



November 2016 -FALL Edition

Jaime McCaig OABO President

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, express gratitude for our blessings and look forward to the year ahead.

Special Announcement

It gives me extreme pleasure to announce the selection of Pat Laing, OABO and IAABO Life Member for induction into the Basketball Ontario Hall of Fame.

This is such a well-deserved honour for Pat who has dedicated her life to the improvement of basketball officiating across the Province both on and off the court. Pat is an icon in the basketball community and this special award is truly a recognition of her dedication and commitment to the betterment of officiating.

2016 OABO SEMINAR

I want extend my sincere appreciation to the Ottawa Board of Approved Basketball Officials especially their fabulous Organizing Committee who did an amazing job of hosting the 66th Anniversary of OABO. Special thanks to all of the Guest Speakers who were excellent in captivating their audience on Saturday and Sunday. Our annual Wall of

Fame Dinner on Saturday evening continued to be an emotional, passionate affair and the Hospitality Room on both evenings was plentiful with food beverage, draw prizes and as always noisy as ever.

2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There were 28 of 31 Local Boards represented at our 2016 AGM. The move to the Electronic Voting System proved to be a much faster results oriented system with its quick display of voting percentages on the screen within 30 seconds of delegates choosing on which way to vote. We will continue to use this new technology for future AGM's. My sincere appreciation to Bruce Chapman from the Bay of Quinte Board for providing and running the system for us.

The updated 2016-2017 OABO Constitution is now posted on the OABO website. Thank-you for your support in re-electing me to the position of President, one I will always consider an honour and a privilege to serve in.

Congratulations to Rick Parnham on his re-election to position of Vice-President and to Tim Laurain for his inaugural election to the position of Provincial Supervisor. I also want to extend my sincere appreciation to Jeff Bussineau, Eric Jordan and Ray Samuels for stepping up and running for the position. Election competition is healthy for any

organization especially when we had four great candidates to choose from.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation once again to Bruce Covert for his 30 years of dedicated service to the OABO Executive in his role as Provincial Supervisor. It was an honour to recognize him with the Inaugural "OABO Executive Achievement Award" one he truly earned with his outstanding dedication to the OABO Executive and Membership.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATION

Congratulations to Brian Seccareccia who was appointed to the position of Regional Rep for the Northern Region. Brian has done an amazing job of bringing not only concerns to the OABO Executive from the North but solid decision making to all business matters of the OABO Executive.

OCAA

At the AGM a motion was passed to form a Regional Assigning Committee comprised of 5 members, 1 from each of our 5 Geographical Areas to represent the Local Boards within their area.

The following are the members of the Committee:

**Chair Michael Foubert West Region
Michael Falloon Central East Region
Guy Caporricci Central West Region**

James Wallace East Region
Jeff Bussineau North Region

As President of OABO I hosted the inaugural Conference Call on Wednesday, October 26 to discuss the mandate of the Committee and duties they will be responsible for which are as follows:

- 1. Expansion of Duties of the Facilitator.**
- 2. Policy on Assigning of Members who belong to Multiple College Boards.**
- 3. Observers Program.**
- 4. Future Structure of OCAA Regional Assigning.**

The timelines in place for the Drafting of the Report are as follows:

The Committee will Draft a Report for consideration and approval by the OABO Executive at our January Executive meeting. The OABO Executive will then turn it back to the Committee as written or any changes they wish to recommend. Once that is finalized it will then be published to the Local Board Presidents for consideration and approval by the middle of March. The goal is to have in the hands of the OCAA for consideration and approval at their May 2017 AGM so we avoid last minute discussion at our OABO AGM just prior to the OCAA Season commencing.

Congratulations to Michael Currie who was the successful applicant for the position of OCAA Facilitator. Michael did an outstanding job in the Inaugural Season with the Regional Assigning and has been excellent in communicating with all Local Boards in the first half of the 2016-2017 Season and as of this Edition has provided all Local Boards with the breakdown of assignments for the month of January 2017. He will also be responsible for working with Local Boards in the Assigning of the Crossover Playoff Games with more information to follow on that.

The OCAA has once again provided OABO & Local Boards with access to their game films. The information on log in and password has

been provided to Local Board Presidents and Assignors by Michael Currie to provide to their respective Boards College Officials.

OCAA Championship Dates;
Women Seneca College March 2-4
Men Centennial College March 2-4

IAABO

The IAABO FIBA Manuals were distributed to all Boards by the first week of October. There is no doubt we have to do a better job of getting these manuals in the hands of the Local Boards much earlier. The OABO Executive will be having further discussions on this issue so it can be rectified for next year.

I want to thank Executive Director Tom Lopes and Assistant Executive Director Donnie Eppley for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend our annual OABO Seminar & AGM in Ottawa. Their continued support with all their excellent materials they have provided on our transition to FIBA Rules at the High School level demonstrates the value we receive as members of IAABO.

BASKETBALL ONTARIO

I attended the 2016 OBA Annual General Meeting on Saturday, November 5. I am pleased to announce that the OBA is committed to both parties once again enforcing the Zero Tolerance Policy to address issues of disrespectful conduct towards Officials by Coaches, Parents & Players. Vice-President Rick Parnham will continue as the OABO Representative on the Fair Play Committee.

The All Female Officials Camp fully sponsored by OBA will take place December 9-11 at the Abilities Centre in Whitby and I am pleased to announce the Camp is full. The Manager of Officials Development Bruce Covert will serve as Camp Director and has put together an outstanding group of Camp Staff consisting of the top Female Officials currently officiating in the OUA.

STAFF:

Pamela Ferrante
Georgia Risnita
Kayla Herdman
Alyssa Ferreira
Frances Enns
Pascale Mapleston
Anna Del Col
Melissa Famme

The target group for this Camp is Novice Officials in their first or second year of officiating and the level of basketball will be U10 Boys. The format will include both Educational sessions composed by Camp Staff and games to officiate with on floor and post game evaluations. The officials are receiving 2 night's accommodation, per diems as well as Referee Shirts and Shoes and payment of their Local Board Registration Fee.

The intent of the Camp is purely to provide the female officials with additional developmental opportunities and mentoring by a select group of OUA female officials. Further to the Camp all officials will be invited to participate in a Female Officials Symposium held in conjunction with the OUA or OCAA Women's Finals in March. The cost of accommodation and per diems for this will also be paid for by Ontario Basketball.

This is a tremendous opportunity for the female officials attending and there is no doubt they will benefit from the educational and evaluation experience.

I will be attending the Camp on behalf of OABO to observe and will provide a post report in the Winter Edition of The Whistle.

OFSSA

I am pleased to announce that OABO and OFSAA have a one year agreement in place for the 2016 Girls and 2017 Boys OFSAA Championships. Highlights of the agreement are as follows:

Game Fees: \$50.00 per official per game
Per Diems: \$35.00 per day for travelling officials and \$15.00 per day for Local Officials

Travel: This will still remain as in past years the responsibility of the Local Board with the ability still to apply to the OABO Executive for a Local Board subsidy.

Accommodation: Tournament Convenor will provide 2 hotel rooms for travelling officials for 16 and 18 team tournaments and 3 hotel rooms for travelling officials for 20 team tournaments. As well Accommodations will be continued to be provided for the night prior to the tournament starting should games begin before 1:00pm.

New Format: OFSAA will be in some cases expanding to 20 team Championships. This will result in an increase of 2 officials to 16 (10 Local & 6 Travel) from 14 (10 Local & 4 Travel) that is currently in place for 16 and 18 team formats.

JUEL

I am pleased to announce that OABO has reached a Memorandum of Understanding with JUEL for their May 2017 League Championships to be held in Windsor. It will remain an Article 16 tournament combining Local and Travelling Officials.

Highlights of the MOU are as follows with all Game Fees, Accommodations & Travel costs to be absorbed by JUEL for Officials and Referee-In-Chiefs & Assistants where necessary.

- Providing of 3 officials per game with 3 person

experience at both the Local & Provincial Level.

- A fee of \$150.00 per game (\$50 per official) for both the JUEL and JUEL PREP Divisions.
- Providing of a Provincial Evaluator to act as a Referee-In Chief.
- JUEL will implement a ZERO Tolerance Policy regarding the conduct of Coaches, Players and Parents towards game officials.

CANADIAN BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The newly formed CBL is about to kick off its inaugural season in December. With it being a Semi-Professional League it doesn't fall under the auspices of OABO. The Director of Officials is Ray Samuels. They have currently have franchises in Scarborough, Durham, Wellington & Hamilton. The League was created to help develop young professional basketball players in order to further the game of basketball in Canada. The CBL will be playing 4-10 minute quarters and using FIBA rules with no exceptions. The CBL is targeting young officials wanting to move up the officiating ladder that have 3 person experience and are currently working College Basketball.

For more information please go to their League Website at www.canadianbasketball.com or contact Ray Samuels at cbldirectorofficials@gmail.com

U19 FIBA AMERICAS

The City of Brampton is bidding to host the 2019 FIBA Americas and reached out to OABO to write a Letter of Support to assist in their bid. If they are successful OABO members would be asked to volunteer their time as minor officials.

