



## Edmonton Basketball Officials Association

# TipOff

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### From the President

The 2008-'09 season is slowly winding up and looking like it will be yet another busy season for all of us - especially for our Assignors, Gil, Ken and Ed.

At the September General Meeting, I indicated that in upcoming General Meetings and future editions of the TipOff newsletter, the Executive will be rolling out its plans for the year, as well as the future. In this newsletter, I will outline the goals and priorities for the Executive for the coming year.

Let me begin by saying that the Executive is committed to increasing transparency and communication with the Members. We recognize the importance of having effective communication tools in place to allow Members to know what is expected of them and that allows them to be able to find information they require quickly and easily.

At our planning meeting in August, the Executive spent the day prioritizing their workload for the coming year. At the end of the process, we identified six key areas where we will be focusing our attention. They are as follows:

\* Beginning in September 2008, we will make every effort to increase transparency with the membership, like posting meeting minutes on the website, making Bylaws available, etc.

\* We will work to clarify expectations of the membership, including, but not limited to, identifying and developing policies and refining the Code of Conduct.

\* We will work to improving/updating/creating effective communication tools, including the website, orientation booklet, Frequently Asked Questions, publication of policies, Town Hall meetings, and General Meetings.

\* Each Member of the Executive will speak with one voice and respect the roles and responsibilities of their Office by directing members to the appropriate person.

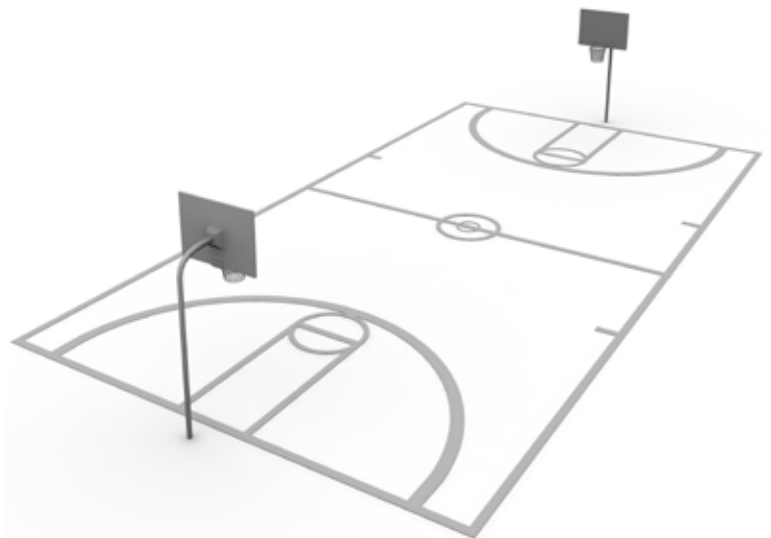
\* Members will be asked to participate in a survey intended to be used as a means of improving communication between the Executive and the membership.

\* We will develop a communications plan around the assigning policy, members updating their availability, etc.

While there is much work left to do to flesh out how these key areas will be achieved, over the coming year the Executive will be providing regular updates.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the October 28 General meeting at Rosslyn.

**Stephane Labonne, President**  
Edmonton Basketball Officials Association





## Assignor's Report

The only games we have at this time are recreational leagues (except, of course, ACAC). So I'm trying to spread the work around to everyone who is available. If you're not getting your share, let me know.

This is the opposite of what will happen Dec. to Feb. of course. During that time I'll have more games than officials.

For those who are new to the association, please ensure that you are evaluated this month and ensure that your evaluator lets me know what you can do so that when busy season strikes, I'll be able to give you games. If you need help getting this done, let me know. I'll try to help. In the meantime, please familiarize yourself with EYBA modifications, EBA and intramural modifications. These are available on the website toolkit.

Make the call!

Gil

## Junior Development Officer

We have been at it for almost a month with the EBA adult recreation games, ACAC and CIS. The EYBA community league has been going for a couple of weeks. How time flies when you are having fun. This year we have 52 Novices and 53 Community league Officials, so far. The number of novices is an all time high!

For the Novices and Community league officials, I hope you have had a few games by now. Please ensure that you look at the handouts that were given out at the clinics, especially the 2 person mechanic handout as well as "Do it Right". Additionally, anyone that does the EYBA games should look at the EYBA-FIBA differences before their games. These are valuable tools that will help you on your way to becoming better officials and make your job easier. It only takes a few minutes a day to look at them.

