



Edmonton Basketball Officials Association

TipOff

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From the President

The second half of the season is well underway and I wanted to thank everyone for their efforts; from the assignors, to the mentors, to the officials. A lot of work goes into making this Association successful and from time-to-time it is important that we reflect upon that.

That is not to say that we are perfect and don't have issues that need to be addressed on a timely basis either. For the most part, we are really happy and thank you all for your efforts.

At our next General Meeting, I will be providing an update on the vacant Junior Assignor position and how the Executive plans to move forward. Members of the Executive will also be available to have a question and answer period with all Senior A/B officials at the conclusion of the meeting. If anyone has any questions relating to anything the Association is involved with, or how it operates, please plan to attend. We will also be providing updates on the selection process of officials for Provincial and National appointments.

Thanks again for your efforts - I look forward to seeing you on the basketball court.

Stephane Labonne
President
EBOA

Assignor's Report

In this extremely busy part of the season I would appreciate your support in two areas:

1. The usual - please use the calendar in Arbiter to keep your availability updated. I hate it when ARBITER tells me your available and you decline an assignment. Is that because you pick and choose which games you'll do and which you won't? If that's it, then maybe you can stop wasting my time and just tell me straight out what you will and won't do. Or, is it because you just forgot to block that time. Once or twice is believable. More than that is suspicious.
2. Please accept assignments promptly. There's an expiry date on the assignments. Please try to decide before that date. I need to move along and you're creating a problem for me if you just allow the assignment to sit there without making a decision. If you need more time, a simple e-mail telling me so would be helpful.

Now that I've dumped all over you, please allow me to say that the cooperation I get from EBOA members as a group is phenomenal and I thank you very much.

Lace 'em up tight! It's gonna be a busy time!

Gil





Community Corner

I would like to direct my community comments to the coaches of EYBA teams.

Sometimes the officials reffing your games are less experienced; there is a shortage of refs and yelling at officials does not help the situation!

At any time if safety is an issue please; first ensure that you coach your players about good sportsmanship, good defensive and offensive skills and then, feel free to write a letter if the opposing coach is not practicing these concepts.

Feel free to call off the game at any time that you feel the game is unsafe and write a letter with your concerns, but please do not lecture refs on or off the court; and certainly do not yell at them; you do not help them and you are not mentoring players, parents and spectators on fair play and good sportsmanship.

REMEMBER THE EYBA MOTO:
FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME!

Any EBOA officials that want Community games please call or email Ed. Contact info is on Arbiter.

Ed Harasem

Junior Development Officer

Well folks, the festive season is over and our Jan break is just done to, so now to get back to the real world. Hope you all had a great Christmas and new year.

On the evaluation side of things we have 6 novices and 15 community league officials left to do. I hope those who have been evaluated are taking heed of their written evaluations and are working on the points noted by their evaluator. When you go out for games and you are working with a more senior official, ask him or her to watch you and see if you are doing things the way you are supposed to or are working on a couple of points you were told, and see if it is better now etc. This is how us old guys get better. Senior officials do not hesitate to point out anything good or that needs improvement.

Also, take a few minutes the day before your next assignment and review the handouts we gave you at the clinics. They will help you tremendously.

There is still a lot ball left to do - now is the busiest time of our season. Keep Gil and Ed up to date with your availability, always check the Arbiter to see if you can help out on the self assign board.

Every extra game you can do means a lot to Ed and Gil.

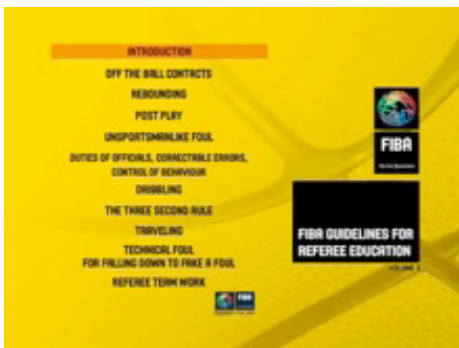
See you at the meeting on the 24th or on the court.

Fred Goldring
Junior Development Officer

FIBA GUIDELINES – VOLUME 3

Now Available from the EBOA Video Library

This new FIBA DVD focuses on the 2008 Points of Emphasis & modified Rule interpretations.



1. Off The Ball Contacts – Movement of the Offensive Player
2. Rebounding – Pushing, Holding, Extended Arms
3. Post Play – Off The Ball Play, On The Ball Play
4. Unsportsmanlike Foul – Fouls After Losing the Ball, Fouls During Fast Break
5. Duties of Officials – Bench Decorum, Correctable Errors
6. Dribbling – Carrying & Palming The Ball, Change of Direction
7. 3-Second Rule – Clearer definition and interpretation
8. Traveling – Falling Down, The Pivot Foot
9. Technical – Faking a Foul, Other Contact
10. Referee Team Work – Player's Control, Conflict, Communication, Warnings

Improve Your Game!

Leo Mangano, EBOA Video Resource Library [Check 'The Arbiter' for contact info]
Karen Lasuik, Education & Development Officer



In The Know

It's January...the heart and soul of the basketball season. Each and every game is extremely important as teams jostle for playoff positions, and opportunities to make it to Provincials and Nationals. What are you as an official doing to ensure you're prepared to put an A performance on the floor, each and every time you go out? Are you working on specifics you've heard from your mentor, peers, observers...or do you nod your head in agreement, and then go back to your usual routine?

Here are some thoughts as you hit the court for the second half of the season.

FOUL CONCEPTS

- 1. Call plays with disregard to the circumstances or consequences.**
Use logic and common sense without worrying about what the outcome will be.
- 2. Call plays with courage and without fear.**
Just go out and blow your whistle. Use your gut instinct.
- 3. Play Calling – On and off ball.**
Anyone can ref on ball... can and do you ref the off ball stuff?
- 4. Consistency /Court Presence.**
Coaches only ask for a consistent game on each end of the floor.
Do you work hard to ensure you deliver this?
- 5. Floor Coverage**
Do you discuss this with your partner prior to hitting the court to avoid confusion and to ensure the entire floor is covered as well as it can be?
- 6. Position Adjustments**
Always be moving to get an open look and to see the defense.
- 7. Communication/Team Partnering**
Trust your partner. Help each other. You don't always like everyone you work with, but make it work for the game you're officiating.
- 8. Play Calling/Establish Guidelines**
Make calls from the tipoff that define what the tone/tempo will be from the start, and stay within those guidelines the entire game.
- 9. Leadership Referee**
Be the type of partner that makes their crew better, through thick or thin.

Expectations on us are going to be high from here on in.
The highest expectations, however, should be the ones you put on yourself.

Karen Lasuik
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