

# TipOff

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## **EBOA 60th Anniversary [1950 - 2010]**

*Celebrating 60 Years*

This year, the EBOA is celebrating another great milestone! In recognition of this Anniversary, the EBOA Board has approved the acquisition of Commemorative gifts for each Member of the Association. These gifts will be available at the next General Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday January 26th at Rosslyn Junior High School. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

## **EBOA Christmas Social**

Happy New Year to all EBOA Members and their significant others! I would like to thank Shannon Taylor & Lisa Giesinger for their efforts related to organizing and making this year's Christmas Social a huge success. In addition, to the staff at Joey's Mayfield Common for providing excellent food, refreshments, great service, and a few door prizes. We thank Greg Marston for providing various door prizes. Maybe next year the weather will cooperate and the temperature will be warmer than -40oC. Our next Social, Brew Night – Provincial/National Assignments, is planned for Sunday February 21st at Hudson's in South Edmonton Common. Come celebrate with our members who have worked hard and distinguished themselves during this Season.

**Leo Mangano**  
Vice President  
EBOA

## **From the President**

*Welcome to the 2009-2010 Basketball Season!*

Hopefully everyone is ready for the second half of the basketball season. The Executive has been busy getting ourselves organized for the second half. We have a new website being developed by Leo Mangano, Shannon Taylor, Lisa Giesinger, and Orville Chubb and should be launched soon. We have a great partnership with the Canadian Cancer Society that will be rolled out in February. Teams are getting ready for their second half push towards Provincials and even Nationals. Franco Panizzon has been getting many Junior High tournaments. And our Mentorship Program and Evaluations are also in full swing, just to name a few things we are working on.

If you have suggestions or ideas for ways to make all of this work better or more efficient, please talk to one of the Executive Members. We have a very motivated and passionate group of Members always looking to find ways for the Association to do things better. If you have an idea – please drop them a line.

With that, good luck and enjoy the second half of the season.

**Stephane Labonne**  
President  
EBOA





## In The Know

Welcome back to a New Year of basketball. This is the time when intensity picks up as teams work towards a certain Provincial or National Ranking.

As officials, we need to do the same. The recent exam results indicate that we are not as sharp as we need to be. Are you a student of the rules/casebook, and the mechanics manual, year round? If you do not own your own copy of these, I strongly encourage you to download them off of the FIBA or Alberta Basketball Officials Association website. You do not want to miss an opportunity to be selected for a Provincial or National Tournament solely due to scoring poorly on the rules exam.

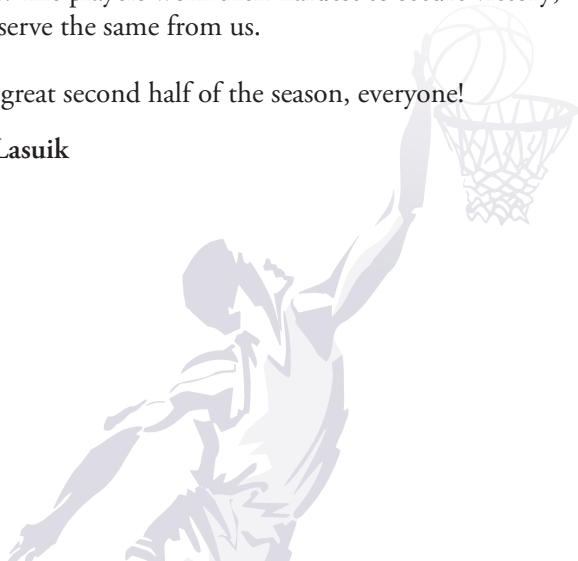
Along with this, consider these suggestions, as you strive to reach the goals you have set out for yourself as an official this season:

- Don't make excuses – if you made a mistake, own it.
- Don't be someone who would rather let something go that happened than make something up that didn't happen.
- Expect to be criticized and then handle it.
- Know the intent of the rules and how to apply them.
- Overcome your successes.
- More is not always better.
- Know you're going to make mistakes.
- Always be prepared for weird situations.
- Continue to study.
- Remember when you came from and give back.

Do not settle for mediocrity. Keep working hard to always bring your absolute best performance to every game you officiate. The players work their hardest to secure victory; they deserve the same from us.

Have a great second half of the season, everyone!

Karen Lasuik  
EDO



## Mentorship Program

80 officials are participating in the Mentorship Program this season. More than 75% have worked one or two games already with their Mentors. Excellent feedback from both sides! Round one of evaluations completed for those being considered for Provincials. Second round set to start! Keep up the hard work!