2017 & 2018 OABO SEMINARS

The OABO Executive will be responsible for hosting the OABO Seminar and AGM for the next 2 years. The 2017 OABO Seminar & AGM will be held at the newly renovated Hilton Double Tree Inn at Dixie and 401 in Mississauga (formerly Toronto Airport West). The dates for next year are September 29-October 1. We are currently looking for a host for 2019. If your Local Board is interested please send me an email.

CLOSING REMARKS

I want to take this opportunity to wish all OABO members and their families a healthy and prosperous 2017. Merry Christmas

**Jaime McCaig
President, OABO**



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Rick Parnham OABO Vice President

I want to thank all of you for the vote of confidence in allowing me to serve you in the capacity of OABO VP for a third term. It is a great honour to work on behalf of all of you. As VP I have a few primary responsibilities within the association. The first is to chair the OABO Constitution Committee. These past couple years have required our committee to review many aspects of the governance documents and address a collection of necessary changes and updates. Thanks to all the people that have played a role in assisting us with this heavy lifting. There will be a posting for people to apply for positions on this year's committee that will get circulated in the near future. Should you be someone with an interest in governance and policy writing, our goal this year is to develop a comprehensive plan to adapt the OABO Constitution to conform with the eventual legislative changes around the Not for Profit Act. These changes will require a fundamental restructuring of many of the practises and policies around voting. Please contact Don or I if you have any interest in being part of this important work.

Another of my responsibilities is to sit on the OBA Fair Play Committee as the OABO representative. Our job is to process alleged violations of the OBA Zero Tolerance Policy. Basketball Ontario is committed to upholding high standards within their ranks regarding sportsmanship and appropriate behaviours of game participants and spectators. The members of this committee are diligent in addressing issues we receive. Last year we created a monthly conference call approach to investigating and addressing issues brought to our attention. We also had 5 in-person hearings dealing with significant issues. I would like to assure all OABO members that complaints regarding inappropriate actions of coaches, parents and players are dealt with if they get reported.

That, however, is the big concern I have. We received less than 30 reports of incidences that happened in the full schedule of OBA games, province-wide. I would like to believe that the gyms we are working in are pleasant at all times, but I am sure there are far more issues that are concerning that don't get reported. There were even a few incidences that got reported to us where officials reports were never filed. One incident involved parents fighting in a gym and it took me a number of weeks to work with the local board to track down information from the game officials. The committee regards game official reports as a critical piece to finding resolution in these matters. Without game officials reports, the process grinds to a halt, or can't be remedied to the fullest extent of the policy. The goal is to provide officials and teams with the best possible environments. There is a strong commitment to enforcing the standards of the Zero Tolerance Policy. Please give us the tools to do so by completing and submitting game reports. Here is the link to the policy for review. Should you have any questions regarding the information and process, please feel free to contact me.

https://www.basketball.on.ca//site/content/OBA_ZeroToleranceforOfficials_2014.pdf

On the topic of professionalism, I would like to remind all OABO members of the policies within our own association that hold our members accountable. The OABO Code of Conduct exists to provide clear guidelines with respect to the environments and conversations around OABO members and our associations. Please review this document to remind yourself the standards all OABO members are entitled to be surrounded. When we wear multiple hats as players, coaches and spectators, the lines can get blurry.

Remember, OABO members are always OABO members, regardless of the hat you are wearing at the time. As a player, coach or spectator, remember you are interacting with your fellow members. We also have a social media use guideline. Be cautious about the words you publish as these words do reflect not only upon yourself but your local board and OABO as well.

A couple issues have arisen so far this year along these lines. Please be careful of the conversations we have in our role. Off-court conversations with spectators and others about the game are risky situations that can lead to moments that are uncomfortable and awkward. Leave the debate about performance and calls selection within the crew and your association. Also, avoid getting involved in situations that are not part of our responsibilities. We play no role in the application of young person development concepts in OBA games and as such should not be offering opinions or judgements on things such as zones and double teams. That is solely the responsibility of OBA to deal with concerns in this area. We do control the department of coaches, so don't allow an escalation of emotion when coaches are upset about these situations in U10- U12 games. Simply direct a concerned coach to inform the OBA of the situation through a game report.

Lastly, I am working on the OABO golf event for the 2017 AGM weekend. I have a few ideas in place for location and format. If you have any interest in assisting or have some ideas for fund-raising and sponsorships, I would welcome a conversation. As always, please feel free to contact me for any support you might need. Best wishes for a successful boys and club season.

Best regards;

Rick

September was conference month as per usual CABO meeting in Halifax the IAABO conference in Gettysburg followed by the OABO seminar in Ottawa. The two rules centred conferences featured some excellent presentations that could be applied directly to officiating by the attendees. I highly encourage anyone who is able to go to an event like these, to make the effort to get there. It can change your view of what officiating is all about, or at least get one charged up for the season. This year's OABO conference was particularly important with the adoption by Ofsaa of Modified FIBA rules.

All boards were given documentation on these modifications prior to the start of the Girls season. It would appear that things went well for the most part, with most local school boards playing the Ofsaa rules. Our 2 conference calls in October

and November reviewed some of the issues that did arise. Our final conference call will be in March at the start of the Ontario Cup games.

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

1. FIBA rules in OBA games.
2. CABO Points of emphasis which apply to all games we do now that FIBA is in H.S.
3. Questions and Interpretations

OBA FIBA Rules:

This year all OBA games that use FIBA rules will apply the 14 second live reset rule. This means that all offensive rebounds including missed free throws, will allow the offensive team 14 seconds

to complete a shot. In the young player rules (u-10 to u-12) there are no changes. We still enforce the modified closely guarded rule from last year, and the drop back rules from previous years. Officials need to be aware that we DO NOT enforce the "No Zone" rules. They are handled through the convenors and or the OBA office. When doing these games officials shall cover this issue pre-game with the coaches. If the issue does arise and the convenor deals with it, and asks us as officials for input on the scoresheet, then we should comply with their request if appropriate.

For those boards that have OSBA games, they for the first time are playing full FIBA with no exceptions in both the Boys and Girls leagues.

CABO POINTS OF EMPHASIS

All local board Interpreters were given a sheet outlining these items. Here I would like to summarize the three areas as they apply to floor officials. They outline what we are expected to do. In essence FIBA is telling us that there is one approach to officiating that must be followed.

CABO Technical Points of Emphasis #1 - Travelling

Every travelling violation is linked to illegal movement of the pivot foot. The 4 main areas of focus for this season are:

1. Dribbler's illegal movement of the pivot foot before ball leaves the dribbler's hands;

2. Changing the pivot foot to set up for a shot especially on long range shot attempts;
3. Illegal pivot foot movement by post players such as on "spin moves" or "changing pivot foot after the reverse pivot";
4. Players who receive the ball on the run in transition who often fail to release the ball before lifting the pivot foot when starting a dribble.

If the pivot foot movement is illegal in these situations, the officials are expected to call the travelling violation

Keys to Determining Correct Footwork

- Ensure that you see the whole action to determine correct or incorrect footwork.
- You must have the ability and skill to see when a player catches the ball and the position of his feet on the floor at this precise moment in time – proper mechanics and positioning.
- Ask yourself, "Did I determine the pivot foot on EVERY play?"

- If a play looks awkward or unusual, it doesn't mean it's a travelling violation – Don't Guess!
- Officials must have consistency in their judgment.

FIBA CONTACT & CRITERIA

Use of Hands (General)

- Hand-checking is the “illegal” use of the hand(s) / arm(s) to impede / influence the movement / progress of an opponent with or without the ball.
- A defensive player may momentarily touch an opponent with his hand anywhere on the court as long as it does not affect the opponent's movement (Speed, Quickness, Balance, Rhythm).
- Under no circumstances may the defensive player place two hands upon an opponent.

Focus on Post Play

- The offensive player in the low post and the defensive player guarding him must respect each other's rights to a vertical position
- It is a foul by an offensive or defensive player in the post position to shoulder or hip his opponent out of position or to interfere with his

COACH OFFICIAL INTERACTION

Officials are being asked to provide a more consistent approach when interaction with a coach is required. * All coach/official dialogue must be based on mutual RESPECT.

How the communication occurs.....

- A coach may ask a question that will assist in coaching the team.
- Rhetorical questions are not considered questions and will not be answered.

opponent's freedom of movement using extended arms, shoulders, hips, legs or other parts of the body.

- At no time may a hand or both hands be placed upon an opponent, preventing freedom of movement by the offensive player.
- An offensive player cannot dislodge a defensive player from a spot on the floor by “bumping” or “backing down” toward to basket.

Unsportsmanlike Foul

- Rough, severe, dangerous, flagrant contact should not be tolerated at any time. Clean up the game!
- Detect the players who do not play basketball.
- Never fear; evaluate the action and do not think about the penalty.

