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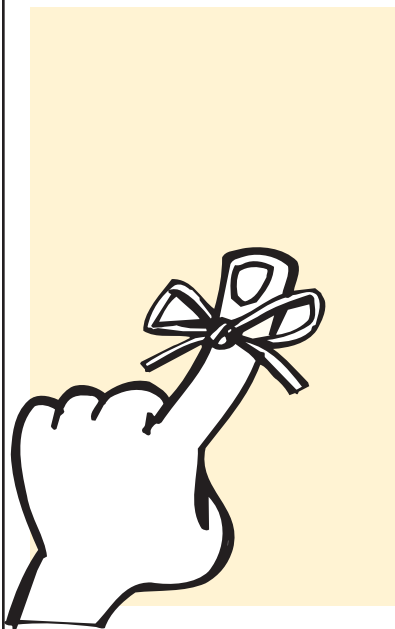
to

Melanie Gray

on her recent wedding!

Please Note
all meetings are now at
LOUIS ST. LAURENT
11230 43 Ave

Dates to Remember



October	18	Jr-Int Clinic
	21-22	Community League Makeup Clinic Rosslyn
	25	General Meeting
November	8	Executive Meeting
	15	Rules Review Night
	22	Exam Night & General Meeting
December	11	Christmas Social

Check out the Web site for details
on tournaments



President's Message

We enjoyed a good turnout at our first meeting at the end of September. I appreciate the participation of all those present and the passing of the motion to support the GO Centre.

Attendance to our monthly general meetings is not optional. Our ability to relay information effectively and clearly depends on direct contact with our membership. As a result of the trend we have experienced over the past few years with decreasing numbers at meetings during the season, we will now record attendance at each meeting.

To again outline the policy presented by the executive at the September meeting, there are 5 general meetings: September 20, October 25, November 22 (exam night), January 24, and April 25 (AGM). The social events: December Christmas party, February Molson Night, Pay Night in May not included. Each member must attend a minimum of 3 of the 5 general meetings, and a failure to do so will result in a fine of one game fee for each missed meeting below the minimum (i.e. attending 1 out of 5 will result in a fine equivalent to two game fees). If you already skipped the September meeting that's 3 out of 4 you'll need to attend. If you have any questions remaining about this policy feel free to contact me directly.

Requests for excused absences must be made in writing to the executive and will be decided on a per case basis. The responsibility is yours to ensure you comply with the policy.

I must address a couple of issues with regards to EBA that continue to be mishandled.

- Firstly, jewelry is not acceptable wear for a basketball game. Taping your earlobes to cover earrings is not acceptable. If the individual argues that "they don't come out" they have obviously made their decision and they don't get to play... you have to give up the fashion for the exercise. We cannot have disagreements with our partners at the start of games when one partner says it is okay and another correctly enforces the rule.
- Secondly, I couldn't believe it when Gil posted on the arbiter that EBA games don't end in ties! Again, we are forced to repeat what has been said many times. Play overtime! If you are running long and need to shorten the OT and play two minutes instead of five, so be it... but determine a winner!

The makeup clinic is this weekend (Oct 21,22) at Rosslyn. Please take the opportunity to pass the information along to anyone who may be interested in officiating. It is earlier than in years past and falls on a weekend when there are no community league games. The EYBA is hosting a coaching seminar and I have again been invited to address the issue of referee abuse as part of the training this weekend.

I wish everyone a good start to the season now that things are underway and I'll see you on the 25th.

Perry Stothart
President

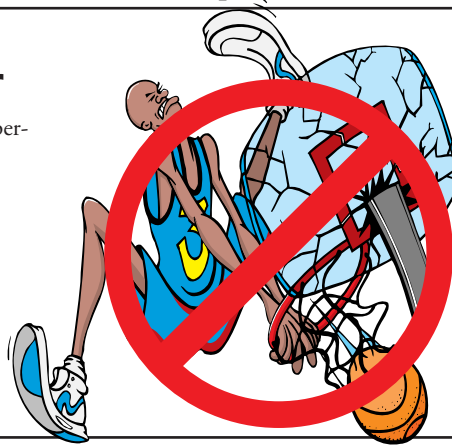




From the Assignor

EBA has declared that dunking is NOT permitted ANYTIME.
Broken rims are the reason.

Gil



Jr High Assignor

There is a tournament on the 15, 16 and 17th of December (JJ Bowlen is the host).

Junior High season starts on the 20th of December.

Thanks,
Tom

Junior Development Officer Report

The clinic on September 23 & 24, 2005 attracted 97 Community League, 22 Novice, 10 Sophomore and 1 other for a total of 130. There were others who registered but did not attend the clinic. These will have to attend the make-up clinic on October 21 & 22, 2005.

