

President's Message

Welcome to a new season of basketball! This season is kicking off in a hurry with some significant developments. As everyone should have heard by now, FIBA rules will be utilized for the CIS Women, ACAC Men and Women this season. The EBA, ASAA (schools), and EYBA (community league) will all follow suit in the fall of 2007. In spite of a lot of discussion, the CIS Men have not as yet committed to a timeline for changing to FIBA rules. Obviously this presents some education challenges to a portion of our membership; however, as an executive we have been proactive with our local clients (EBA, EYBA) to ensure that for the majority of our members the transition will be smooth next fall.

Superweekend has risen again from Basketball Alberta and will be in Calgary on the 23rd and 24th of September. Look for detailed

announcements on our website. The EBOA executive has pledged \$100 to any driver who fills his/her vehicle with 4 EBOA members for the trip down (driver included of course).

Recruitment and retention is the name of the game, and heading into the start of the season this year is no different. We are producing an orientation package for first year officials to assist and instruct any new recruits. Please take every opportunity to get the word out! Generally our first meeting reflects the highest attendance, and inviting, or better yet, accompanying a referral to our first meeting would be outstanding.

Mainly as a result of the ever-increasing number of assignments, the association is in a strong financial position and we will continue our focus on development and education. The

expectation of meeting attendance accountability and subsequent fine program will continue to be in effect this season. We had a surprising amount of revenue generated as a direct result of apathetic attitudes towards meetings. Additional funds will be allotted to scholarships, rule-books, and other developmental tools such as another camera as an extension of this program.

The GO centre donation from the membership surpassed \$7,000 for this past season... an excellent start and demonstration of our commitment to the development of basketball in our area, thank you!

I look forward to seeing everyone on Sept 19th (Tuesday) at Louis St. Laurent.

Perry Stothart

Dates to Remember



September	19	General Meeting @ Louis St. Laurent
	23 & 24	Super Weekend - Calgary
	29 & 30	Community, Novice and Sophomore Clinic Rosslyn
October	3	Senior Clinic - LSL
	5-7	ACAC Tournament
	17	Jr-Int Clinic - LSL
	27 & 28	Makeup Clinic- Rosslyn
December	10	Christmas Social
Check out the Web site for details on tournaments		



From the VP

Awards Night 2006

Congratulations to the 2006 EBOA Award Nominees and Winners. All of the information from the Awards Night has been posted on the EBOA Website. A special thank you to Orville for the great work he did putting all the information and pictures of the evenings carousing on the website.

Keep working hard, because it just might be you next year.

Let the People Decide

We live in a democratic society, so this year I have decided to let 'The People' (the EBOA) have their voice. For this year's Christmas Party I am giving 'The People' three different options as to where the festivities will take place. The vote will take place at the first EBOA General Meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2006.

'The People' can vote on the following three (3) options:

- Brewster's or Pub 1905 – turkey dinner similar to the last two years;
- Greek Cuisine and Belly Dancers (most likely Cosmos Greek Taverna) – will include appetizers, choice of 6 entrees and belly dancers; or
- Chinese buffet and karaoke – possible performances by Michael R.K. Jackson and Kelly K.L. Clarkson.

Come out to the meeting and let your voice be heard!

Let's Get Together

This year I have made arrangements with the Oliver Square Brewster's to be our official watering hole. This is the deal:

Team Special

- Must be a group of 6 or more
- 10% of regular price menu items
- \$12.25 jugs of Brewster's beer
- \$9.99 pizzas

Many of our members already frequent this location after games and it may be a good time to change things up.

Please support Brewster's, after meetings, clinics or games. It is a great place to discuss that tough call you made in a game or to get feedback from fellow officials. I would like to encourage everyone to continue to be responsible and maintain a positive relationship at our new hang out.

Melanie Gray

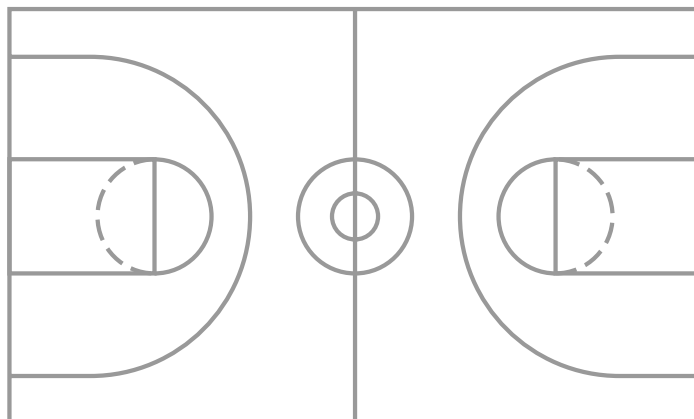
Community Corner

The new season is fast approaching. Those that are coming back for another season, it is good to see you back. Those of you who are new to the association - welcome.

My name is Ed Harasem and I assign refs to community games. The clinic is on Sept 29th and 30th at Rosslyn School see below for details. The new season starts on Oct. 14 and goes on Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, No games on Remembrance Day, then continue on Nov.18, 25, Dec. 2, 9 and maybe the 16. After the Christmas break, games go on Jan. 13, 20 and 27, Feb. 3, 10, no games on Family Day and continue on Feb. 24. There are no games on March 3 but continue on March 10 and 17. There are a limited number of Tuesday and Wednesday games.