Four instances:

1. No effort to play ball
- Questions that are really statements are not considered appropriate.
 - NO LONG DISTANCE CALLS!!
 - During free throws, the coach can talk to an official, but the official shall not approach the coach or engage in conversation.
 - There should be no expectation on the coaches' part for the official to turn his/her attention to the coach.

2. Causing excessive contact (hard foul)
3. Contact from behind or laterally (last player situation)
4. Last 2 minutes Q4/OT: Foul before ball has been released for throw-in.

Flopping / Faking

- Widely practiced in charging and screening situations.
- We must know the game and the technical movements and tactics of the players, this prevents buying a flop or fake.
- This type of behavior does not fit within the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play. Clean up the game – clean it early!
- Flops generating an illegal contact, call foul on the flopper.

- Excessive arm / hand gestures or body language will only discourage effective communication.

The frequency and length of the communication.....

- Coaches should strive for quality not quantity when communicating with officials.
- The game should not be delayed.

- A constant barrage of commentary is not communication!
- A warning to the coach who persists in this regard may be necessary.
- Communication should deal with the present not the past or the future.
- Statements are not appropriate communication, especially when they begin with the word; "You must..."
- Making a comment which attacks the integrity of the official(s)
- Using consistent negativity
- Gesturing to influence the crowd or to express displeasure
- Throwing object or holding the ball to make a point
- Making it personal "You"

The reason for the communication.....

- Communication should be for clarification so that the coach can help his/her team improve or maximize their performance.
- Communication should not be used to try to gain an edge on the opponent or influence the official in future calls.

How it is delivered.....

- Communication should be done respectfully and sincerely.
- **Coaches can and should receive technical fouls when:**
- Swearing



The following are questions and interpretations that have occurred this fall. I am including them as they may help all officials in the province.

1. A1 shot hits ring B1 touches ball. Ball rolls into A1 backcourt and goes out of bounds

A1 has ball in backcourt for throw in with 14 seconds on the shot clock reset. Must A1 only inbound the ball in front court?

Answer: The team has been awarded a back court throw in because Team B has caused the ball to go out of bounds. The shot clock shall be reset to 24 seconds and there is an 8 second count. There was no team control when the shot was taken, and it hit the rim therefore making it a legal completion of the shot clock rule. Since the ball became dead after the shot (out of bounds) this is NOT a reset to 14 because of gaining control of a rebound, and so that rule doesn't apply.

2. With 5 seconds on the game clock, after a made basket (clock is stopped, because in NFHS a throw in after a time out is at point of stoppage) A-1 throws a pass along the endline to A-2, who then throws a long pass to A-3 in front court. The clock starts in error when A-1 makes the pass to A-2. The error is recognized when A-3 catches the ball, at which time there is 1 second showing on the clock.

Ruling CABO: If the clock starts early, and we stop the game to correct the error, (and put the 5 seconds back on the clock) then the throw in would be from the original spot. The FIBA references (Rule 44.2.4 and Interp: 44-1) say that the ball goes back to the team entitled to it when the game was stopped. There is no stipulation that the ball is awarded at the spot it was when the game was stopped, in this case.

3. Black inbounds on its endline, clock is stopped shows 1.4 seconds. Black throws ball length of court it hits the floor ,bounces up hits the backboard comes down caught by White. Horn goes as white secures ball. The timer started clock early.

Ruling: Because the throw-in was completed properly, there can be no redo from beginning. If horn sounds before player catches it then the throw-in would be from the original spot with the 1.4 seconds on the clock. If in fact the horn and the catch are simultaneous, then the whole 1.4 is on the clock, throw-in at nearest spot. If he caught it and then the horn sounds after, then 0.4 would be appropriate.

4. The Lead official, observes an offensive player intentionally run out of bounds along the end line to avoid a defensive player. He rules it a violation. Is that the correct ruling?

Answer: The action by the player is NOT a violation, but it is deemed to be behaviour that is not "in the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play" which is Article 36.1.2.

In addition the old FIBA casebook had essentially the same play: In order to avoid a defensive player, A4 runs out-of-bounds and around the player before returning to the in-bounds area. The official warns A4 and the coach not to repeat the action. A4 again goes out-of-bounds to avoid a defensive player. Shall a technical foul be charged?

Answer: Yes. To permit a player to use the out-of-bounds in this way would be to give that player an unfair advantage (Article 36.1.2 in our current rule book) and because a warning had been given a technical foul shall be charged.

5. Team B enters very early clearly disconcerting the F/T Team A shooter. Shooter then violates coming up short on F/T. Officials gave shooter a substitute F/T. Is this correct?

Answer: The rules state that (43.2.4- players on the lane shall not distract the shooter by their actions) and also state (43.2.3- The free throw shooter shall "shoot"... so that the ball enters the basket from above or touches the ring ; violation by free thrower) and further (43.3.3- If a free throw violation is made by both teams, a jump ball situation occurs.) Therefore by rule a substitute free throw cannot be given unless the free throw hits the ring.

6. A1 is in contact with the floor out of bounds. A1 must have how many points of contact in bounds to establish being in bounds?

Answer: 11.1. The location of a player is determined by where he is touching the floor. While he is airborne, he retains the same status he had when he last touched the floor. This includes the boundary line, the centre line, the 3-point line, the free-throw line, the lines delimiting the restricted area and the lines delimiting the no-charge semi-circle area. So..... A player touching only the playing court is inbounds. A player touching the boundary lines or area outside the lines is out of bounds. There is no "number" of contact points for this rule. The other rules 3-seconds and front court status of a player were put in to restrict the requirements for NOT being in the lane, or NOT being in back-court.

7. A1 loses control of a dribble in the back court on the side line above the free throw line extended causing it to go out of bounds in 2Person Officiating. How is the throw-in administered?

Answer: The old Trail (in transition) slides down to new Lead and across so the partner from old Lead (in transition) comes and takes the throw-in on the sideline?

8. Beginning of 4th period: Both teams were beckoned onto the court, team who was throwing in ball all ready to throw it in. Other team was still in huddle even after horn and 2 verbal "lets go black". The official gives ball to White for the throw in with other team just breaking the huddle. Is this correct?

Answer: NO. The only thing that FIBA allows for this type of delay by a team is to charge the tardy team with another time out. If there aren't any time-outs left then it is a technical foul.

9. A1 shoots the ball from the 3 point area and the ball lodges between backboard and ring. The AP arrow favors Team A. When the ball lodges and the whistle is blown there are 18 sec on the shot clock.

a) Does the shot clock remain at 18 sec?

b) Where would Team A's throw-in be? Closest to where the shot was taken or on the end-line?

Answer: The rules references are: Rules references are:

12.3 - Jump Ball Situations (bullet 4- "ball lodges between the ring and backboard)

12.5.1 - " teams will alternate possession of the ball for a throw-in at the place nearest to where the situation occurs"

50.2 - (Shot clock operator duties) Stopped but not reset when the team that previously had control of the ball is awarded a throw-in as a result of A jump ball situation.

So, for this situation the shot clock remains at 18 seconds and the throw-in takes place on the Endline.

10. With coaches and players able to call timeouts in H.S., what is the penalty if any for calling an excessive timeout?

Answer: There is no penalty because there cannot be a time-out in excess of 5. The request is ignored because the officials are the only ones to “call” time-outs. If officials make an error then put the ball in play.

CABO On-Line exam.

Again this year, the exam runs from December 1-15. All officials in OABO will be sent an e-mail (to the address on file) to access the exam. If you don't get one it's because your e-mail address wasn't updated as it should have been prior to the start of this basketball season.

In closing, we finally (most of us) have arrived at the High School Boys season and the OBA seasons

Mike McPhee- OABO Interpreter.

coinciding without a need to have two completely different rules sets to officiate night to night. Let's all of us knuckle down and handle this our busiest time of year.

Northern Report –Brian Seccareccia

Northern Rep Brian Seccareccia

The Northern Boards have been busy with the girl's high school season coming to an end as they have had their local and regional tournaments to see which teams will be heading to the OFSAA Provincial Championships November 25th weekend. With four OUA and three OCAA schools in the North there is no shortage of watching exciting basketball for local fans. Listed below are the highlights for each of our Northern Boards.

MUSKOKA-PARRY SOUND Submitted by Michael Simonett

The Muskoka Parry Sound Board has had a very successful fall season. Although the number of tournaments continues to decrease the number of high school teams participating continues to be high. We added three new officials to our board and lost one who left to go to university. With the boys season just beginning and four OBA Club teams operating in our region it appears we are going to have as busy a winter season as we had in the past five years.

NORTH BAY Submitted by John Fong

The girl's high school season was an exciting one and we had a very

successful tournament in October where we had to bring in some officials from out of town. We were the host city for the Girls ``AA`` NOSSA Regional Championships November 19th weekend. We will be hosting once again the boys Tomahawk Tournament on December 2nd and 3rd to kick off the boys` basketball season. This will be one of the biggest tournaments in Ontario we will have to bring in a lot of out of town officials to help us out. We enjoy watching the high level of basketball when Nipissing University and Canadore College play.

