boards have assisted with playoff and NOS-SA play in that area over the years.

Travel distances between schools in the North Shore area have presented unique problems to ensure game coverage and player development. It is hoped that this move will assist the officials in that area to better address some of the issues and provide them with needed support.

Once more the Laurentian High School Girl's tournament provided an early opportunity to shake off the dust and get into game mode. It also provided an opening for two of the North Shore officials to link up with others here. We have completed the Gator's tournament as well but with the Franco Provincial and the Sister Fay in Timmins occurring on the same weekend it didn't have some of the numbers from the past. The Laurentian Boy's tournament again challenged everyone to step up and go above. The all senior event brings some quality teams together.

Once more officials were able to assist North Bay with the Art Gabor Tomahawk Tournament and had, the always anticipated, great time. The hospitality and gathering of a large contingent of quality officials from across the province is always an event to look forward to.

This past Fall SDSSAA, the local sports group, replaced a regulation that required the senior team at a particular school to declare which division their teams would play in, with a regulation that allows each participating team, at any level, to declare their division of choice. This has resulted with increasing the number of single games and sites each night of play. Our membership has been stretched to cover. At the time of writing we also face play starting with our Youth and Elementary leagues. Lots of ball!

Fortunately, we have had several new young officials showing an interest in officiating. Many of them play club or school ball but we work around their schedules. We have also been fortunate in having 4 new officials from last year return to enhance our numbers.

An interim Executive has been put in place for this year as GSBBO re-structures moving forward into the future. A review of the Not-for-Profit legislation will lead to Constitutional overhaul to come in line with those requirements. Some of the elements are easily incorporated, but others will lead to more formal reporting and accountability.

Looking forward to the return to the hard wood in January – give them your best.

North Bay - Submitted by John Fong

The early part of the season has been a very busy time. We finished the girls high school and sent two officials, Jessica Boutilier and Desi Collins, to Timmins for the Girls "A" OFSAA Provincial Championship. Congratulations to both officials as Desi was selected to work the gold medal game and Jessica the consolation final game. We have been busy as well with OCAA games here and in Barrie.

The boys high school has kicked off and we just had the Art Gabor Classic Tournament (formerly known as the Tomahawk Tournament) hosted by Chippewa Intermediate and Secondary High School. The tournament saw 24 junior teams and 24 senior teams participating and 90 games being played over two days. We brought in 17 travelling officials from Sudbury, Timmins, Hamilton, Barrie and Coburg boards. We had a social after the tournament and an estimated 560 years of experience with 25 officials in the room.



CANADA BASKETBALL PRESENTS:
**CANADA BASKETBALL
COACH/REFEREE SCHOOL**
AT NBA G LEAGUE SHOWCASE 2018



Who: Coaches & Officials

Where: Hershey Centre, Mississauga ON

When: Saturday January 13th 9:00AM – 5:00PM

**Please note that attending coaches must be able to attend all sessions.*

What: A whole day of on and off course presentations from basketball experts including analytics, player scouting, and coach knowledge from the Raptors 905 head coach Jerry Stackhouse and more! Entry will include one game ticket in the lower bowl. Game: Saturday 12:00pm – Raptors 905 vs. Sioux Falls.

Cost: \$50 CAN for coaches or referees (includes game ticket)

Please register on Game Plan to secure your spot!
Spots are reserved on a first come first serve basis.

To create a free Game Plan account visit:
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For more information, please visit:
<http://www.basketball.ca/en/coaching-resource/upcoming-events>

For additional Showcase tickets, please visit (promo code: CBCLINIC):
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SPACE IS LIMITED

The Canada Basketball Coach/Referee School will allow coaches and referees a chance to learn from some of the top G League coaches, referees & Canada Basketball's technical staff. Enjoy a G League game and watch the 905 play in a designated section with other coaches and referees. Debrief the game with Coach Jerry Stackhouse and bring your questions to his film session. Coaches will learn in on-court sessions with Coach Matt Brase and dive into the world of analytics. Officials will receive an update on FIBA rules with Tim Laurain and insight to NBA officiating with Scott Bolnick.

