



# TipOff

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## President's Message

Welcome to basketball in October! CIS exhibition, ACAC regular season, Edmonton Basketball Association (EBA) and Edmonton Youth Basketball Association (EYBA) games, all well underway. What a great time of year to get back into the game of basketball in the Edmonton region.

I realize this time of year requires some significant commitment on everyone's part to organize themselves and get back to focusing their efforts on officiating basketball. I suggest that everyone set aside time to study the FIBA rules (now being played at all levels in 2007-'08), and focus on their fitness level and preparation, ensuring that both injuries are prevented early in the season, and a productive and enjoyable season is had by all.

I also wanted to briefly remind everyone of the EBOA meeting attendance policy. Implemented in 2005, the policy clearly states that ALL members MUST attend 3 out of 5 meetings per season. The meeting dates for the 2007-'08 season are as follows: October 23 (budget night), November 27 (exam night), January 22, February

26, and April 22. If you are unable to attend a meeting night, please ensure that you inform Kathy Ross at rossmossman@shaw.ca in advance. If you are refereeing games on meeting nights, Gil will advise Kathy and your absence will be noted as excused.

Over the coming months, the Executive plans on updating the Bylaws, policies and procedures for the Association. It is important to ensure these documents are kept up-to-date and reflect the Association's current practices. We will also be looking at developing a Code of Conduct, which will set the standard for the way Members of the Association are to behave, both on and off the court.

With all levels of basketball in the Edmonton region finally playing under the same set of rules (FIBA), I would suggest that everyone take time out of their hectic schedules and get out and watch their colleagues referee at the University and College levels. I cannot emphasize this point enough! If you have aspirations of refereeing

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## Dates to Remember

<b>October</b>	23	General Meeting and Budget Night LSL 7:00 - 9:00 pm
	27	Make-up Clinic, Rosslyn School
<b>November</b>	13	EBOA Executive Meeting
	27	Exam Night, 7:00 pm LSL
<b>December</b>	16	Holiday Social



## President's Message Cont ...

at either of these levels, or simply wish to improve your game – why not learn from the best officials in the Association – from how to handle difficult situations, to seeing how travelling violations are called. Seldom do we see officials at games watching and learning – besides this is an excellent way of demonstrating that you are serious about reaching your goals! If you wish to be a part of pre and post game discussions at any of these games, please contact Gil and he will connect you with

the Crew Chief assigned to the game who will chat with you about the details.

I look forward to seeing all of you during the season. Please remember - BE committed – BE professional – BE a great partner!

Stephane Labonne,  
President, EBOA

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## Member at Large

"So far, so good" keep up the good work

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## Junior Development

Well, here we are well into October and into the Community League season. Some of you by now have had games or are scheduled to do some. I hope you all have been reading the handouts that you received at the clinic you attended. They are a great source of information and help, so make the best use of them.

My evaluation team is set to go out the weekend of October 20th. Do not be afraid of them, they are there to help you, by letting you know what you are doing well, identify the areas that are weak and what to do to improve.

Although signals are important do not worry if they are not correct or in the proper sequence at this time, what is important now to is to get into the right position and

make the call. The signals will come.

See you on the court. By the way, in case you didn't know there is another community league clinic Fri/Sat Oct 26/27 so if you know anyone who would like to ref or is interested, have them contact Ed at: eharasem@hotmail.com Be sure to make your subject "I want to be a referee" or it may get lost in the junk mail or leave a voice mail 988-4851.

Fred Goldring  
Junior Development Officer



## In The Know

The new officiating season is in full swing with EBA and ACAC leagues starting league play! Thus far, the learning curve has not been quite as drastic as I had expected. Players, Coaches, and most important, Officials have made the adjustment to FIBA rules and mechanics very well! Hats off to you!

A reminder, please ensure that you do not deviate from the modifications with the EBA. Connie Schwartz is adamant that we follow them strictly, and report anyone who gives you grief (such as refuses to cover a knee-brace or take out jewelry), on the back of the score sheet.

Rulebooks are now in and will be distributed at the next General Meeting on the 23rd! I'm sure you have all been diligently studying the quick reference chart or the abridged rules off of the website if you haven't already downloaded the rulebook. Keep at it! Exam time will be here before you know it!

A reminder – if you have yet to attend a clinic, your last opportunity is the Make-Up Clinic on October 27th, 9:00am-12:00noon at Rosslyn Jr. High! You must attend a clinic to be eligible to officiate this season!



Some nuggets of gold from Camp this summer. Tommy Nunez, retired NBA official, spoke about “Concepts Of Officiating”

### *What do you want reffing to be for you?*

Vocation? Career? What Level? What do you want to do with your avocation.....you have to decide.

### *Personal Qualities*

Are you a good or bad person?

Do I want to work with you?

If you don't have a personal agenda, you'll get to the top.

### *Professionalism – On And Off The Court*

Don't sell your partners out.

How do you walk in to a venue?

Do you glad-hand people?

Do some things to help others out.

### *Game Control*

Keep 10 players relatively happy on the floor without giving up your pride and dignity.

Honesty with Coaches and Players goes a long way.

### *Appearance & Mannerisms*

Strong Whistle

Signals with Confidence

“The only thing you don't control is judgement” -

Judgement cannot be taught – you either have it or you don't.

### *Knowledge Of The Rules*

Anyone can learn the rules...it's whether or not you can apply them correctly that really matters.

### *Communication*

With Colleagues, Players, Coaches, and the score-table is CRITICAL!

### *Accepts Constructive Criticism*

Provided it is in good taste and not meant to demean you.

Don't be afraid to ask yourself “why did I miss the play?” as opposed to making excuses to the supervisor.

Karen Lasuik - EDO