SAULT STE. MARIE Submitted by Jeff Bussineau

The fall season has been a busy one for our association. We held a clinic to review the OFSAA GAME PARAMETERS with regards to their modifications of FIBA rules that they will be implementing this year. We were able to work on our three person rotation and mechanics as

Algoma University hosted a men's tournament with Canadore, Fleming and Sault College participating, and the women's team played Lawrence Tech an NAIA team from the United States. The girl's high school season started off by Sault College hosting a Senior Girl's Tournament. The number of high school games continued to decline with the amalgamation of St. Mary's and St. Basil into one new school. We were the host city for the Girl's NOSSA "AAA" Senior and Junior Regional Championships. Our officials continue to work OCAA Sault College games and travel to Sudbury to officiate Cambrian College games.

Algoma University Women's team upset the number one ranked team in the country the Carleton Ravens Jeff Bussineau and Chris Spooney from our board continue to work on the OUA PANEL.

We started the boy's season with the Nystedt Junior and Senior Tournament. There were eight junior and senior teams participating in this tournament. We sent two officials to NSSSAA to officiate their OWESAA Girls Regional Championships. We lost

the services of one of our most popular and reliable officials, Barb Tuomi, who has decided to retire from officiating. Barb was our first female official on our board and served as our secretary on our executive for a long period of time. OABO recognized Barb's contribution to her local board by presenting her the Award of Merit Award. Jeff Bussineau will be the Northern Representative to be part of the committee that will review the agreement OABO has with the OCAA.

THUNDER BAY
Submitted by Rod Miller

Our season started with a pre-season high school varsity tournament held at Lakehead University where we provided officials for 22 games. Our officials worked six pre-season games with men's and women's CIS teams visiting Lakehead University. In our local high schools, we provided officials for both the varsity and junior varsity girls' regular season (30 games) and mid-season tournaments where 39 games were played. Both divisions are currently heading towards the final games of the playoffs. At our most recent meeting Doug Reid and Ryan Sinninghe received their five years of officiating.

Some of our officials travelled to neighbouring communities for high school tournaments, and our doing so again this week for the playoffs. We will also be sending one of our officials, Matt Goble, to Timmins for the upcoming OFSAA Girls "A" provincial championships. Good luck Matt. We also provided officials for the local Masters League (40+) and for our local

Men's League which runs from November to April.

TIMMINS
Submitted by Pierre Thibodeau

Our president, Pierre Thibodeau, attended the OABO Seminar and AGM in Ottawa. At the Wall of Fame dinner Pierre received a certificate of service for forty years of service and received a certificate of service for ten years. Congratulations. The season started slowly in late September but we are now in full swing of things with the high school girls season, men's and ladies league on the rules and mechanics were held in Timmins, Iroquois Falls and Kapuskasing. Hopefully, we can recruit more officials in the north to help out.

We had the Sister Fay Tournament hosted by O'Gorman High School in October. We would like to thank our neighbouring boards, Sudbury and North Bay, who provided us with much needed officials for the tournament. Timmins will be hosting the Girl's OFSAA 'A' Provincial Championships November 24th to 26th. Andy Potter will be the RC, and Charlie Ketter and Pierre Thibodeau will be his assistants. We will have five officials Angelo Lia, Evan Colameco, Jamie Lamothe, Adam Pressault and Darcy Brazeau working in the tournament. Our next big tournament will be the Gold Cup hosted by Timmins High in December. Some of our officials will be going to North Bay to help with the Tomahawk Tournament December 2nd weekend.

SUDBURY
Submitted by Andy Bacj

The Greater Sudbury Board of Basketball Officials (GSBBO) was off to a busy start in the Fall of 2016 with approximately 105 games being covered for the girl's high school season. The senior girl's NOSSA - B tournament was recently held at Champlain High School in Chelmsford with 6 games being covered and NOSSA - A was held in Espanola with GSBBO officials covering 10 games. The GSBBO is pleased to be sending one of our younger officials (Carine DiMaio) to

well. Our board assisted the Timmins and North Bay Boards with their annual Fall tournaments by sending several officials to each location and covered the annual Laurentian University tournament in September which brought in over 20 teams from across the province. Cambrian College Fall Men's league is entering playoff rounds with approximately 4 games being covered per week (31 games total). GSBBO continues to cover OCAA men's and women's games in Sudbury, North Bay and Sault Ste. Marie under a continuation of the OCAA proposal which was introduced during the 2015-16 season. The loss of the men's team at Cambrian College has resulted in fewer games for both local and neighboring boards. Fortunately weather conditions have cooperated so far for our travelling officials.

The transition to the FIBA (OFSAA variation) rule set with shot clocks has, for the most part, been smooth with most schools providing 3 person table crews. Charles Ketter provided hands on training to table

crews at several local high schools and this effort appears to have facilitated the transition. Local officials continue to work with table crews educating them primarily on the mechanics of shot clock resets, etc. and changes to the rule set (time out procedures, substitutions, etc).

GSBBO is officiating youth leagues in both Sudbury and Hanmer providing valuable experience to a number of first and second year

officials that have joined our board over the past 2 years (18 new officials registered on our assigning site). These officials are being paired with more experienced officials providing the much needed mentoring as they develop. The boy's high school season has just begun this week. The beginning of the season is also accompanied by a number of local tournaments (Tomahawk in North Bay, Laurentian University tournament

in Sudbury) that will keep our members busy.

Our board has also lost the services of long time member Jean Guy Paquette. Jean Guy has moved to southern Ontario and is currently officiating there. We wish him well.

Gord Smith Memorial

Gord Smith who dedicated over 40 years of his life to the basketball community as an Official, Coach and Administrator.

Gord Smith Camp Scholarship awarded to Colin Hoehne of Kingston.
Presented by Geordie Montgomery



2016 Tim Laurain Provincial Supervisor

Time Is On My (Our) Side

I want to start out by thanking the membership for electing me as Provincial Supervisor. I am committed to working hard for you with the belief that the Role of Provincial Supervisor is service driven. There are deliverables already identified but I also talked about some value-added initiatives going forward we will be collectively working on that focus on the development and evaluation of our officials.

Congratulations to all the officials, Referee-in-Chiefs, and Assistants at the 3 Girls OFSAA championships. I attended games in Belle River and Toronto but didn't make Timmins. What I saw on the court were officials

working hard and performing well and off the court a willingness and openness to feedback. The genuineness the Referee -in-Chiefs and Assistants had for developing the officials came through as did the officials desire to improve. Please see the list of officials, RCs and Assistants and give them all kudos. Being my first time around, I have identified areas I can both be more effective and efficient in the process. I will be asking for nominations earlier and finalizing the rosters earlier. This time around, the officials took the OFSAA Modified Rules Quiz prior to the tournament. It served as a good review for some and learning experience for others going into the championships. It is a pre-tournament practice that I think will carry forward. This time around the RCs and

Assistants were asked to start incorporating more FIBA terminology in their observations and evaluations. The idea is to facilitate consistency through a common usage of the FIBA language of officiating. A 2-person officiating glossary was made up and provided to them. I am looking forward to reading the evaluations that come back. The glossary was also sent to local boards for their use as well. It is first edition and I have asked for feedback and suggestions. The goal is to develop not just the glossary but other tools that evaluators can use provincially and locally (if so desired). Moving forward we want to tie evaluations in to the NOCP criteria. This is a step. I can see tools such as checklists and/or lexicon of phrases as well as

training materials being developed.

I have had double digit inquires in respect to the Provincial Evaluators list, how to get on it and other. The list will be reviewed. I have some thoughts and want to garner feedback before taking any action. Boards can expect being sent my thoughts on the direction(s) going forward and a request for feedback.

Next up though is expect to see information and request for nominations for the OCAAs and CCAAs within the first two weeks of December with a deadline for early January.

Not part of the Provincial Supervisors role but since I have your ear...the IAABO FIBA Rules Knowledge test and the OFSAA Modified Rules Tests were produced and posted first of

November. There was a correction made to one of the questions and a draft version of an answer sheet had an incorrect answer as a question was changed. These were identified and everything was correct within a couple of days. Always looking for feedback on content, format and/or delivery going forward.

Another 100 questions were added to RefSchool International version. There has been some renewal and access problems. All renewals should have been switched from NFHS to FIBA version. For now, I believe you log in, see both and then select International version. There was no one-month membership offered this year as examination preparation. Being more timely and cost-

effective to provide maximum benefit will be a priority going forward.

Stealing a line from the Rolling Stones, I said, that 'Time is on my side' with the addition of 'our'. We can accomplish a great deal going forward together. We just need to put in the time and effort.