2018 Showcase Basketball Clinic for Coaches and Officials			
Time	Segment	Speaker	Description
9 - 9:45 AM	Canada Basketball	TBD	TBD
9:45 - 10 AM	B R E A K		
10 - 11 AM	Breakout Session - OFFICIALS	Tim Laurain	OABO Provincial Supervisor FIBA Rule Changes
11 - 12 PM	Breakout Session - OFFICIALS	Scott Bolnick	Associate Director, Referee Development Referees insight into the NBA
10 - 11 AM	Breakout Session - COACHES	Matt Brase	Head Coach, Rio Grande Valley Vipers Break down of RGV offense on court
11 - 12 PM	Breakout Session - COACHES	Steve Baur (CB) & Keith Boyarsky (Raptors)	How analytics builds teams, defines in game strategies, and drives the future of basketball
12 PM - 2:30 PM	Raptors 905 vs. Sioux Falls	N/A	Game in Hershey Centre
2:30 PM - 3:15 PM	Player Personnel & Scouting	Patrick Engelbrecht	Director of Global Scouting Toronto Raptors to provide insight on player personnel identification
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM	Raptors 905 Film Session	Jerry Stackhouse	905 Head Coach debriefs and breaks down one half of the Raptors 905 vs. Sioux Falls game
4:15 PM - 5:00 PM	Canada Basketball	TBD	TBD

Please note: the schedule is subject to change based on speaker availability.

Presenters

Coach Matt Brase, Coach Jerry Stackhouse, Coach Patrick Engelbrecht, Coach Steve Baur, Keith Boyarsky, Scott Bolnick, Tim Laurain

Others to be confirmed shortly!

Registration

Registration is on Game Plan (<https://gameplanbasketball.ca>) - please sign up under the Workshops tab.

Additional Showcase Game Tickets

For additional Showcase game tickets (promo code CBCLINIC)

<https://oss.ticketmaster.com/aps/acc/EN/link/promotion/home/01ec053703f3f56a26da087cbcfbdd37b9272c49>

If you have any other questions, please send to dsmyth@basketball.ca

Certified NCCP Coaches will receive 2 PD points

Interpreter's Report- Mike McPhee

The September conferences were full of new rules introductions. The issue we have in Ontario with High School basketball starting right away made the process of getting the message out there difficult. Going into the CABO meeting in Calgary, we as Interpreters across the country were just getting the information from FIBA on the rule changes. The focus of attention at that time was the travel rule which was dramatically altered. Cam Moskal, the National Interpreter, was able to present us with a comprehensive supply of new documentation to take back to our province. It gave me about 2 weeks to prepare for the OABO seminar in Toronto. It was well attended and the local board reps were certainly eager for the word on changes to the rules. The new FIBA interpretations didn't come out until the end of October and are published on the OABO website since we weren't able to have them in the handbook.

In our 2 conference calls in November and December, we had PowerPoint presentations on the new rules, and accessory team dress requirements. The new method using the WebEx system, allows the sharing of that type of material with call attendees reviewed some of the issues that did arise. Our final conference call will be February 20th at 9pm. The local board attendance for these calls is still disappointing with less than 50% of the boards represented. Those who do log in certainly contribute to better understanding of the issues across the province.

This issue of my report is going to focus on three things:

FIBA rules changes in summary.

CABO Memorandum on Undergarments and the adaptation charts for OBA and Ofsaa levels.

FIBA Interpretations update.

FIBA Rules:

TRAVELLING:

A player who receives the ball while progressing or upon completion of a dribble may take two steps in coming to a stop, passing or shooting the ball. This means that many travels we used to call do not happen anymore, because the restrictive nature of the old rule has been removed. The biggest effect has been on ending a dribble and going to the basket (lay-up or spin move) as well as catching a pass on the move and beginning a dribble.

