



Edmonton Basketball Officials Association

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2007-'08 season is almost behind us (of course with the exception of a number of tournaments/events such as the Jasper Place Spring League, EBA playoffs, the Great Canadian Shootout, Annual NBA Hoop-it-Up 3-on-3 tournament, etc), and so it is time to reflect on the season that was, and begin to prepare for what is in store for the Association in 2008-'09.

Your Executive has been working hard this year on achieving the objectives of the Association. A few of the highlights include:

- Developed and implemented guidelines and policies for the EBOA Discussion Forum.
- Developed a Memorandum of Understanding with Basketball Alberta regarding the Annual NBA Hoop-it-Up 3-on-3 tournament clarifying the roles of Basketball Alberta and the EBOA.
- Developed and implemented another successful education and development training program.
- Officials attending Provincials and Nationals performed very well.
- Exchanges were successfully coordinated between Grande Prairie, Red Deer and Fort McMurray.
- Developed the EBOA Resource Library.
- Implemented an increase in game fees.
- Effectively managed complaints from leagues through the Member-at-Large.
- Continued to effectively manage the Associations' finances (surplus of approximately \$5,000).

- Initiated consultation with membership – much more planned for October and November.
- Completed review of EBOA bylaw (special thanks to Dave Buffie, Fred Goldring, John Byrne, Kandee O'Leary and Al Ward), including a new structure for policies.
- Developed a Code of Conduct for all EBOA members.

Opportunities for 2008-'09 include:

- Development of a web-based complaint tool.
- Policy Development:
 - Records retention policy
 - Travel policy
 - Honorary Life Member policy
 - Assignment policy
 - Awards policy
- Executive minutes available on the website.
- Continue to consult with membership on ways to improve processes, policies, etc.

Thank you all for your dedication to the EBOA, as well, for the efforts you have put fourth in each and every game officiated this past season.

I wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing all of you in September.

Yours in basketball,

Stephane Labonne, President
Edmonton Basketball Officials Association



Junior Development Officers 2007 - 08 Annual Report

This was quite a year. We were down a number of officials within the EBOA resulting in a very busy year for most of us. This year the EYBA encountered many gym and schedule changes, which drove Ed and myself crazy. Thursday and Fridays were always busy arranging evaluators and fitting them in with their own schedules.

We had 40 novice officials and 73 community league officials. We conducted 4 community league clinics, a last chance clinic for Junior and above officials, an EYBA Spring League Clinic as well as a clinic for the St Albert Community League.

We managed to get evaluations done on all but one official, thus a very high success rate. A number quit and there were a number of coaches who did not want to be evaluated. For some reason this year a lot of games were in Beaumont, which made it difficult to get to.

I would like to thank Bob Sexsmith, Barry Dunn and Angie Celino who along with me did the bulk of the evaluations as well as Bill Adamoski, Bob Pollard, Al Ward, Hutch, Amanda Goth and Harry Vink who managed to squeeze evaluations in despite their busy officiating schedules.

There were some very good novices to come out of this year's crop. Many were assigned games what first year officials would normally get, yet they did very well. We hope they all will come back next year. A number of community league officials blossomed however we anticipate we will face an 85% attrition next year.

I also wish to thank those who worked with the novices and community league officials and helped them along. Much of their success is due to this help and encouragement.

It was another good year, I enjoyed myself and all the challenges the job encounters.

Fred Goldring
Junior Development Officer
EBOA





Assignor's Report

The demands for our services continue to grow, however our recruitment and retention is not keeping up. Although we signed up several new members, our net position for the year was 22 fewer officials than the previous year. Clearly, this trend can't be allowed to continue.

This year, for the first time in my tenure as assignor, I had to call a high school and tell them no officials were available for their game. Our assistant assignor faces this same type of call many times a week in our busy season – Jan-Feb.

We have plenty of officials, but the key element is AVAILABILITY! We all have jobs and families and other commitments, so the demand on our time is sometimes prohibitive.

Our tournament weekends have generally been filled to capacity. If we maintain our level of membership, we will be able to continue to fill that need. There doesn't appear to be any increase in tournament play. It's been pretty constant for several years.