Tim Laurain

Provincial Supervisor

Girls A OFSAA - Timmons	
Angelo Lia	Timmins
Evan Colameco	Timmins
Jamie Lamothe	Timmins
Adam Presseault	Timmins
Darcy Brazeau	Timmins
Jen Charrboneau	Ottawa
Irana Kutuzova	Ottawa
Harley Marshall	Durham
Wayne Mulzac	Durham
Alex Ivan	York
Gary Yensen	York
Carine Dimaio	Sudbury
Matt Goble	Thunder Bay
Nikki Millar	Hamilton
RC – Andy Potter	Peterborough
Assistant – Pierre Thibodeau	Timmins
Assistant – Charlie Ketter	Sudbury

Girls AA OFSAA – Belle River	
Mark Garvey	Windsor
Kevin Greenwood	Windsor
Jason Howie	Windsor
Matthew Kennette	Windsor
Josh Leeman	Windsor
Dave Marcon	Windsor
Suzy Pizzicaroli	Windsor
Mary Rondot	Windsor
Jaime Ireland	Chatham-Kent
Justin Ireland	Chatham -Kent
Amy Cotton	Kingston
Heidi Jaaskelainen	Guelph
Dave Frank	Elgin
Norman Handrigan	London
Kwame Djan	Toronto
Anderson St-Valle	Niagara
RC – Gary Schauer	London
Assistant – Nino Deluca	Oxford
Assistant – John McKibbon	Windsor

Girls AAA OFSAA - Toronto	
Fei Xiang	Toronto
Janice Lui	Toronto
Denise Perrier	Toronto
Umar Mir	Toronto
Daniel Falloon	Toronto
Gilbert Francisco	Toronto
Troy Bennett	Toronto
George Postalian	Toronto
Shu (Dennis) Dai	Toronto
Ellie Cianfrini	Hamilton
Jan Bays	Hamilton
Kayla Herdman	Sarnia
Laura Chapple	Ottawa
Anne Pastrana	York
RC – Ray Samuels	Hamilton
Assistant – John Grilli	Toronto
Assistant – Carl Richard	York

From the Desk of the Secretary/Treasurer & IAABO D9 Rep

I am going to keep my section very brief this edition.

Our current membership stands at a total of 1634 members consisting of 1436 Active, 101

Associate, 80 Non-officiating and 17 OABO Honorary members.

I would like to remind all board Treasurers that OABO fees are now past due and I want to thank the ones that have already remitted.

The OABO Constitution has been revised and was sent to all Local Board Secretaries. It is also posted on the oabo.ca site.

Things have been really busy so far this fall, being part of the OUA Oversight Committee. Sandy Forand, Vern Bovell and I, along with

Wally Gabler, Dave Wilson and Mike Havey have quite a bit of work in front of this this season.

And lastly for this edition, instead of a witty golf tid-bit I want to remind everyone of something I mentioned last November. It is

not plays or rulings that get us in trouble, it is the interpretation and presentation in that sometimes we still fail to THINK before we speak. Remember that THINK stands for True, Helpful, Interesting, Necessary, and Kind. I encourage you all to keep this in mind when talking to any player, coach, or even fellow

officials. If your thoughts don't contain things of THINK, don't speak. It's impossible to misquote silence.

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Membership Support Officer's Message - Tino DeCastro

News from around the Province

Condolences from the OABO Family to Rod Miller, President Thunder Bay Board on the passing of his father

BDABO's Chester Graham Inducted into the Midland Sports Hall of Fame

MIDLAND – It is a rare individual who can have a major impact on the whole spectrum of a community's sporting culture.



Chester Graham has accomplished just that during his time in Midland.

On Oct. 1, the former educator, multi-sport athlete and coach will add to his impressive sporting resumé when he is inducted into the Midland Sports Hall of Fame in the builders category.

Raised in Midland, sports were a big part of Graham's life from the time he could walk.

"It wasn't so much to keep us out of trouble, but more to keep us busy," he said.

"You played one sport or another from September to the end of August."

As a coach and teacher at Midland Secondary School for more than 25 years, Graham guided teams to numerous titles, including Georgian Bay and Ontario championships. He received the Len Self Community Coaching Award and the

Pete Beach Award as the top coach in the Georgian Bay Secondary Schools Association.

Graham was also a founding member of the executive with the Midland Mystics basketball club and co-founded the Midland Secondary School Spring Basketball League.

Graham noted he is extremely fortunate to have been endowed with the athletic skill to participate in numerous sports.

"I was able to do that because of the support of family, to make sure I got there as a player and participated whenever I could," he said. Passing along his love for sports has been a lifelong adventure for Graham, whether it was coaching, providing golf instruction and fundraising for Special Olympics, or assisting with the Pepsi Future Masters golf tour.

Graham has not slowed down in retirement, serving as a volunteer at the 2010 Winter Olympics and the 2016 Pan Am Games. Most recently, he was chairperson of the Ontario 55+ Summer Games organizing committee. He currently serves as chairperson of the Midland Sports Hall of

Fame.

His induction in the builders category will mark a rare sweep in the history of the hall of fame. In 1998, Graham was inducted in the athletes category, recognizing his accomplishments in golf, hockey and baseball. In 2004, he was inducted in the team category as a member of the 1996 Midland Indians, the Ontario Baseball Association Intermediate A champions.

The 2016-17 season will mark Graham's 49th year refereeing basketball in Simcoe County. As a certified provincial basketball evaluator, he travels throughout Ontario grading officials and providing guidance, advice and support. For much of his officiating career, he has also been an active member of the Ontario Basketball Officials Association.



. (Credit Mike Dodds)

Another chapter ends?

Reflection by Justin Walsh

October 29, 2016

It was a cold and rainy night in Ottawa when another CIS exhibition game was about to begin. Ottawa U was hosting Bishops and all seemed as usual. The players were anticipating another season, the coaches looked anxious to begin, the table crew was ready for the opening tip and the officials were across the floor preparing for the game.

But this was not just another game. This tilt marked the end of Bruce Covert's OUA officiating career; one that spanned a remarkable 30 years. Along with David Maxin, I had the honour to be on Bruce's crew for his last game. It was a game without incident - rather smooth from beginning to end. It was, however, another milestone for an official who

has had many - IAABO life member, OABO life member and Wink Willox Award winner to name just a few. More importantly, there was a presence of respect, commitment, passion for the game and camaraderie amongst the crew.



It seems fitting that I was on Bruce's crew for his final game as he was my crew chief for my first university game. It was the 2007-2008 season and Bishops was playing Queens in the old Queens P.E.C. KDBABO member Doug Fraser was our other crew member. It was a goal of mine finally reached and I was thankful

to have a mentor like Bruce. Years later, I am still thankful to have a great mentor who has tutored me throughout my OUA and CIS career.

Bruce was not a mentor to only myself, but to many. He has helped numerous officials in his role and OABO provincial supervisor through OUA camps, appointments and evaluations at OFSAA and OCAA tournaments and by being a crew chief on many games. He has always emphasized teamwork and the importance of relationships that are developed through officiating. The basketball officiating family is relatively small and the bonds created are invaluable. Bruce's approach always supported the development of officials, he provided officials with resources for improvement and he was certain to emphasize the need to enjoy yourself on and off the court. Why would you ref if you didn't enjoy it?

Thank you Bruce.

Basketball Officials Giving Back to the Community

Submitted by: David Bohnen (on behalf of the YRABO executive)

As officials we are judged by the difficult decisions we make on the floor, and our ability to manage the game and it's participants. However off the floor we have families, spend time with our friends, and are passionate about the community we live in. This could not be any more evident following an act of kindness displayed by the York Region Association of Basketball Officials (YRABO).

Every year YRABO offers to officiate free of charge for a tournament hosted by the Alexander Mackenzie High School girls' team, allowing them to raise funds and donate to the York Region Food

Network (YRFN). The YRFN is a local food bank that offers healthy alternative choices

to needy families. This year's event allowed the team to raise \$500. YRABO waives the nearly \$1000 game fees as a donation providing rookie officials a chance to work the first high schools games of their careers, while being mentored and evaluated by veteran YRABO members. YRABO Supervisor of Development Charlie Smith feels strongly about this development opportunity for the officials saying, "This tournament allows us to observe our first year officials referee real games early in the season. That is one of the most beneficial aspects of our partnership with Alexander Mackenzie".

Even though YRABO helped the team donate \$500 to the YRFN, the YRABO executive felt there was more that could be done, and thought it would be nice gesture if the board could also make some sort of donation to the organization. At its

October meeting the executive asked the membership to consider making a donation that would give back to the local community. By the time the board was

having their November meeting the membership had raised a remarkable \$1000. YRFN Executive Director Joan Stonehocker was in attendance to receive a cheque presented on behalf of YRABO (photo's below).

Between members donating money from game fees, and working with Alexander Mackenzie to run a tournament without paying officiating costs \$1500 was donated to the YRFN. The money will help families access healthy, nutritious food options. It will also help provide programs to educate families on proper nutrition, and bring families together in community gardens and kitchens.