The term "ZERO STEP" has been introduced into the training for this rule to make things clear.

STEP ZERO: When control of ball occurs (either in the air or touching the floor)

STEP ONE: The next time a foot (or feet) touch the floor after the control.

STEP TWO: The next time a foot (or feet) touches the floor after step one.

A player **MAY NOT** touch the floor consecutively with **the same foot or both feet**, after ending a dribble or gaining control of the ball.

STEP ZERO: Player is airborne:

If the player lands with one foot first that foot becomes the **pivot foot**.

If the player lands on both feet simultaneously, the moment one foot is lifted, the other foot becomes the pivot foot.

STEP ZERO: Player has 1 foot on the floor:

The player may step with the other foot (1) and then step again with original foot (2). Step 1 is the pivot foot.

The player who comes to a stop on the first step with both feet on the floor or they touch the floor simultaneously may pivot using either foot as the pivot foot.

The player may jump off the foot on the floor and land with both feet simultaneously. (Step 1) Then the player may step again with 1 foot. (Step 2). The other foot is then the pivot.

STEP ZERO: Player has 2 feet on the floor:

The player may step with either foot (1) then step again with the other foot. (2)

The player may step with either foot (1) then jump off the first step and land with both feet simultaneously for the second step. In this situation, the player may not pivot with either foot.

If the player jumps off the Zero step he **MAY NOT LAND** with both feet simultaneously.

STARTING A DRIBBLE: When receiving the ball while moving, the player shall release the ball to start a dribble before his second step. i.e before the foot touches the floor.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE FOULS

FIBA introduced a new category for unsportsmanlike fouls, it is listed here as C3 and in bold. The 5 categories are as follows:

C1 – Not a legitimate attempt to play the ball within the spirit and intent of the rules.

C2 – Any Excessive or hard contact caused by a player in an effort to play the ball **or an opponent.** This means that either offensive or defensive players may be charged with this foul.
(a screen for example)

C-3- An unnecessary contact by the defensive player in order to stop the progress of the offensive team in transition. It applies until the offensive player begins the act of shooting.

C4 – Contact from behind or laterally on an opponent in an attempt to stop a fast break when there is no defensive player between the offensive player and the opponent's basket. (Applies to act of shooting as the category above).

C5 – Contact by the defensive player on an opponent on the playing court during the last 2 minutes of the 4th period and each extra period, when the ball is out of bounds for a throw in and still in the hands of the official or at the disposal of the player making the throw in.

KEYS TO C3: PRINCIPLES TO REMEMBER

- It's not a legitimate effort to play the ball.
- Not a normal basketball play. Unnecessary contact.
- Attempting to stop the progress in transition. (Any transition not just breakaway)
- Intent is to make a foul while being **out of legal guarding position** by actively chasing the player with the ball.
- If the player is in legal guarding position, or attempting to get into position to play defense in front of the offensive player, then illegal contact IS NOT unsportsmanlike.

DISQUALIFYING FOUL

Definition: A disqualifying foul is any flagrant unsportsmanlike action by a player or team bench personnel.

Penalty: A disqualifying foul shall be charged against the offender.

Whenever the offender is disqualified according to the respective articles of these rules, he shall go to and remain in his team's dressing room for the duration of the game or, if he so wishes, he shall leave the building. (Note: For High School and OBA level of play, all disqualified players are to remain on the bench and their behaviour falls under the responsibility of the head coach)

Free throw(s) shall be awarded:

- * To any opponent, as designated by his coach in the case of a non-contact foul.
- * To the player who was fouled in the case of a contact foul.

Followed by:

- * A throw-in at the centre line extended, opposite the scorer's table.
- * A jump ball in the centre circle to begin the first period.

