

President's Message

Obviously the season is in gear now, and high school is about to kick into full swing so it is imperative that we continue to work hard, not only with the physical side, but also the mental prep and rules knowledge that we must consistently develop. I encourage everyone who has the opportunity to make time and attend the exam prep night Nov. 21st at Louis St. Laurent, 7pm. I will be there to facilitate a review on NCAA rules as well as try to answer any questions. If you've had any specific game situations that you'd like to discuss, I'd definitely encourage your participation. It will be a great chance to prepare and develop your knowledge of the rules.

Gil and I recently met with representatives from the Metro High School

basketball league and had a very productive meeting. It was good to take the opportunity to listen to the concerns and suggestions presented. A few things I feel are worth sharing came out of that meeting. On our website in the "Tool Kit" we have a guide to *Helping Your Table Crew* authored by Dean Rootsart – take the chance to review that document. Work really hard at developing your ability to communicate with coaches, and if you are having issues with coach behavior, remember that the majority of coaches are also teachers, and you can play to that fact in terms of managing and encouraging positive behavior. It is not always necessary to leave the vicinity of the court immediately at the end of the game. Assuming there weren't any issues that would make it necessary

to leave asap, take the time to make yourself available to shake the hands of players and coaches. We can be the ultimate model of sportsmanship, and look for opportunities to promote that ideal. I have also been invited to spend some time training Junior High coaches for Edmonton Public in the first part of December, and look forward to continuing to foster the positive relationship we have built over the years.

The upcoming ABOA exam is closed book, except for novice (first year) officials who will write the exam open book with the Junior Development Officer, Fred Goldring, on exam night.

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Dates to Remember



November	21	Rules Review LSL 7:00 pm
November	28	Exam Night LSL 7:00 pm
December	10	Christmas Social Cosmos Greek Taverna 10810 - 124 Street.



Presidents Message continued ...

As in the past we will endeavor to offer the following four sites as alternate options for writing the exam. Southside: At my office (Gateway Blvd. & Ellerslie Rd.), Gil Desmarais' home (Bears paw); Northside: Ed Harasem's work (Rossllyn School), Fred Goldring's home. These sites are to facilitate the writing of the exam if you are unable to attend exam night. Bring a HB pencil! To arrange an appointment, contact the appropriate individual directly. Exam Night is the last opportunity to write the exam, and as such, the alternate writing sites are available up to and including Nov. 28 only. It is each member's responsibility to ensure that they complete the exam within this time frame.

AS IS THE CASE EACH YEAR:

- 1) If you fail to complete the exam by the date specified above you will not receive EBOA assignments until you have written the exam.
- 2) Any official who does not write the exam on or before November 28 will be ineligible to receive Provincial or National assignments.

As a reminder 66% is considered a passing grade, 80% is required to work a Provincial assignment, and 86% for National assignments (CIS Men).

The FIBA exam results are in and if you have not yet been notified of your mark, please contact Karen Lasuik. 80% is required on the FIBA exam to officiate ACAC and 86% for any National Assignments (College Men/Women & CIS Women).

Take care and I hope to work with you soon and see you on the 28th.

Perry Stothart

Member at Large

To-date, EBOA has received eight grievances or complaints regarding the conduct of our officials. In most cases, it appears many issues have resulted from significant point spreads, while others appear to be caused by a "perception" of calls going against one team, more so than the other.

I am encouraged by the efforts our officials have made in attempting to control some very difficult situations. While examples such as players yelling at officials, balls and water bottles being thrown either directly at officials, or in their vicinity, all of these situations have been dealt with

very effectively. I understand how difficult some of these situations can be. Our Executive will continue to support our Members when situations such as these occur. I would remind our Members that IF situations such as those mentioned previously occur, to please notify me within 24 hours.

On another note, Richard Kwok and I will be working through the forms most of our Members submitted relating to mentors, etc. Most of you should hear from us in the very near future. Thank you to everyone that has submitted their form.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for their efforts. Officiating athletic competitions in general, is one of the most difficult activities to participate in. The Executive is here to support you. I look forward to working with everyone.

BE committed;
BE professional; and
BE a great partner.

Stephane Labonne



Community Corner

Important Contact Information

Voice Mail and Main Number **988-4851**

This is your first line of communication for changes or problems. You must give me lots of lead time for cancellations or I am expecting you to work!

eharase@hotmail.com (your availability connection)

Cell Phone - **970-3262** (970-EBOA) ***For Emergencies!!***

www.edmontonyouthbasketball.com Community website for rules and pay scale and you can also check game schedules to see who is playing:

Some Things To Remember for Games:

When you get to the gym, change your shoes.