YRABO President Clifton Grant shared how important a role YRABO can

play in the community saying, “One of the objectives of YRABO is to give back to York Region community both on and off the court. The York Region Food Network is a worthy organization that we are proud to associate and align YRABO with to help

their mission and Programs of Saving Food, Kitchen Confidence and Capability and Meal Distribution throughout York Region for

YRFN Executive Director and YRABO Evaluation Officer David Bohnen



needy Families. York Region has been Good to YRABO....our Mission...By giving back to our Community...YRABO will be good to York Region”.

Vice-President Brian Israel echoed those sentiments as he said, “Community awareness and involvement are two paramount principles on which YRABO strives to be active. As an organization we

pride ourselves in supporting organizations such as YRFN in recognizing we are all part of a larger circle.”

Like many officiating boards, YRABO cares deeply about their community, and giving back to it. This gracious act not only shows that officials are passionate about their community, more importantly it proves one thing...we are more than just officials.

YRFN Executive Director and YRABO Executive and Assignors



(Left to Right)
 First Row – Clifton Grant, Dennis Herbert, David Bohnen, Tony Rowe
 Second Row – Carl Richard, Rick Parnham, Jay Bernal, Tim Laurain, Brian Israel

YRABO Rookie Officials, Alex Mackenzie Basketball Team Captains and Athletic Council, and Richmond Hill City Councilor Karen Cilevitz



(Official Left to Right)
 Kelvin Li, Theodore Ibrahim, Matthew Cundari, Marco Pasquali, Ron Papa, Jason Gairey, Rickey Gairey, Lou Del Bove, Chris Li




ONTARIO BASKETBALL
ONTARIO BASKETBALL ANNOUNCES HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2016

Ontario Basketball (OBA) is pleased to announce the 2016 Ontario Basketball Hall of Fame inductees, Patricia (Pat) Laing (Official) and Susan Stewart (Athlete). Every two years, OBA accepts nominations for the Ontario Basketball Hall of Fame to honour individuals and teams who have attained incredible

success and made outstanding contributions to the sport of basketball in Ontario. Candidates are nominated by their peers in one of the following categories: athletes, coaches, builders, teams or officials. The Hall of Fame Selection Committee votes to determine the inductees in each bi-annual class.

The achievements of the Class of 2016 inductees are outlined below.

Pat Laing (Official)

Legendary basketball official, Pat Laing, had an impressive 42-year officiating career. Laing first picked up a whistle in 1958, and by 1964 she was selected to referee the Women’s Intercollegiate Athletic Union (WIAU) Basketball Championships. Laing officiated the championships until 1972. Shortly after beginning as an official,

Laing began to get involved in the administrative aspects of officiating, starting at the local level as Chair of the London Board of Women Officials from 1961-63 and then the Niagara District of Women Officials from 1965-66, and moving to the regional level with the District Committee of Officials Rating Board from 1968-74. Laing later served as Vice-President of the Ontario Association of Basketball Officials (OABO) from 1983-85 before being elected as President in 1985.

At the international level, Laing has held numerous roles with the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO) since 1972, including Women’s Coordinating Committee Chair (1972-77) and Executive Committee Member (1977-83). She is currently a member of the Constitution and Women’s Coordinating Committees.

Like many officials, Laing’s basketball career began as a player. As an undergraduate student in the Department of Physical Health and Recreation Education at Western University (BA ’54), Laing played for Western’s intercollegiate and intermediate basketball teams for two years each. After completing her undergraduate degree, she attended the Ontario College of Education at the University of Toronto. Upon graduation, Laing taught and coached at Whitby District High School (now Henry Street High School) for two years before returning to Western as an instructor and women’s basketball coach from 1957-59. Under Laing’s leadership, the women’s team won the WIAU Championships in both 1958 and 1959 for which the team was awarded the original Bronze Baby trophy. Laing has

previously received a host of awards to recognize her achievements from numerous organizations, including officiating organizations from the local to international levels, Ontario Basketball, Western University and the Province of Ontario. She has been a Life Member of IAABO since 2002 and Niagara District Basketball Referees’ Association since 1987 and a Honourary Member of OABO since 2002. The Canadian Association of Basketball Officials presented Laing with the Ted Earley Memorial Award in 1991, and Ontario Basketball honoured Laing with a Recognition Award in 2002. Additionally, Laing was the inaugural recipient of Women’s Athletic Alumnae Award from Western in 1989. The same year, Laing received a Special Achievement Award for basketball from the Province of Ontario. Laing retired from active

officiating in 2001, but she continued her involvement in the sport as secretary for the Niagara District Basketball Referees’ Association until 2013. She also helped train the Board’s new officials every fall, and she currently remains an active member of various IAABO committees. Laing’s contributions to sport in the province extend beyond the basketball court to the volleyball court as well. She had a similar 41-year career as a volleyball official from 1959 to 2001 that also involved administrative positions with the Niagara District Board of Volleyball Officials, who recognized her as Life Member in 2005.

OABO EXECUTIVE-2016/17

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OABO Camp Director / OABO Assistant Camp Directors

The OABO Executive is now accepting applications for the position of OABO Camp Director as well as OABO Assistant Camp Directors. The OABO Camp Director will be responsible for the overall operation and management of all OABO

Development Camps. The successful candidate will work closely with the OABO Executive Committee, the Ontario Basketball Association as well as any other party that expresses interest in hosting a Development Camp.

The duties expected of the Camp Director position occur at various times and include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Contact various parties to determine camp dates, locations, and number of officials required
- Develop camp descriptions which will include registration fees and have posted on the OABO web site
- Select all camp staff which will include Local Board observers/evaluators on a rotation basis.
- Request funding from CABO for Elite camp to have National Evaluators attend as staff
- Book any required accommodations for camp attendees and all staff

- Responsible for all Accounts Receivables and Payables that occur in the operation of all camps, as well as, preparing preliminary budget prior to the camps.
- Preparing a Financial Report for the OABO AGM
- Purchasing all clothing for all camp attendees and staff
- Plan and implement schedules for all camps, which includes organizing all the selected clinicians for all camps.
- Plan all social events held during camps
- Determine Audio Visual Requirements and updates as needed
- Other duties pertaining to any activity related to development camps as they occur.

The OABO Camp Director will attend OABO Executive meetings when requested by the OABO President to present updates.

Remuneration is negotiable for this position but will be somewhat close to an honorarium of \$100 per day per camp (includes the day before and all days of the camp) plus \$200 per camp. The above will include all personal expenses such as phone,

office supplies etc. Mileage will be paid at \$0.28 per km round trip. All receipted camp expenses (ie photo copies, DVD's, evening snacks for campers etc) will be paid from the camp budget.

The OABO Assistant Camp Director will be responsible for working directly with the Camp Director with respect to the overall operation and management

of specific OABO Development Camps.

The duties expected of the Assistant Camp Director position will occur at various times and will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Help develop camp descriptions which will include registration fees and have posted on the OABO web site
- Assist with the book of any required accommodations for camp attendees and all staff
- Assist with the Accounts Receivables and Payables that occur in the operation of all camps, as well as, preparing preliminary budget prior to the camps.
- Assist with the purchasing all clothing for all camp attendees and staff
- Help plan and implement schedules for all camps, which includes organizing all the selected clinicians for all camps.
- Help plan all social events held during camps
- Other duties pertaining to any activity related to development camps as they occur.

Remuneration is negotiable for this position but will be somewhat close to an honorarium of \$100 per day per camp (may include the day before and all days of the camp). The above will include all personal expenses such as phone, office supplies etc. Mileage will be paid at \$0.28 per km round trip. All receipted camp expenses (ie photo copies, DVD's, evening snacks for campers etc) will be paid from the camp budget.

If you are interested in either of the above positions for a term of 1 year please send your application/resume to the attention of Don Thorne, OABO Secretary/Treasurer via email donthorne@sympatico.ca

The deadline for the application(s) will be 5pm Sunday January 15th 2017.

In the Spirit of Co-operation

Sincerely

Jaime McCaig, OABO President

Ontario Cup

As a culmination to the club basketball season, each year Ontario Basketball organizes and stages the Ontario Cup Provincial Championships, which are open to all member clubs. Teams entered into the Ontario Cup are made up of community "rep" and club team programs. Ontario Basketball offers a competitive playing environment by hosting competitions in various divisions, with division one being the highest level of competition. Each level is offered to males and females athletes in nine age categories.

ONTARIO CUP PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Age Category	2017	2018	Location
U10 Girls	March 24-26	March 23-25	London
U11 Girls	March 24-26	March 23-25	London
U12 Girls	March 24-26	March 23-25	Newmarket
U10 Boys	March 31-April 2	April 6-8	London
U11 Boys	March 31-April 2	April 6-8	Windsor
U12 Boys	March 31-April 2	April 6-8	Niagara Region
U13 Girls	April 7-9	April 13-15	Niagara Region
U14 Girls	April 7-9	April 13-15	Brampton
U13 Boys	April 21-23	April 20-22	Milton
U14 Boys	April 21-23	April 20-22	London
U15 Girls	April 28-30	April 27-29	Durham Region
U16 Girls	April 28-30	April 27-29	Ottawa
U17 Girls	May 5-7	May 4-6	Kitchener-Waterloo
U19 Girls	May 5-7	May 4-6	Kitchener-Waterloo
U15 Boys	May 12-14	May 11-13	London
U16 Boys	May 12-14	May 11-13	Ottawa
U17 Boys	May 26-28	May 25-27	Markham
U19 Boys	May 26-28	May 25-27	Kingston

OABO 2017 Seminar



OABO EXECUTIVE Proudly Presents
2017 Seminar Weekend and AGM
September 29- October 1, 2017

More to follow.....