Many of you will recall the pleading e-mails I sent over and over again. I offer a sincere 'Thank You' to those members who responded and helped me solve those problems.

In retrospect, I feel EBOA continued its tradition of providing excellent service to its clients. Thank you all for doing your part.

Gil

From Sept. 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008,
152 referees accepted 11 634 assignments.
That's an average of 76.5.

10-50 games.....	50 officials
51-75 games.....	40 officials
76-100 games.....	25 officials
101-150 games.....	25 officials
151-200 games.....	8 officials
201-252 games.....	4 officials

Our major clients:

ACAC	175 games
ACAL	20 games
Campus Rec (intramurals)	260 games
EBA	1600 games
High School	1800 games
EYBA (spring league)	465 games
JP (spring league)	400 games
STAM	105 games



Community Yearend Report:

We had another successful year at the **Community Level**. I would first like to thank all the community officials who did such a great job and covering all the extra game slots. Ref incidents were also way down this year. GREAT JOB!

I would like to thank all the EBOA officials who made the MENTORSHIP program a great success. I would like to thank Fred Goldring and his evaluators for keeping an eye on all the community officials. Also thanks to Fred and all his clinicians for all the great clinics. Thanks to Al Ward and Bob Sexsmith for filling in at the last moment at the

last clinic. I would like to Thank Tom Vasquez for working closely with me on weekends so that we could fill not only his tournaments but also all my community games.

Lastly the PROVINCIALS went extremely well again. I want to thank all the officials who worked for me, for Tom at the Native Games , for Gil on EBA playoffs and for the people who went to Ft. Mac. all on the same busy weekend; you made EBOA look good. EBOA did an outstanding job. I just want to share a few accolades: Bob Sexsmith and Frank Searle did some mini games for me at the provincials.....total experience between the two of them: 80 years.....Thank You Gentlemen.

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**Development & Education Officer's REPORT
General Meeting - April 22st, 2008**

Provincial/National Congratulations

Well done to all who went to a Provincial or National this year.

Out of 19 who went to Provincials, 15 worked either a semi-final, or a medal game. Congratulations to Derek Sorensen and Lanny White who had very strong performances at their respective National Championship, and to Susan Yackabowski who worked the Boys Final at the Arctic Winter Games.

Resource Library Update

FIBA video seems to be the biggest hit. Sporadic usage...would like to see more officials taking advantage of it.

Upcoming Season Plan:

- Looking to add 5 new DVD's
- Revamping the website page with better descriptions and reviews.
- Display Table promotion at meetings.

Evaluations

Did not quite get everyone seen this season (21) due to a number of people canceling assignments, or observers would show up thinking certain individuals would be there and they were not.

Members need to take more ownership themselves and contact Cam or myself to be seen, particularly when the season is winding down and you have not been seen. It's part of your membership fee, so take advantage of it.

Those not seen this season will not be charged for an evaluation.

Scholarships

Four \$250.00 Scholarships Available this year. Website will specify the type of letter you need to submit to be considered.

COMMUNITY YEAREND REPORT • CONT'D

I have a letter to share with you from Blair Stankowski, coach of Bow River Bantam 1 Boys team that represented Calgary at the Provincials:

I felt it necessary to send this message to congratulate all in Edmonton for a job well done!!! I watched many Bantam and Midget games over the weekend and noticed that games were geographically sound, organization was awesome, awards/t-birts/medallions were classy, games were on time, scorekeepers did a great job, and I FOUND YOUR REFEREE QUALITY TO BE FANTASTIC. I must mention 4 individuals that officiated bantam games which were fair, consistent, compassionate, and most importantly called many infractions. (crucial to skill development, especially at the provincial level).

These were referees: Lisa Giesinger, Shannon Taylor, Steve Hanrahan, and Alex Hanrahan. The ABA or ABOA are lucky to have sound people as them. Please pass this on to the necessary committees, etc. Great Job...Edmonton!!

Blair Stankowski.

Lastly, my speech would not be complete if I didn't mention for the last time this season....

START RECRUITING REFS FOR NEXT SEASON ALREADY!!!!!!

Thank You Once Again For A Great Season!

Ed Harasem
EBOA Community Assignor