Make sure you have your whistle and a clean ref shirt and the rule book.

Make sure the clock is set-up.

Talk to captains, remind them of good sportsmanship!

First jump ball, teams shoot at the basket they practiced at. After that every jump ball is alternating possession (arrow points to direction of play-not bench).

Each ref should meet the coaches and remind them:

To pay you first, (sign their receipt...carry some change (the amount per game is in the rule book)

To provide a score keeper and or times

To fill out the game sheet-(home team should provide)

Teams warm up at opposite end from the bench

If:

Only one ref shows up (this should not happen), get paid a portion by both coaches, the rule book lets you know how much

Only one team shows up, the coach must pay both officials.

There is a problem (closed gym, no teams, call voicemail as soon as you can and leave a message with your full name, phone number, name of school, date and times of games that were to be played - you will be paid

Most Importantly

Don't be afraid to blow your whistle to call out of bounds, travel and fouls (push/illegal use/block/charge).

Do not let fans, coaches, players upset you, CONFIDENCE will come with experience.

HAVE FUN

Ed Harasem

Junior Assignor

Junior Tournaments start December 8th. Anybody who wants to do junior high, please let me know by email, especially the newer officials. The regular season starts December 19th.

Tom Vasquez

From the Assignor

High school starts soon - lace 'em up tight!

Please keep your availability updated so I don't get too many "declines". That really slows things down and messes up my plan to put the best available referee in every game and maintain a 'fairness to all'(as much as possible).

Please look at your daytime schedule for Thursdays and Fridays.

Don't assume that I know when you are and when you are not available.

Please put the appropriate blocks in Arbiter.

Gil Desmarais



IN THE KNOW

It's exam month! If you haven't already done so, you'll find the NCAA Practice exam and key on the ABOA Website.

A reminder that next Tuesday, November 21st, there is a rules review night at LSL, 7:00pm . For those of you who may have questions, need clarification on some rules, or simply want an opportunity to partake in a group study session.

Exam night is Tuesday, November 28th, mark it on your calendar. As you well know, basketball does not take the night off, so those of you who accept assignments on that evening must write the exam prior.

There are 4 venues to do just that, starting on Wednesday, November 22nd. They are:

- Perry Stothart's House – Southside
- Gil Desmarais' House - Southside
- Fred Goldring's House – North Side
- Ed Harasem – Rosslyn Jr. High School – North Side
- Karen Lasuik's House – West End

It is up to you to make arrangements with one of these individuals if you prefer to write in a quiet atmosphere, or have accepted to work games on exam night.

A reminder that you must score 66% to be eligible to officiate, 80% to be eligible to work High School Provincial Championships, and 86% to be eligible to work CCAA or CIS Nationals.

This is a closed book exam! Don't forget to bring your own pencil to write!

Good Luck Everyone!



Karen Lasuik

Junior Development

Here it is, the middle of November plus and we are well into the current basketball season. The community league and Novice evaluations are going well, we have about 60% completed. We hope to have all the community league evaluations done by the Christmas break.

Myself and the evaluation team have been busy, seeing as many as 15 officials on any given Saturday. We have noticed that many young officials are getting better as well as some are still doing the same old stuff as last year and earlier in the year after being told what to work on and how to improve. Some have taken it to heart while just as many have not. I cannot emphasize enough that as community league officials and novices who only ref once a week at this time of the year. it is imperative that you go over your handouts on positioning, rules, and what to do when , etc. a day or two

before your assignments. If you take the time to read this stuff it will help you out and make officiating fun, make you better officials as well as rewarding both physically and monetarily.

The program of scheduling experienced EBOA officials with community league and novices is working fairly well. The evaluators have noticed that during time outs, any lengthy delays, etc. that the two officials are not talking to each other and even the simplest thing like - tuck your refs jersey in - is not being relayed to the younger officials. More is expected from the experienced officials while working with our younger officials. That is one of the reasons you are out there. Take ever opportunity to remind the younger officials to:

- blow your whistle louder
- don't stand in one spot when the lead on the baseline

- bounce the ball to the inbounder when you are the trail
- use a more louder voice
- don't be afraid to blow the whistle

The more experienced officials should be encouraging your partners during the game by say out loud things like - good call partner, so he/she gains confidence.

Community officials, take the opportunity to ask your more experienced partners - „how am I doing? what should I work on? etc

Lets all dig in and try harder.

Novices, study for the test and come out to the rules review scheduled for Nov 21st. Read those handouts.

We'll see you on a court somewhere.

Fred Goldring