BASIC BASKETBALL OFFICIATING TERMINOLOGY FOR EVALUATIONS - 2 PO_{v2}

This Glossary of Terminology consists of edited FIBA Glossary published 2016 and some added terms from other FIBA documents/releases.

TERM		Explanation
45° (Forty-five degrees)	45°	This refers to the preferred angle of the referees' stance, especially in Lead and Trail position. Referees in L and T position will normally face the basket and maintain a 45° angle to maintain as many players as possible in his/her field of vision (in particular at when at the edge of the play).
50/50 Play		A play that is a foul but hard to determine who is at fault. A decision should be made. A foul should be called rather than a no call.
Action Area	AA	Action Area may involve players with or without the ball. Knowledge of various play situations (pick & roll, screening, post-ups, rebounding) will help referees identify Action Areas in their primary, or when extending or expanding coverage.
Active Mindset	AMI	Refereeing is about being ready. Good referees are constantly analysing the movements and actions of the players to be in position to see something illegal. Look for reasons to call illegal contact.
Angle(s)		Working the angles is attempting to maintain a line of vision where the referee can see between players to keep vision on the areas of greatest potential contact.
Anticipate (call)	AC	Describes the situation when a referee anticipates that a certain event will occur and blows his/her whistle before seeing and reflecting on the event. Usually, this refers to the case when the referee makes a mistake because what they anticipated did not actually occur.
Anticipate (play)	APL	Describes the situation when a referee can read the play and anticipate the next moves to come and adjusts his/her position/angle properly in advance of covering the upcoming play.
Authorised Signals		"Authorised Signals: Those signals made by the referee for official communication to players or the bench as outlined by the FIBA Basketball Rules:"
Bench Control	N/A	Referees ensuring that the players and coaches sitting on the bench do not violate the rules of sportsmanship.
Closed Down	CD	The Lead positioned at the edge of the restricted area along the endline.
Closed Angle	CA	A stacked or straight lined view of the action area in a referee's primary / secondary coverage area.
Consistency		Interpreting play situations and criteria the same way throughout the game.
Coverage	CG	The vision on the game of the two referees; good coverage means that the referees between them have all players in sight on and off the ball.
Cross Step	CS	When play starts to progress in one direction and designated referee takes steps in the opposite direction. This adjustment can be done in all positions as Lead and Trail.
Dead Ball Officiating	DBO	Refers to any actions that take place after the referee makes the call and before the ball becomes live again. Dead ball officiating is primarily proactive and requires that the officials are active during the dead ball period.
Distance (Spacing)		An IOT. The spacing to the play. Look to maintain an appropriate distance from the play. Proper distance to the play provides advantages as opposed to being too close/right on top of a play.
Double Whistles		When two referees simultaneously blow their whistles on a same play.
Dual Coverage	DUCE	Area of responsibility and actions that two referees have overlapping primary responsibilities on the same area or play.

Edge of the Play	EPL	In Lead, it is crucial to adjust your positioning with the ball and to be in line with outside players to maintain the players in the field of vision and an open look. When on the edge of the play, a referee is normally able to see more players and anticipate the next play situations better. This position is linked with the term "45° angle".
Extended Coverage	EXCE	At the highest level of officiating, an official must be able to extend coverage on two different play situations at the same time
Fantasy Call (Phantom Call)	FAC	Describes the situation when a referee calls a foul and there was no contact on the play (problem with self-discipline / "I don't see, I don't call"). This/her is different than Marginal Contact that is incorrectly called as a foul (problem with criteria).
Feel for the Game		The referee's ability to be sense what's going on the court: are tempers getting high; is the pace fast; is there too much contact occurring, etc.? A referee with a good feel for the game is in the best position to maintain game control.
Field of Vision		What is encompassed in the eyes of an official in the direction their eyes are focused. Being on a 45-degree angle on the edge of the play maximizes an official's field of vision on the court. A good field of vision allows for play coverage and greater court awareness (developing play, clocks).
Foul Lane		The restricted area at both ends of the court circumscribed by the foul line, foul lanes and baselines. Also called the "key" or "paint".
Free Throw Line Extended	FTEX	This/her imaginary line represents the extension of the free throw line across the width of the court.
Freedom of Movement	FOM	A cardinal term also in the rules denoting the ability of a player to move from one spot on the court to another without being unduly hindered. If contact caused by a player in any way restricts the freedom of movement of an opponent, such a contact is a foul.
Freeze		In the case of simultaneous whistles, the referee who feels he is in the least advantageous position to make the call (usually the referee furthest away from the incident) should remain stationary, momentarily (freeze) to allow his/her partner move toward the incident and begin administering the situation.
Game Control	GC	A referee is said to be in control of a game when the game is operating smoothly under the rules as intended and, as well as, the rules of sportsmanship being rigidly but fairly enforced. This is different than Game Management.
Game Flow	GF	The speed or tempo at which the game is being played. This/her is determined by the two contesting teams and the referees should attempt as much as possible not to interrupt this/her flow.
Game Saver	GS	An important and correct decision made by a referee irrespective to his/her position or area of responsibility at the end of a game that is crucial to protecting the game's integrity (literally "saves the game"), and if otherwise not made, could create a situation whereby the team that deserves to win the game, may not.
Giving Help	GH	Offers assistance outside his/her primary and makes a correct call after allowing his/her partner to make the call in his/her primary
Image of the Referee	IOR	How the referee is perceived by others. For example, if the referee is sloppy looking, the image they create may bias players and coaches to expect they will referee sloppily. A top referee's image is "Strong, Decisive & Approachable".
Individual Officiating Techniques	IOT	The technical aspects of individual refereeing how to referee the play using proper techniques such as Distance & Stationary, Refereeing the Defence, Active Mindset, "Staying with the play", Adjustment to maintain Open Angle, etc.
Inside Out (Angle)	IN-O	This/her generally refers to the Lead referee who may not be on the edge of the play and instead is looking from the Inside Out, instead of refereeing at a 45-degree angle with as many players as possible within his/her field of vision.

Interpretation of the Rules		Good refereeing requires that an official not apply the rules literally (i.e. contact is not allowed), but rather, judge each situation in regards to its effect on the play, i.e. interpreting the rules by their spirit and intention.
Judgement		The ability of a referee to look at each situation as it arises and come to a decision based on its effect or non-effect on play and to act accordingly.
Lead (Referee)	L	The Lead is the referee who leads the play up the court and whose responsibility includes coverage along the baseline at the attacking end of the court.
Marginal Contact	MC	Although basketball is a non-contact sport it is virtually impossible for players to move around the court without contacting each other. If the contact is seen to affect the play, then a foul should be called. Other contact which has no effect on the play is deemed marginal and can be ignored.
Mechanics	MEC	The technical aspects of refereeing i.e. how referees move, coverage, signals, administration of foul shots, jump ball situations, throw-ins, etc....
No Call	NC	Some of the best decisions a referee may make involve in refraining from blowing his/her whistle, when he judges a potential foul or violation does not contravene the spirit and intent of the rules.
Obvious Play	OP	Plays that are clearly visible to most of the participants in the game, including referees, coaches, players and spectators. Referees must be correct in these types of situations 100% of the time with no room for error.
Off the Ball	OFB	Concerns all aspects of play not directly involving the player with the ball and players closely adjacent to them.
Officials' Signals		"The hand signals officials use to communicate their decisions and reporting fouls to the scorer's table. While reporting to the scorer's table referees will verbally support the communication (in international games in the English language)."
On the ball		Concerns aspects of the play involving the player with the ball and players involved around that player.
Open Angle	OA	Clear view of the action in a referee's primary / secondary coverage area. Never leave an open look.
Opposite Side	OPS	This/her refers to the side of the playing court which is furthest away from the scorer's table.
Outside In (Angle)	O-IN	The preferred position of the Lead referee who is standing at a 45-degree angle and has as many players as possible within his/her field of vision.
Passive Referee	PAR	The referee who is not administrating free throw or a throw in, or to not tossing the ball during the jump ball at the start of the game.
Patient Whistle	PW	When referee processes the entire play START...MIDDLE...END before making a call.
Peripheral Vision	PV	To see widely to either side while looking straight ahead.
Phantom Call (Fantasy Call)	FAC	Describes the situation when a referee calls a foul and there was no contact on the play (problem with self-discipline / "I don't see, I don't call"). This is different than Marginal Contact that is incorrectly called as a foul (problem with criteria).
Preventative Officiating	PRO	Actions by officials to prevent problems from occurring by communicating with players and/or coaches. It can happen during live ball (post, perimeter play) as well as during dead ball.
Primary (Coverage)	PCE	Area of responsibility and actions that referee must always be able to cover.
Quick Whistle	QW	When a referee does not process the entire play before making a call. Sometimes quick whistles lead to unnecessary calls.
Reactionary Call		A foul call as a quick reaction to something rather than allowing yourself to process the play. More likely the closer to the play an official is, turning to a play and reacting to an action when not seeing the previous parts of the play or the play is moving very quickly.