EBOA members, if you want community games and can work with new officials please email me. Have another Great Season!

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Member at Large

As the EBOA's new Member at Large, I am pleased to provide my first submission to the EBOA Tipoff. My responsibilities include acting as a liaison to the Executive for membership concerns or problems; being responsible for awards selections and presentation; arranging and overseeing the exchange program; and finally serving as the Chair of the Grievance committee. In upcoming editions of the EBOA Tipoff, I will elaborate further on the exchange program and the awards functions.

In this issue I wanted to discuss one important aspect of my responsibilities - that is dealing with membership concerns or problems.

The Executive would like to kindly remind everyone to ensure the same professionalism displayed in dealing with coaches and players, be used in dealing with your partners. On and off the court, we often speak of being a member of a larger family - the family of officials. Jake Steinbrenner previously used the phrase "People will forget what you said, forget what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel!" Please keep this phrase in mind when working with players, coaches, and specifically your partners.

Remember

- be committed
- be professional
- be a great partner.

In the coming weeks, I plan to introduce a game incident report form to the Executive that will assist officials in noting issues or concerns with their partners, players and coaches.

Stephane Labonne

From the Assignor

Welcome back for a new season. Hopefully it will be one filled with successes for you. Following are my points of emphasis:

1. Don't leave home without having contacted your partner to ensure he/she will be there.
2. If you find yourself alone, don't throw the ball up until you've tried to contact your partner AND an assignor.
3. BE A PROFESSIONAL!
Look and act like one.
4. Keep your availability updated on Arbiter.

Remember that I'm your assignor and I work for you. If you have a concern with assignments, talk to me. Expect me to be straight-forward and truthful. But, I'm not sensitive, so don't worry about hurting my feelings.

I look forward to seeing you all and sharing the floor with most of you.

Gil

Junior Development

Despite the nice weather we are still having, (at least up to Sept 11) it is basketball season again. Some of you have barely had any time off since all the spring and summer leagues finished. It is time to get the brain and body into the reffing mode again for all of us, so start to work out a bit, read the rule book from last year (there are very very few changes this year) and for the returning community league or novices from last year, read the handouts you were given last year at the clinics.

The community league, novice and sophomore clinics Sept 29 and 30th at Rosslyn again with the make up clinic Oct 27 and 28th at Rosslyn again this year for those who cannot make the first clinic.

For Int A, B and above officials, we are again looking for individuals to observe/evaluate/critique officials at the community league clinic on Saturdays. Community League play starts Oct 14. It will be discussed at the first meeting Sept 19. See you all there and once again, we look forward to another great season for both the Community League and the EBOA.

Fred Goldring





IN THE KNOW

It's that time again! Time to get yourself in great shape for the season! Players are expected to be in game shape when they step on the floor for their first game. What have you done as a basketball official in your preseason to get ready?

As we all get older it's not as easy, or as much of a priority to stay in shape. However, the opposite should be the case. More importance should be placed on getting in and staying in shape.

Basketball is the roughest sport to officiate on the human body. You run on a consistent basis for an extended period of time, shifting your body quickly on a hard surface. The quick sprint, stop, sprints we often do are tough on your body, particularly if you're out of shape. Keep this in mind as you gear up for the season.

Our Evaluation Team will be out in full force this season at tournament venues and high school league games. In addition, we have purchased a 2nd DVD camera and portable DVD player for evaluation purposes this year. Not only will you receive verbal feedback immediately, you'll be able to sit down with the observer and watch particular plays from your game that need discussion, immediately afterwards. You'll also receive a burned copy of your game shortly thereafter.

A reminder to look in the EBOA calendar for the clinic you must attend and mark the date down in your day-timer. CLINICS ARE MANDATORY! You must attend the clinic for your level or you will not be qualified to officiate this season. As far as what level you are

currently ranked, if you were a novice last year (1st year official) you have automatically moved up to a Sophomore. To move up beyond Sophomore to a Junior or Intermediate B, put a written request in to me stating that you'd like to be evaluated to move up a level. Otherwise, consider yourself the same level you were last year and be sure to attend the correct clinic.

Rule books (both NCAA and FIBA) have been ordered through Basketball Alberta. Although they do not have an exact date as to when they'll arrive, there will be plenty of time to study for the exam on November 28th. In the interim, use last year's book to begin preparation. A number of officials lost an opportunity to attend High School Provincial Championships this past season simply because they did not receive the score needed on the exam! Due to the locations of Provincials this year, there will be many more opportunities for EBOA officials to be selected for the 2006-07 Championships! So make sure you're qualified if you're called upon!

Karen Lasuik

Secretary

I hope everyone had a great summer! As your new Secretary, I am looking forward to partnering with other Executive Members on new initiatives to benefit the membership. I wish everyone another successful season in 2006-2007.

Richard

Mark Your Calendar



Christmas Social has been set for Sunday, December 10, 2006. Exact details to be determined and announced in the next newsletter. Please remember to tell Melanie if you are NOT going to attend – very important!!!!

Molson's Night has been booked for Tuesday, February 20, 2007.

Golf Day and Awards Night and Pay Night will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2007. Golf is tentatively booked for Sandpiper Golf Club in St. Albert in the morning and Awards and Pay Night will follow in the evening with a dinner at Fort Edmonton Park.

More announcements will be made as we get closer to the dates.

Also, stay posted to the EBOA forum for any updates to socials that may be happening throughout the season.