The number of free throws shall be awarded as follows:

- * If the foul is a non-contact foul: 2 free throws.
 - * If the foul is committed on a player not in the act of shooting: 2 free throws.
 - * If the foul is committed on a player in the act of shooting: the goal, if made, shall count and in addition 1 free throw.
- * If the foul is committed on a player in the act of shooting and the goal is not made: 2 or 3 free throws.

FAKING PROCEDURE:

Use the "Fake a Foul Raise the Lower Arm" signal when the fake occurs. Twice.

The next stop clock period or game interruption, communicate the warning to the coach, the player involved and the rest of the floor officials. Show the "Raise the lower Arm" signal and demonstrate the "Technical Foul" signal as the next penalty should it happen again. Verbally deliver this message as well.

On repetitive (or excessive) fakes, blow the whistle. Stop Clock for Foul Signal. Raise the Lower Arm signal. Technical Foul signal.

CABO MEMORANDUM ON UNDERGARMENTS

All local board Interpreters were sent this document outlining these items, as well as the charts for OBA and Ofsaa adaptations. Here I would like to summarize the changes that occurred from what we had in the previous CABO information.

Previous garment statement: Regarding High School Players

The FIBA rules do not allow a player to wear a T-shirt under the game jersey. However, in Canada, since that in certain instances, the players' uniforms do not always fit properly; wearing a T-shirt is allowed at levels of play up to and including senior high school as long as it is the same colour as the dominant colour of the jersey.

In Canada, we allow a compression undershirt with long or short sleeves as long as it is the same colour as the dominant colour of the jersey. Compression underwear with short or long legs is allowed as long as it is black or the same colour as the dominant colour of the shorts.

The CHANGE: Which was released on Oct.31

In Canada, we will allow:

- A **compression undershirt** with short sleeves or sleeveless only, if it is the **same dominant colour as the shirts, or black, or white**, but all players on the team must wear the same colour.
- **Compression underwear** with short legs only which end above the knee, if it is the **same dominant colour as the shorts, or black, or white**, but all players on the team must wear the same colour.

For College and University players; the previous document stated:

In Canada, we allow a compression undershirt with long or short sleeves as long as it is the same colour as the dominant colour of the jersey. Compression underwear with short or long legs is allowed as long as it is black or the same colour as the dominant colour of the shorts.

The Revised document of Oct. 31 states:

In Canada, we will allow:

- A **compression undershirt** with short sleeves or sleeveless only, if it is the **same dominant colour as the shirts, or black, or white**, but all players on the team must wear the same colour.

Since the information from CABO came out the two governing bodies in Ontario (OBA and OFSAA) had some modifications they wanted added, so we complied. The undergarment issues for some reason have been more prevalent in the High School boys' season. By next year this area will be more easily followed I believe.

It has come to my attention that officials have been making players at the OBA or OFSAA level have all items they are wearing be the same colour. The documents for those levels DO NOT say that. They stipulate that if players are wearing compression clothing, it will be the same colour for all players. If wearing headbands and wrist bands they will match and be the same colour for all players. But wrist/head bands and compression items do not all have to match as a single coloured collection.

Also SHOES are not accessories, they don't have to match any other items no even each other. (e.g. a white shoe and a blue shoe are legal).

FIBA INTERPRETATIONS

The FIBA interpretations were not released until October and therefore didn't get into our IAABO/FIBA handbook. They are published on the website but I want to high-light some critical differences.

In our manual Interpretations 35-5 35-6 and 35-7 do not exist in the new FIBA Interpretations. They all were examples of plays in the double foul category. The 2017 Interpretations list the conditions for a double foul and the 3 examples in 35-4

Here are some new items that pertain to what changed regarding disqualifying fouls, and technical fouls. 36-25 Statement. After having committed his 5th foul a player becomes an excluded player. After his 5th foul any further technical fouls called against him shall be charged against his coach and recorded as 'B'. This is also valid if one of his 5 fouls was a technical or unsportsmanlike foul. He is not disqualified and may stay in his team bench area.

36-28 Statement. A player shall be disqualified when he is charged with 1 technical and 1 unsportsmanlike foul.