Rectangle	RC	Refers to the frontcourt, which has been divided into 6 rectangular parts to define areas of responsibility.
Referee the Defence	RD	The priority when refereeing on ball is to focus the attention on the legality of the defensive player while keeping the offensive player with the ball in your field of vision
Regular call	RC	Considered to be normal call by the covering referee. Regular calls should not need assistance.
RSBQ		Definition for "Rhythm, Speed, Balance & Quickness". If contact is created between opponents and one of these parameters is affected, it generally means that "freedom of movement" is affected and thus, will normally be a foul.
Scan		Shifting your eyes to identify action areas and gain game awareness.
Secondary (Coverage)	SCE	Area of responsibility and actions that a referee can cover after ensuring that primary coverage is covered.
Selling the Call	STC	Placing emphasis on a call with louder voice and whistle and slightly more demonstrative signals. It should only happen on close calls if needed to help the call gain acceptance. Should not be over-emphasized.
Spirit and Intent of the Rules	N/A	The rules were not written to be interpreted literally, but rather, to stop players from gaining an advantage by using illegal methods. Thus, not all contact is a foul, only contact which causes a player to be disadvantaged by the initiator of that contact. Each incident needs to be judged by the effect it has on the game and not in complete isolation. A flexible interpretation of the rules is what is necessary; calling the game by the "spirit and intent" of the rules.
Start-middle-finish		The process of seeing the entirety, action and consequence, of a play from its beginning until completion to judge whether action is illegal or not.
Stationary		An IOT. When we're moving our eyes bounce, its harder to focus and concentration decreases. Work for the optimal positioning to view play while striving to be stationary when making decisions. Look to Move.....Stop.....Observe.....Decide
Stay with the Play	SWP	Refers to IOT that referee will not take his/her eyes and concentration off the play before it has ended.
Switching (referees)	SWP	Refers to switching the positions (roles) of the Lead and Trail after reporting the foul to Score Table. A switch may or may not be necessary depending on which official calls the foul. The calling official will stay or become the Trail to resume play.
Teamwork		The smooth functioning of the referee team to provide proper coverage and control to a game.
Tempo		The speed at which the game is being played. Are teams running up and down the court, fast-breaking and possibly making a lot of mistakes; or, are the teams playing in a deliberate manner in order to make full use of the ball and the shot clock, etc.?
Trail (Referee)	T	Under the 2-person officiating system one official always leads the play down to the end of the court and the other official remains close to and slightly behind the play to maintain the sandwich principle. It is always the Trail official's responsibility to detect basket interference and to notice whether a shot has gone in or not.
Two (2) Person	2PO	An officiating concept where two officials, designated Referee and Umpire, are working in the game. The officials work during the game in Lead and Trail position.
Warning	WAR	It refers to any situation when an official or officials determinate that a head coach or player should be warned for an incorrect conduct: normally behaviour or fake/flop.
Working Area	WA	Area in which a referee in any given position normally operates.

Walking the Walk, Talking the Talk

There is a great deal of basketball refereeing knowledge around the Province and evaluating expertise. As we have almost wholeheartedly committed to FIBA there is some legacy language/terminology and concepts that we should update to provide greater consistency and application in the development of our officials. This is the second draft (v2) of an Evaluation Glossary Document that can be used as a tool to aide that. The goal is aiding in effective, efficient and consistent development of officials.

There is a trend towards more quantifiable and thus, in theory, equitable, accurate and consistent evaluations. Checklists and numerical gradings are developed towards that goal. At the same time, consistent and accurate use of terminology within any narrative is another variable towards that same goal.

Please look to incorporate the following in your evaluations.

When Talking About Coverage/Positioning

Terms

- Angles
- Anticipate the play
- Spacing
- Closed angle/open angle
- Cross Step
- Edge of Play
- Stay with the play
- Action area
- On ball/Off ball
- Primary and Secondary Coverage

Suggestions

Talk about angles that officials get to their coverage and when making calls. Are they on the 45° when on edge of play? Do they have good spacing? Are they creating optimal fields of vision with positioning (angle and spacing)?

Talk about angle they have on the play. Are they creating open angles? When calls are made, do they have an open or closed angle? Terms we have commonly used are 'the look' we have and/or straight-lined.

The cross step is a key concept and is counter intuitive for some. We have historically asked officials to penetrate with the play when sometimes that doesn't maintain an open look. Get them to understand the application and goal to maintain an open look.

Identify if they are staying with the play or not both during live ball; are they maintaining coverage when they should or not? Are they following a play they have primary coverage on until they see start-middle-finish. Do they have a patient whistle? Having a patient whistle means processing the effect – seeing the finish to a play.

Are they demonstrating an active mindset by/are they identifying the correct action areas with visual scanning, positioning and anticipation (reading) of play? A term we have commonly used in competitive match-ups.

Are they refereeing the defense?

Calling the game

Look to quantify things for people. Identify strengths and weaknesses by quantifying what type of calls they got right. Made a correct blocking, charging, pushing etc. calls. Made incorrect calls/was inconsistent or not on what kind of calls?

Identify incorrect calls as Fantasy Call/Phantom call, reactionary call, missed call. Identify possible reason; incorrect spacing, not refereeing the defense, making a call with a closed angle or other. Are they incorrectly calling marginal contact a foul? Why should have the contact been considered marginal? Were obvious calls missed? Why? Are they not staying with the play?

Consider providing the extra level of detail as appropriate i.e. Travelling can occur catching the ball, holding a ball, starting a dribble, end of dribble. If the official is making correct travel calls at start of dribble but missing them end of dribble or vice versa then identify as such and possible solution rather than blanket “do a better job on travelling”.

When talking about contact use the criteria described in the rule book. Focus on (not limited to) published POEs from FIBA and CABO.

Talk about the IOTs

The Individual Officiating Techniques are the foundation for refereeing. They identify the basic proper officiating techniques that are supposed to be used at all levels to officiate. Evaluations should reinforce and develop understanding of these techniques. The IOTs that reflect on calling the game are:

- Distance & Stationary
- Refereeing the Defence
- Active Mindset
- Staying with the play
- Effective Positioning and Adjusting Positioning
- Decision making
- Understanding what you see

Other IOTs specifically address the mechanics and administration procedures of officiating the game:

- Jump Ball
- Time-outs
- Throw-ins
- Signals
- Time and foul Management
- End of Game and Period Coverage

Evaluations should reflect adherence to the criteria outlined in the IOTs and identify them as IOTs.

A couple of specific notes:

The clear majority of calls should be made with a consistent and controlled manner. The image to be conveyed is strong and decisive. Selling a call is defined as placing emphasis on a call with louder voice (not too much louder, not yelling) and whistle and slightly more demonstrative signals. It should only happen on those occasions if needed to help a close call gain acceptance. Do not over sell a call(s).

Time and foul management IOT refers to generating awareness and administration of clocks and fouls to prevent correctable errors and ensure smooth administration of the game. Comments such as “The fouls were 6 – 1 so a call was or was not made” should not be the criteria we are identifying as the reason to or not to call fouls. Was the

action illegal? Are we being consistent with criteria applied in the game? Yes FIBA identifies a need for “Feel of the Game” and there are situations for game control and flow (two criteria for calling the game) that something that was deemed close to illegal before is now illegal. Its deeper than this and we can explore this further going forward.

Mechanics

Are officials switching correctly? Are officials using the authorised signals? Are they following proper procedures?

See comments earlier on IOTs.

Game Control

- Image of A Referee
- Warning
- Preventative officiating

Many factors go into game control. It is an important part of officiating. Game control has been identified as a priority by FIBA and a POE for CABO.

Identify what and what not they are doing to project the image of “Strong, Decisive and Approachable”. What you say and how its said including tone and non-verbal is important? Identify specifics for improvement.

Identify use of good preventative officiating and when it may have helped. If so, talk about the why and how. Preventative officiating is about awareness (how are they gaining/not gaining that awareness?) and communication whether verbal and/or non-verbal.

Something that we probably could do better yet as an officiating whole in Ontario is appropriate use of warnings. Are they appropriately incorporated into the game?

Consider making the connection, if appropriate, to how well the game was called – consistency and judgment and impact on game control.

The intent of this document is to help facilitate a updated and consistent application of criteria and terminology in our evaluation and development of officials. I encourage you to send me all suggestions and feedback you have and let’s work at constantly improving our service to the game and our officials. Thank you to all.

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