## Junior Development Officer

We completed 2 more clinics since the last update. Camp in Sherwood Park and another in Edmonton this past month. Great to see EBOA officials out to assist with the new officials! Keep blowing your whistle, running hard and trying your best. Remember to have fun!

## NOCP

We successfully completed the first round of clinics this past Fall, the National Exam and just recently allocated the ranking levels. Gil would have assigned each official a specific level in which you have been identified. A Committee of officials at a variety of levels was used to assist in the process. The ABOA has identified the specific criteria/guidelines used for the rankings this season. This criteria and the Appeals Process is on our website under the Mentor's tab. Any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me at [justcuzz55@yahoo.com](mailto:justcuzz55@yahoo.com)

### **WANTED:**

EBOA Members for officiating Alberta Minor Provincials

*Where:* Edmonton

*When:* Friday March 19th. and Saturday March 20th.

Please email Ed Harasem or  
corner him at the general meeting



## A message from Assistant Assignor

### *Happy New Year to all:*

First of all, I wish to thank all the officials that helped out on the Jan 7,8,9 weekend. There were seven junior high school tournaments and EBOA members filled them all, except for 1, about fifty percent full. Fortunately, we won't have another weekend like that until the third weekend in February.

Keeping on the topic of Mid-Season check-up, let's review how self assign works and how it can help you get the most out of arbiter. I've received some feedback that members are unable to "see" self assign games. There are a couple of reasons for this; one main reason is that you must adjust your "block calendar". For example if you set a block from 8:00am to 4:00pm and there is a self assign game starting at 4:00pm, the arbiter won't let you "see" this game. Arbiter is smart enough to know that you need travel time. To solve this problem, adjust your calendar block back to 3:30pm or 3:00pm. Another common issue is you cannot "see" games after a selection has been made. Arbiter tries to be fair with game assignments. Once a game is selected, you are unable to select another game until 24 hours has passed.

Arbiter will also e-mail you reminders approx 24 hours prior to game time. This is a good time to call your partner to confirm that he/she will be there. The main season has begun for junior high school games and the executive has decided to continue to use the "self assign" tool.

As the Assistant Assignor, I monitor the assignments daily. A guideline is that an EBOA member should limit the amount of games reffed to 4/day, preferably with a break in between. Also, I monitor the assignments for gold medal/final games for junior high school tournaments. The instruction from tournament organizers is that they want experienced officials for these final games. Till next month, take care and have fun on the hard wood.

Franco Panizzon



## Getting an Advance

Requests for payment of games done to date (advance on year end pay) will now be accepted. Please advise me via e-mail if you want an advance. You must provide me with your Arbiter logon e-mail and password so I can determine your game fees to date.

The calculation for an advance is as follows:

**Game fees earned to date**  
 - 25% holdback  
 - Charged dues and any other charges  
 =====  
 Maximum Advance Available.

You can request less than the maximum. If you have questions you can e-mail me.

Thanks,

**Kent**  
 heinek@shaw.ca

## Community Corner for the Newsletter.

The season is moving along very quickly. Thanks to all who have worked.

If you have any questions about Community rule go to [www.edmontonyouthbasketball.com](http://www.edmontonyouthbasketball.com) for rule clarifications. If you have any other concerns or need clarification on the rules call me at 780-988-4851.

### *Just a Few Reminders:*

- Make sure that your community t-shirt is laundered and ironed
- Wear black pants (not jeans)
- Do not wear jeans (even if they are black) head or wrist bands  
When you enter a gym, make sure that you take off your outside shoes and put on your runners (you might place your outside shoes in a plastic bag and take them with you to the bench)
- Make sure you have a black fox whistle with a black lanyard
- Doing a good job on the floor also meaning looking good!
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Ed Harasem  
 Community Assignor  
 EBOA



## Top Ten Things a Leader Does

**10: LIVE LARGE:** One should be willing to try new approaches and move forward with an open mind. Living large can mean taking a risk and at the same time knowing that success can come on the second, third or many times after multiples attempts. This is another way of saying, “GO FOR IT”.

**9: LEARN PATIENCE:** There are so many opportunities of significance that are well worth waiting for. Instant success is very rare. The leader who knows the direction he is headed is willing to wait for good timing. Patience is a learned trait, as life experience will teach us.

**8: ADAPT TO CHANGE:** Life’s constant is change. A leader has strong principles and standards but at the same time is willing to see change and modify, alter, reroute, diversify or just adjust to change. The circumstances around us are in a constant state of change. Being on the “cutting edge” is a recognition that change is all around us. The visionary not only adapts to change but effects change.