38-5 Statement. When an assistant coach, substitute, excluded player or team follower is disqualified and the coach is charged with a technical foul, recorded as 'B', the penalty shall be the same as for any other disqualifying foul.

39-3 Statement. When an assistant coach, substitute, excluded player or team follower is disqualified in a fighting situation and the coach is charged with a technical foul, recorded as 'B', the penalty shall be the same as for any other disqualifying foul.

And lastly the disappeared 35-5 case re-appears in the following spot.

42-6 Example: On getting a free position B1 pushes off A1, called as a personal foul. This is team B's 3rd team foul. Later (not at approximately the same time) A1 hits B1 with his elbow, called as an unsportsmanlike foul.

Interpretation: This is not a double foul as the fouls of B1 and A1 did not occur at approximately the same time. The game shall be resumed with 2 free throws for B1 and possession of the ball for team B.

42-7 Example: B1 fouls dribbler A1, this is the 3rd

In closing I hope all have a great holiday season. Get ready to focus on the task at hand as the season ramps up again in January and February. Remember the points of emphasis that were discussed during the summer about illegal contact in all of the games we do.

Mike

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Carine DiMaio
Maria Lopez
Merrissa Martinuzzi



Provincial Supervisor - Tim Laurain

Its That Time of Year

All the best to you all over the upcoming holidays and through 2018. Before talking about what is to come, let's talk about what has been.

Congratulations to the Referee-in-Chiefs, Assistants and officials who worked the 3 girl's OFSAAs (see below) and thank you to the local boards where they were hosted.

Girl's A - Timmins		Girl's AA - Huntsville		Girl's AAA - Guelph	
Jaime Lamonthe	Timmons	Carl Nelson	Muskoka	Vince Bull	Guelph
Alan Presseault	Timmons	Dave Robbins	Muskoka	Heidi Jaaskelainen	Guelph
Angelo Lia	Timmons	Paul Dorion	Muskoka	Howard Keil	Guelph
Evan Colameco	Timmons	Paul Follis	Muskoka	Eric Lunn	Guelph
Shannon McMannis	Brantford	Carine DiMaio	Sudbury	Gord Swanson	Guelph
Alexandra Batty	Durham	Brenda Chambers	Barrie	Peter Szabolis	Guelph
Alexsander Terzic	Toronto	Michelle Zander	Ottawa	Vince Venneri	Guelph
Noel Parker	Thunder Bay	Karin Rimnyak	London	Anne Pastrana	York
Alice Kwong	York	Merrisa Martinuzzi	Toronto	Denise Marshall	Peel
Emir Uzunovic	York	Courtney Formosa	Toronto	Holly Foster	Sarnia
Jessica Boutillier	North Bay	Nekesha Miller	Hamilton	Kevin Maven	Hamilton
Desi Collins	North Bay	Ruta O'Grady	Hamilton	Chris Crosby	Durham
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Assistant - George Postalian	Toronto	Assistant - Steve Wilkie	Hamilton	Assistant - Mike McPhee	Guelph
Assistant - Pierre Thibodeau	Timmins	Assistant - Michael Simonett	Muskoka		

The timing, geography and format of OFSAAs sometimes is challenging. Boards tended to nominate their officials for AA rather than A though it may have been an official's first OFSAA. I think it reflects the distance of Timmins for most. The format for tournaments now varies dependant on how many teams attend and the facilities the host can acquire among other factors. The AA ran with 3 sites with an hour travel between the furthest north site and the furthest south site. There was also a fourth site used so that all quarter finals, championship and consolation, ran 2 games back to back at 4 sites at the same time. I covered the fourth site on the day I went up. The distance and schedule did impact the assigning of the officials and travel arrangements back and forth to sites. I will be reviewing the format for Renfrew with OFSAA with what we learned from Huntsville. A special thanks to those who attended for their expected travel to Timmins and those for the additional travel in Muskoka. Almost all the forms and documents that were posted to the Supervisor's page have been revised. The RC evaluation form is going to be more comprehensive and I still have under construction and will be posted over the holidays. It will include rating the final evaluation an official receives on several categories.