The Community League started on October 1st and we received one complaint from games played that day. The complaint involved 2 EBOA officials and their wrongful interpretation of the rule concerning the time allowed to replace a disqualified player. The coach was told that he had only 10 seconds to replace the disqualified player. The rule was changed this year and the time

allowed a coach to replace a disqualified player has been reduced from 30 seconds to 20 - this is not a "time-out".

It is imperative that EBOA officials who work with Community League or Novice officials make sure that whatever interpretation they apply to a rule is the correct one, otherwise, we are setting up our inexperienced officials to fail.

There were no Community League games on October 08 and there will also be no games on October 22 - the day of the make-up clinic.

Evaluators/observers will be in many of the gyms on October 15th to observe, evaluate, give feedback and provide written feedback to the official observed within a week or 10 days of the observation.

Let's all work together to make the EBOA the most efficient and knowledgeable Board in Alberta.

Bob Sexsmith
Junior Development Officer

From the Member at Large

How time flies! The ACAC, EBOA and Community Leagues are going strong. I am back on the floor with the bionic knee and so far it is holding up.

In the next couple of weeks all EBOA members will be contacted about our Mentoring Program. We will provide you details of the goals of the program and the commitment we are asking you all to make by taking part in it.

Mentoring provides all our officials the opportunity to be able to work closely in a setting that offers experienced officials the ability to share their knowledge and newer officials to be able take advantage of that knowledge to improve and develop.

We believe an active Mentoring Program will help all officials involved improve and contribute to building a stronger EBOA. When you are contacted by one of us please be ready to take part in this program.

On the EBA front – **NO JEWELRY** – they cannot tape it, they cannot play just this one time because it was just put in, they cannot wear it because they were allowed to last game, they cannot wear it because they cannot take it out and if we don't let them play they will not have five players, etc., etc, etc.

NO JEWELRY!

Bob Pollard
Member at Large



IN THE KNOW

Good officials conduct a pregame conference with their partners. But that's not enough. To continue to officiate in a quality manner, you should do a halftime conference. To improve for the future, you need to do a postgame review. Here's some tips from "Referee Magazine", November 2004 issue.

Pregame Conference

The need to do a pregame conference has been drilled into the officiating psyche. A good pregame ensures you and your crew are ready for the game. In particular, it accomplishes two important goals. It gets your head into the game – your previous anxiety or stress about your job, spouse, traffic, whatever – are minimized so that they do not affect your game and it gets your crew on the same page so you can be consistent.

Halftime Conference

Good coaches make the appropriate adjustments at halftime so they prepare their teams to be in the best possible position to win. Good officials need to do the same to call the best game they can possibly call. A halftime conference, however brief, ensures your crew reviews what is going on in the game. But it is a good idea to begin after your crew has had a chance to catch its breath mentally and physically. Officiating requires concentration above all else and an important part of halftime is for you to take a break from that intensity.

Your halftime conference may include a number of issues. It may be about specific players: "White 40 is setting marginal screens," or "Red 33 is developing an attitude." It may be about bench decorum or the coaches – are they talking to you or the players? What are they saying? Each member of the crew must know what is happening to the other members so you aren't blindsided in the second half. It may be about play itself – is it too rugged and physical? Is there

trouble covering a certain offensive set or play? What adjustments should be made? What game control is gained for making those adjustments? How are the adjustments made? Can you speak to a coach about one of his or her players in hope the coach will help you resolve a problem without a stoppage of the game?

Conducting a good halftime conference will also prevent you from drifting into the second half. You need to be sharp. Many believe the first couple of minutes of the second half are the most important part of the game.

Postgame Review

A tool for future improvement, the postgame, can also be called "After-Action Review". What did you do right? What did you do wrong? What could've been done differently for a better result so you can develop "lessons learned"?

This may be something you have to do alone or carefully with partners. Depending on the game, you often just want to get out of the locker room as fast as you can. If you and your partner drive together to the game, the best place to conduct the postgame is on the ride home, particularly if your locker room is close to the losing team. Reviewing the game in your mind or with another official who was not part of the crew can also help, particularly if you jot down thoughts in a notebook. If you do that consistently after each game, you may be able to spot trends or patterns that need attention. There should be positive notes as well. Each story has a beginning, middle, and an end. Consider the same approach to a pregame, halftime conference, and postgame review.

As you prepare for this season, think about adding this to your game. Contact your partner(s) and arrange to meet 20 minutes prior to your game so

you can conduct a pregame. Although halftime periods are often only 10 minutes, get a quick drink, and make it a point to spend at least 5 minutes of this time discussing the upcoming half. Plan to drive with them whenever possible so you can discuss the game afterwards if you cannot plan to stay for a while do discuss it afterwards. Equally important, keep a journal – jot down thoughts about your game - things you did well, plays that were odd, and what you need to improve upon. Review these notes often, concentrating on areas that require attention. You won't believe how much you'll improve.

Karen Lasuik
Education Development Officer