If you have been evaluated, look at the comments from the evaluator and work on the main things that were mentioned to you. If you are working with a more senior official within the EBOA, do not be afraid to ask questions. Part of their job is to help make you a better official.

Just a reminder to the Novices, our next meeting is Tuesday, October 25th, try and make it. These meetings are both educational and informative. If you are a community league official and can make it, you will also benefit from attendance.

See you on the 25th or on the court.

**Fred Goldring**  
Jnr Development Officer  
EBOA

## Evaluation Team

The evaluation process has changed significantly this year. The intent of this change is to involve more Senior EBOA members as evaluators, and allow the membership to take more control over their personal development.

The hope is that members will have a meaning evaluation experience, develop mentorship opportunities, and achieve their personal development goals for the year. Evaluators will have the opportunity to share all that they have learned in their years of experience, give back to the association in a meaningful way, and develop or strengthen relationships with other members.

Evaluators have been selected from the Senior Ranks of the association. These 23 people have officiated at the highest levels of basketball in our association and/or have the insights and experiences necessary to help develop other officials.

On October 20, 2008, Intermediate, Junior, Sophomore and experienced Novice officials received an e-mail inviting them to identify their personal development goals and select 5 of these Evaluators to work with in the 2008/2009 Season. The evaluation teams should be selected by the October 28, 2008 General Meeting.

Community League and Novice Officials will continue to receive valuable evaluations from Fred Goldring, Junior Development Officer, and his team.

If you did not receive an e-mail on October 20 and are interested in being evaluated this year, or have suggestions on how to make the process better, please contact Kandee O'Leary, <mailto:Kandee.o'leary@gov.ab.ca>



## In The Know

It's October, and you know what that means! Clinics are complete. Your rule and casebook are burning a hole in your pocket as you carry them around, reading them every chance you get.....okay, perhaps not. Recreation and College leagues have begun, which means many have had a chance to dust off the shoes and work out some cobwebs, while others are chomping at the bit. Never fear; there will be more games to officiate than you can handle, very soon!

This year will be very exciting with some new rule changes, new material in our library, and a new evaluation process. If you've attended a clinic, be it locally and/or provincially, you are well on your way to embark upon this season, prepared.

Having just returned from FIBA Re-Certification Clinic, I had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Lubo Kotleba, Sport Director of the International Federation of Basketball. I was impressed by his philosophy of what it takes to be a top official; so much so, I'd like to share it with you.



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## Community Corner

The season is underway! EBOA objective for this year is to have experienced officials working with less experienced officials.

I would like to THANK all the EBOA officials for going the distance in making this part of the season successful!

If you can do games for me...email...the address is in Arbiter.

If you are working community, check out the EYBA site at [www.edmontonyouthbasketball.com](http://www.edmontonyouthbasketball.com) for rules, schedules, etc.

## How to Be a Top Referee

1. Have a good feeling for the game.
2. Physical fitness – be able to endure to the end.
3. Acceptance from the Basketball Community – Coaches, Players, Fans.
4. Understand the Correct Criteria when calling Contact.
5. Knowledge of the Psychology of Players, Coaches and Fans – understand their emotions and what makes them tick. If you feel you kick a call and a core player protests, don't whack them right away.
6. A good referee knows all of their bad calls.
7. Play the Game With the Players.
8. Knowledge of the Rules and their Interpretation.
9. Knowledge of the Game. What is the game about? Be prepared to take care of how the game is going to change, particularly when a team is faced with their last chance to change the outcome of the game.
10. Teamwork – if you can't be a team on the court, your officiating will be destroyed. Support must be shown for your partner at all times. "We're not judged individually, but how 'we' manage the game."
11. Mechanics – long distance calls are "expensive".
12. Teamwork with the table officials. Make signals, particularly your numbers, very clear.
13. Talent and Personality – you're born with this. If you don't have it, you don't have it. Many problems can be solved with your personality.
14. Good Human Being – you will be remembered for your character and nothing else.
15. Ambition, Strength, Courage – if you don't desire to be the best, you never will be.
16. Make the best of every opportunity.
17. Deliver the calls that are good for the game, not for the referee.

Have a great start to your season!

**Karen Lasuik**  
EDO

If you are finished your games at the gym, you might hang around to see if the next two officials show up and if they do not, call me immediately and if at all possible stay and help out.

If you have any problems at the gym, email me details or call.

**Ed Harasem**