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Bill Adamoski on assignment, sporting his Spartan Colors, at high noon in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut.

Dates to Remember

November	22	Exam Night & General Meeting
December	11	Christmas Social

Check out the Web site for details on tournaments



Please Note
all meetings are now at
LOUIS ST. LAURENT
11230 43 Ave



Vice President's Message

TAKE THE TIME

I am sure all of you are aware that the duties of the EBOA Vice President are to be involved with organizing social events within the association. Since being elected in April, I am truly enjoying my position and getting the opportunity to give back to the association. On that note, I would like to take the opportunity to focus on a different topic – the dreaded Rules Exam.

I am sure you have all heard from different members of the executive the importance of studying for the exam. Please learn from my mistake. Last year I lost out on a possible opportunity to go to Nationals because I didn't take the time and to be honest I was a little embarrassed. Get together with some of your fellow officials on a Sunday night - order pizza, drink some sodas and ask each other questions. You may find out that studying can be a blast!!!!

Chrismukkah Celebration

It is official – the holiday season is quickly approaching along with the high school basketball season. The EBOA is fortunate to have a culturally diverse membership group and a Holiday Celebration is an excellent opportunity to mingle with your fellow cohorts and discuss the up and coming season. We encourage members to bring a spouse or a friend. Here are the details:

Sunday, December 11, 2005

5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Pub 1905

Dinner Buffet & 1 complimentary beverage (menu to be determined)

\$15.00 per member

\$25.00 per couple

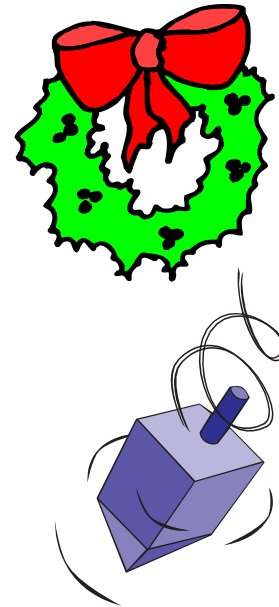
DRAW - EBOA Pullover - \$2.00 per ticket – what a great gift idea!

A donation will be made to a charity from your attendance and the proceeds from the draw!!

Please contact Melanie Gray at mgray@epcor.ca or 722.8909 (please leave a message) if you ARE NOT planning on attending. At the end of the year you will see a deduction directly off of your final cheque.

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Melanie Gray



From the Member at Large

The mentoring program is about to kick-off. You can all help us in a couple of ways. If you are interested in participating in the program as a mentor or protégé please contact me via e-mail: pollar@bartlegibson.com. If you are not interested in participating, could you please also let us know via e-mail to the above address?

For those of you who are already working in a mentor/protégé partnership please advise us of your arrangement. We are aware of a few

existing partnerships and want to make sure if there are more we know about them.

If we do not here from you about your interest, lack of interest or current partnership by the next general meeting we will be contacting you by telephone to ask for your involvement.

By the time Gil has you out doing your first high school games in early December your mentor/protégé partnership will be set for you. The

Mentoring Program will contribute to making us better officials and add strength to our association. Please become involved!

B.T.W.- Two little reminders –EBA – no jewelry! If you experience any problems in a game send us a brief write up as soon as you can.

Bob Pollard
Member at Large



From the Assignor

EVALUATIONS

We currently have twelve high school tournaments scheduled in December (not including the REB at Jasper Place) We'd like to use many of these tournaments to provide evaluations for officials based on the model of high school provincials.

A group of officials is assigned to a specific tournament for the whole weekend along with an evaluator. After the initial assignments and observations, the A/E will assign the remainder of the tournament based on the results of the earlier games.

This requires that the officials be prepared to devote the entire weekend to that tournament. The tournaments we MAY use are as follows:

- Dec 1-3 Devon SrB/SrG, FX SrB/SrG, QE SrB, FTS Sr. B, STUR JrG/SrG
- Dec 8-10 CONC SrB, ABJ SrB/SrG, MORIN SrG
- Dec 16-17 SCA SrB, JPII SrG, STAQ SrB

If you are interested in being considered for any of these tournaments, send me an e-mail stating such. I'll do my best to accommodate your choice. My greatest difficulty will be covering all the daytime

games on Thursdays and Fridays.

The advantage for you is that you get to work along with and head-to-head with other officials at your level. The advantage for the association is that we get a great number of evaluations done early in the season in a competitive situation.

