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President's Message

On behalf of the Edmonton Basketball Officials Association (EBOA), I would like to welcome everyone to the start of the 2007-'08 basketball season.

The Executive has been busy preparing for the upcoming season, and as in years past, it appears that this will be another busy one for all of us.

The Executive wanted to send out a brief note touching on a couple of important points as the season begins to ramp up.

First, as some of you may already know, the 2007-'08 season will be the first season in history, where all levels of basketball being played in the Edmonton region from Community League and Junior High to University, will be played using the same set of rules – FIBA. For some of you, this will be a return to the “good ole” FIBA rules and bringing back the term “cadillac” position. For the

rest, departing from NCAA rules will be the first time for you. Nonetheless, Karen Lasuik and Fred Goldring are in the process of developing an outstanding training program that will be delivered to all levels of EBOA officials, touching on the new FIBA rules, as well as FIBA two-person and three-person mechanics.

Finally, the first EBOA meeting of the new season is scheduled to take place Tuesday, September 25, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at Louis St. Laurent (11230 – 43 Avenue). A reminder that the EBOA's policy on meeting attendance requires officials to attend at least three meetings per basketball season. If you are unable to attend any meetings or clinics, please e-mail Kathy Ross at rossmossman@shaw.ca

Stephane Labonne,
President, EBOA



Dates to Remember

September	25	General Meeting & Elections Louis St. Laurent 7:00 - 9:00 pm
	28 - 29	Community, Novice & Sophomore Clinic Rosslyn School
October	2	Intermediate A/B Clinic see page 2 for details
	23	General Meeting and Budget Night LSL 7:00 - 9:00 pm
	27	Make-up Clinic Rosslyn School



Message from the Vice-President

As the vice-president of our association, I would first like to welcome back our existing members as well as extend a hearty welcome to any new members. For those who do not know, the main role of the vice-president is planning, organizing and executing the EBOA's social activities. Social events are a great way to know our fellow officials, exchange officiating "War Stories" (some of which are true), and simply have a good time. We work hard and deserve a break every now and then. So, if you regularly attend social events please continue to do so but if you have never been to a social please come out and give it a try.....you just might have some fun!

Next, I would like to recognize Melanie Gray, our previous vice-president, for all her hard work for the past two years in her role of vice-president. She has done an exemplary job and deserves thanks for her efforts.

Third, we are currently in the planning stages of our Christmas social and although coaches often accuse me of not listening to them, I do want to hear from our members. I am looking for your input with regards to our Christmas social. Here is your opportunity to have your say. The only thing that is set in stone is the date, December 16, 2007. Please contact me with your input as to our Christmas Social. (Email address is on Arbiter)

Finally, as many of you have heard, Molson's Brewery is closing their manufacturing facility here in Edmonton. PLEASE DO NOT PANIC. Molson's have made the decision to continue to operate the "Molson House" social facility. So for those of us who partake in this annual social event, please put your mind at ease..... The Tradition will continue. For those of us who have never been, please make every effort to attend, as it is a very enjoyable evening. So please mark it on your calendar, February 26, 2008.

Let's have a great season and I look forward to seeing everyone at our socials.

Warren Maskoske

Junior Development

Here we go again folks, another season is upon us. It doesn't seem that long that the last season finished. For those returning community league officials and EBOA Sophomores as well as any upcoming Novices, it is time to get the mind in sync for the upcoming season,. If you are not going to super weekend, a good way to start is the EBOA website, go to Links and get on the ABOA website. There is the FIBA refresher exam and answers from last year. Also, get on the EYBA website and have a look at their rules, addresses of gyms, etc. The community league level is where most of you will officiate at least to start off so it is not a bad idea to get a jump on things. We will of course cover it all at the clinic Sept 28th and 29th. Are you in shape? Have you been doing a bit of running, it never hurts.

This will be somewhat of a challenging year for returnees as we must learn new rules and a new way of doing things. For the new people, the transition will not be as difficult as they do not have to change anything, they will just learn something new. If the Novices and Sophomores can make Super Weekend, great, if not will see you at the first meeting Sept 25th. New and returning community league officials, will see you all at the clinic at Rosslyn Sept 28th and 29th.

Am looking forward to another great season again.

Fred Goldring
Junior Development Officer



In The Know

Welcome back to another season! A season that will be filled with the excitement of NEW: new rules and new mechanics! For many of us, this will be a return to old, whereas to others, it will be a first. No matter what category you fall into, here's hoping you're ready to gear your brain and body for the 2007-08, Basketball Officiating Season!

New FIBA Rule and Casebooks are on their way and will be in your hands soon. You will find the rulebook easy to navigate and extremely user-friendly. The casebook is an excellent resource where you'll find a variety of scenarios that pertain to each rule.

As far as mechanics are concerned, they'll be covered extensively in clinics.

As we all prepare for the new season, I'd like to share a few points I took away from camp this summer.

You are never....

So experienced, you've seen everything.

So smart, you can't learn something.

So good, you can't mentor someone who seeks advice.

So sure, you can't miss a call.

So proud, you can't admit making a mistake.

So superior, you can't talk with players and/or coaches.

So worthy, someone else should not get the "big game."

So perfect, you shouldn't seek help when it's needed.

Remember, if you're not working hard, growing and getting better, you're falling further behind.

Karen Lasuik - EDO

From the Assignor

Welcome to 2007-2008, everyone. I hope you are prepared for a long, tough season. We've lost several good officials over the summer. Hopefully, with some new recruits and everyone else putting in an extra effort, we can pick up the slack.

Here is an item you'll hear or read in a few other places, but it bears repeating because the EBA is doing everything it can to help us provide CONSISTENCY in our service to their league.

FOR EBA GAMES -

- a) no dunking - anytime!
- b) knee braces must be covered - no exceptions
- c) no jewelry - zero tolerance
- d) after Jan 1st, 2008, all players must have similar jerseys with number front and back
- e) no handle on violations in the back court
- f) no stop-clock in the last 2 minutes
- g) 5 minute half-time
- h) 2 time-outs per half, called in dead ball situations only (60 seconds)

When high school starts and EBA games are preceded by a late-running high school double, divide whatever time remains till 11:00pm in half and run each EBA game within that time frame.

October-November, we have only the recreational leagues operating. You can expect no more than one or perhaps two assignments per week. Starting in December, we roll up our sleeves and really go to work.

As always, I work for you. Please don't be shy about sharing your ideas or concerns with me. I promise to be up-front with you and I don't gossip or hold grudges.

See you on the hardwood!

Gil