Thank you to all Provincial Evaluators and others who attended the Evaluation Weekend in September. Additional thanks to all the Provincial Evaluators and local board Presidents or representatives who filled out the *Direction for Provincial Evaluators survey* that was sent out. I have compiled the results and will be making some announcements going into the new year based on that input and other factors.

We have been working with local boards towards all Ontario officials having a NOCP level. I sent an e-mail identifying local board members who did not have a NOCP level in our database to each individual board in November. This aided in lowering the number of officials (at one time numbered over 500) without a level. It is recognized that new officials will be in the system without a NOCP level until they are qualified by their local board and meet the requirements of writing and attaining the appropriate mark on the CABO National Exam which was just completed. Local boards should be looking to update their NOCP levels 1 and 2 further based on the exam and local requirements.

I will be contacting local boards in respect to NOCP Level 3 certification which is done at the Provincial level. Several provincial camps and championships were used to review officials for possible level 3 certification last summer. Before making those decisions, the database has been reviewed in respect to present levels indicated for all members. This has uncovered some incongruencies that I am hoping we can address and put in a more recognized and comprehensive system in place going forward while qualifying those deserving now.

Putting on my IAABO hat for a moment, the IAABO FIBA Exam was produced for local board use at the beginning of November. There was some confusion in respect to the Answer key. I put the exam together and corresponding answer key and then when formatting to the final exam format changed 2 questions to be able to fit the 50 questions on the 2 pages and the initial answer key, not the updated one, was initially uploaded. Its on me and I apologize.

Refschool International version was revised again with an additional 80 questions being added with 40 specifically dealing with travelling and unsportsmanlike fouls. Thank you to IAABO for working with Refschool to provide the one-month fee for exam preparation.

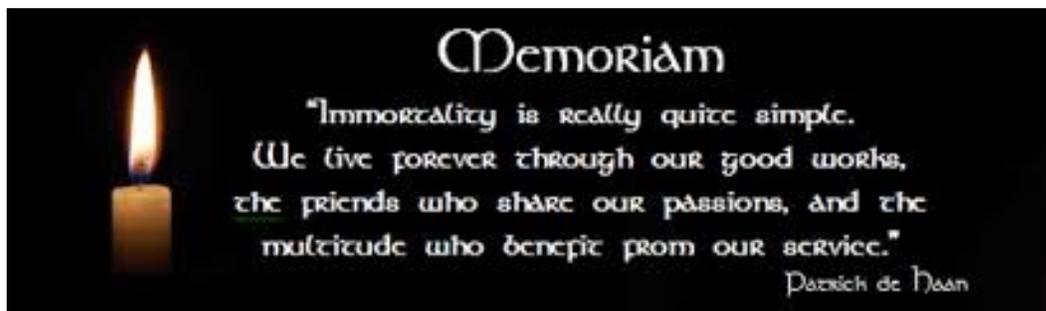
I sent out a link to my Dropbox where I have a folder with 6 short videos from Basketball Australia explaining the travelling rule. I have also loaded the Italian Federation video. A cautionary comment: there is a great deal of information available to officials and this includes video on the internet, but it isn't all accurate. Interesting term "alternate facts". Don't bring alternate facts to your game.

OFSAA boys and OCAA championship nominations are coming up in January. Expect to see information by the end of the holidays.

I am looking forward to what lies ahead in 2018.

May everyone have a great holiday season and it carry over into 2018.

Tim



Condolences to :

Aris Marghetis and family with respect to the passing of his father and sister,
Alec Murray and his family with respect to the passing of his wife Celine
Garneau, to all TABO members with respect to the passing of member Rolly
Goldring, to all Niagara members with respect to the passing of member
Dave Rigby, and member Jerry Gibbs

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