Gil



Community Corner

The season is underway! EBOA objective for this year has been to have experienced officials working with less experienced official we have almost completed our goal.

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

A couple of reminders.....

Nov. 19 and 26 is the Ray Hampton Tournament coaches, players and parents will be even more intense for these two weekend. Check out the EYBA site at www.edmontonyouthbasketball.com for rules about tie games!

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 me.

Ed Harasem

Junior Development Officer Report

We're now six weeks into the Community League season. It has been a disjointed schedule with games being played on October 1, 15, 29 and November 05.

The make up clinic, held on October 21 and 22, attracted 24 persons of which there was 1 Sophomore, 18 Community League and 9 Novice officials. If our numbers hold, we will have 120 Community League and 30 Novice officials. With the help of several senior officials, we have been able to observe and evaluate 44 Community League and 9 Novice officials.

We continue to receive some minor complaints and some of these can be attributed to the fact that our EBOA officials are not conversant with the EYBA Rules of Play which apply to Community League games. If you are an EBOA official, working Community League games, get a copy of their Rules of Play or go to the EYBA website and print off the relevant rules. This will help you, as well as our inexperienced Community League officials with whom you are working, to referee the game in compliance with their rule modifications.

It is not all bad as we continue to receive complimentary remarks about the quality of most of our officiating. Let's see if we can eliminate those minor irritants and always put a quality effort into all the games we officiate.

Exams are coming up so hit the books and produce a top-notch mark.

Bob Sexsmith
Junior Development Officer



IN THE KNOW

As an official, we are all strong or weak in various aspects of our officiating. However, if you can communicate effectively, you'll be much more successful. We do a lot of communicating: with each other, the table, the players, sometimes the fans, and the most difficult; the Coaches. One of the most commonly heard complaints about officials is that we are unapproachable and have a chip on our shoulders. There are, however, no set rules to follow when communicating with Coaches. Like calling a game, officials need to use experience, judgment, and people skills when deciding what to say to a Coach and when. You have to develop a "feel" for what will work, however there are a few general principles you can follow:

Be friendly – but not friends.

Be pleasant, professional, and businesslike during warm-ups and introductions.

A simple introduction followed by a handshake and a sincere, "Good luck Coach" is all that's really necessary. Stay away from exchanging friendly banter or having extended visits with Coaches – in particular, ones you have known for years.

Be approachable and responsive – but not a punching bag.

Coaches will want to talk to you during a game; sometimes during a dead ball or as you're going down the court. Your response should be a function of how the Coach is asking and what he or she wants to talk about. Common sense will help you decipher if a Coach wants a piece of you, or simply wants an explanation.

If the Coach is civil in asking the question, they deserve a civil answer. If a Coach asks you over to verbally unload on you, firmly let the Coach know you've heard the complaint, you've made your decision and the game will proceed. "Coach, I've heard you and we need to move on."

Don't say anything you wouldn't want repeated to the other Coach or your partners.

We all know that Coaches are paranoid. If they see one official having conversations with the opposing Coach, they often want to know what's going on. It is good practice to bring both Coaches together to discuss certain situations, particularly, if they have to do with the clock or book. There are times, however, when such a conversation is not warranted or possible. Just make sure that if a Coach asks you what you were discussing with the opposing Coach, you can tell the truth.

There will also be times when one Coach wants to complain about your partner's calls. No matter what, don't sell your partner out! The Coach won't respect you for it, nor will your partners. If a complaint is about a specific play, try, "Gee, Coach; my partner was closer than we were and had a real good look at the play." If it's regarding your partner making a call right in front of you, try, "Coach, my partner must have seen something from an angle I didn't have." If the complaint is general, "He's killing me!" there's not much you can say other than you'll work hard as a team to get it right. Sometimes, nothing you say will help, short of selling out your part-

ner. Deal with an incompetent partner through your post-game mentoring.

Treat the Coach with respect and expect the same.

When you miss a call, there's nothing wrong with saying, "If it happened that way, Coach, I may have missed it." Don't make it a habit to make excuses. Talk to Coaches professionally and calmly without having to go through a charade.

With the new season upon us, take a few moments to reflect on how you deal with Coaches. Ask others how they deal with them.

Communication is an essential tool to becoming a successful official. Don't leave home without it!

Karen Lasuik
Education Development Officer



JUNIOR HIGH NOTE

Are you interested in jr high games? Please email me to let me know your availability and area - North, South, etc. and preference of school that you can get to for 4pm games.

Tom Vasquez
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