**7: CONTROL WHAT YOU CAN CONTROL:** The leader knows what is controllable and what is not. There is wasted energy spent on situations that cannot be controlled. Work to effect positive growth and change with situations that can be controlled.

**6: BE A TEAM PLAYER:** The leader who thinks in the terms of “US” has a chance to multiply success in a mighty way. It is amazing what can be accomplished when it matters not who gets the credit. A good team player is secure in who he/she is.

**5: LEARN TO LEAD:** A leader is an influencer. Each of us can influence in our current life position. We can make a choice to either influence in a positive or negative manner. Learning to lead is an attitude and attitude is a choice.

**4: GIVE UP THE RIGHT TO COMPLAIN:** This ties in very closely with numbers 5 and 7. If we cannot effect positive change and we are living in a situation that requires patience and internal strength, then complaining is a meaningless exercise.

**3: AVOID CARELESSNESS OR APATHY:** The leader knows the difference between being satisfied and being content. The content person is comfortable with who he is. He/she is secure in himself/herself BUT at the same time is NOT satisfied with his/her surroundings. His/her inner drive is to effect positive change.

**2: HAVE FUN...SAVOR THE MOMENT:** This ties in with number 3 as we need to enjoy the accomplishments of those around us as well as enjoying the feeling of successfully “climbing the mountain”. The leader recognizes the little victories that follow the path to the big victory. The leader knows that this attitude is foundational to contentment.

**1: CONCENTRATE ON CHARACTER:** The leader is honest about his/her strengths and shortcomings. He/she takes ownership for his failures and uses life’s experiences to stimulate internal growth. The leader leads from within!! There is no greater life teacher than life’s happenings themselves.

### A message from Past President

#### *Happy New Year to all!*

This month’s topic is about Mid-Season Check-up. As the leaders of the EBOA, it is important that our members are aware of our Code of Conduct and the responsibilities and practices that bind this obligation. A copy of the EBOA Code of Conduct is available for download on the EBOA website.

The Code of Conduct is designed as a set of rules that outlines specific responsibilities and practices for our Referees and is in place to provide a framework that works at any level.

Therefore, as a member of our organization it is crucial that we follow standards when refereeing a game or even if we are a spectator watching our colleagues on the floor.

Within our organization members have a responsibility as officials to keep the integrity of the game by ensuring correct calls are made and that we hustle to get into the correct/best position.

On the other hand, it is just as important to respect the rights and equality of all our members and to represent our organization positively on or off the court.

Examples of respect might look like: watching games from the stands, maintaining a positive attitude and offering feedback only when it is asked. More importantly, it is not our right to impose our values unless someone gives permission.

We appreciate all that you do and the contributions that you provide to make our organization a success. Remember to be professional and to have fun.

Gary Nahornick



## **EBOA vs. Cancer** **“Basketball Referees Fight Back”!** **February 1-7, 2010**

This year, the EBOA has decided to join the fight against Cancer. To show our support both on and off the Court, all EBOA Officials and other ABOA Officials Boards will be donning Fox40 **Pink Whistles** for **all games** during the week of **February 1-7, 2010**. This includes the University of Alberta CIS games scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, and all ACAC games scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>.

Off the Court, through the purchase of these Pink Whistles at \$10.00 per, the EBOA and the other ABOA Officials Board members will be contributing \$7.00 per member. This small amount has grown with the overwhelming acceptance by our participating members,

The contribution, expected to be almost \$3,000, will be made to the Canadian Cancer Society during the 2010 Tri-Prov Senior High Basketball Tournament at Harry Ainlay High School [February 4-6]. Local media is expected to be present to communicate our commitment to this worthy cause and hopefully encourage everyone to join the Fight against Cancer. A website link to the Canadian Cancer Society's Online Fundraising will also be created and made available to the Public to join the Fight! We will also have a Banner created by the Canadian Cancer Society displayed at the Tri-Prov.

The **PINK WHISTLES** are now available and will be distributed to each member as follows:

1. Exam Rewrite Night - January 18, 2010 at Rosslyn School
2. EBOA Board Members – after January 18<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Leo Mangano – South West
  - b. Stephane Labonne – Sherwood Park
  - c. John Byrne – West End
  - d. Kent Heine – South East
  - e. Fred Goldring – North West
3. General Meeting – January 26, 2010 at Rosslyn School





COME JOIN ENJOY A NIGHT & CELEBRATE  
WITH YOUR FELLOW OFFICIALS.

FEBRUARY 21, 2009 @ 7 PM

**EBOA Provincial Assignment & Brew Night**

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