

EBOA Membership Memo - October 2023

To
EBOA Membership

Dear EBOA Members,

From
EBOA Executive

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. I wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering dedication to the Edmonton Basketball Officials Association (EBOA). Your commitment to excellence has not only shaped our association but has also contributed significantly to the thriving basketball community in our city.

First and foremost, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the 100+ individuals who have successfully completed their theory and practical requirements and are now full-fledged members of EBOA. Your hard work and dedication to mastering the intricacies of officiating are commendable, and we are thrilled to have you on board.

To our returning members, welcome back as well. Your continued involvement and experience are invaluable to our association's success. Your leadership and mentorship are instrumental in nurturing the next generation of basketball officials.

As we embark on another exciting season, it is important to acknowledge that basketball never sleeps in our city. We are fortunate to have an exceptional group of officials who consistently represent the EBOA with distinction. Your professionalism, integrity, and passion for the game are truly inspiring, and I have no doubt that you will continue to make us proud.

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I would also like to express our gratitude to Jasper Place High School for graciously hosting our clinics. Your support allows us to provide quality training and development opportunities to our members. We have one more clinic on the horizon, a Make-up Clinic scheduled for October 21, with the possibility of a second New Officials clinic in November. Stay tuned for updates and seize these chances for growth and improvement.

Looking ahead, the National Exam looms on the horizon. We will confirm the exact date as soon as it is set. It is important to remember that everyone is required to write and pass the exam. For NOCP Level 1 officials, a 70% pass mark is required, while Level 2 and 3 officials must achieve 80%, or 86% if you are a USports or ACAC official. Your dedication to continuous learning and improvement is what sets EBOA apart, and I have no doubt that you will rise to the challenge.

In closing, I want to wish each and every one of you the best of luck during the upcoming season. May your officiating endeavors be marked by fairness, accuracy, and a deep love for the game of basketball.

Thank you for being an integral part of EBOA's success. Together, we will continue to elevate the standards of basketball officiating in our community.

Warm regards,

EBOA Executive

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Upcoming Clinics

- October 21, 2023 - EBOA Makeup Clinic

- Register here -

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/719401799147?aff=oddtcreator>

Reminders

- **No jewellery is allowed for any players and as such all officials should also follow this mandate.**
- **Please take the opportunity to upload a professional headshot on your arbiter account.**

Game Reports and Discipline Protocols

Basketball is in full swing with EBA and EYBA. Game reports are starting to come in with a plethora of poor behaviours. For the 2023-24 season, the Director of Discipline and Mediation would appreciate attention to the following:

- i. Game reports can be submitted via the EBOA website (<https://www.theeboa.com/game-reports>). Texts, phone calls, or emails are not required unless there are follow up queries on the information submitted in the report.
- ii. Game reports must be submitted when a *disqualification* occurs. This includes two (2) technical fouls, two (2) unsportsmanlike fouls, one (1) disqualifying foul, or a combination of fouls as prescribed by the rules; for example, bench technical (“B”), coach (“C”), or bench (“B2”) fouls. Game reports submitted without a disqualification should be done for something egregious. An example of this might be when members are accosted after the game and there is a safety concern. If a referee opts to not file a game report, the association will be unable to track repeat issues or ensure that we are adequately following up with leagues/coordinators. **Please do not submit a report for one (1) technical foul only.**

The following are great examples of a helpful amount of information:

*At 3:48 in the 1st <Team> player #4 was issued his first technical for taunting by making a gesture with two hands to his groin. At 7:19 in the 4th, his second technical foul was given for swearing at another player; the player said "**** you". I disqualified the player and he left the court.*

With approximately 3 minutes remaining in the 4th quarter, <Team Name> (Green) #3 pushed <Team Name> (White) #23 in live play which initiated a scuffle between them. Both of them proceeded to shove one another in an unsportsmanlike manner. Both <Referee> and I quickly went in to break up the fight and separate them. We sent them to their respective benches. As the game was nearly over with <Team> winning by a sizeable amount, we determined that it was best to simply disqualify/eject both players. Both head coaches agreed and supported our decision.

- iii. Game reports should not be submitted with an official's opinion. The opinion is exceedingly unhelpful and very rarely accepted. The following are examples which should not be submitted:

As another note, it is hearsay and no T was issued, but you should ask <referee> about the conversation she had with <coach name> at half time. S/he told me about it and I was surprised. My opinion: this person shouldn't be coaching teenagers. S/he doesn't set a good example and ruins the game for everyone. I know you can't operate on my opinion but you're getting it today because of what I see from my own viewpoint. <League> will do what they will do with the data. I think my opinion is worth submitting.

If possible, I'd highly recommend adding into the contract for these tournaments where a court monitor is there every game. Reason being is in this game as well, one of the <Name> parents even came over to the score table to tell the score keepers they had the score wrong, during live

play I might add. I am utterly disappointed in that <Name> team and I strongly recommend they not be invited or welcome in the tournament next year.

A good game report encompasses only the information necessary to address the behaviour. Please complete all the fields to the best of your ability – the court, date, time, teams, and league being completed diminish the administrative turnaround time for complaints and enable us to better address behavioural concerns. Providing the simple facts enables the director to quickly turn the report over to the league. Where an official opts to provide unprofessional or inflammatory language, the report is redacted and edited which is not helpful in the process.

As an aside, EBOA has received 26 game reports since June. Every game report has been actioned, and where the game report had extremely inappropriate behaviour – the tournament organizer, league coordinator, and club president were called with an effective resolution. If you would like follow up after a game report, please put this in the text of your game report, e.g., “I would like to know what happened with this complaint if possible.” Where possible, the director will follow up with you.

Finally, there have been a number of situations where administrative technical fouls are assessed without any informal intervention. Where you are giving a technical foul that is administrative in nature, for example, a team in EYBA applying front-court defence when they are winning by a margin of 20 points or greater; please give consideration to ask, tell, make. **Ask** means bringing it to the coach’s attention - “*Coach, you are winning by more than 20 points. By rule, you cannot play defence in the back court. Would you please change the defence?*” **Tell** means you politely say to the Coach, “*as we’ve discussed, if you continue to play defence in the back court while you are up by 20 points or more, you will be assessed a technical foul.*” **Make** means calling a technical foul. When the reports come in, it is easier to articulate the officials attempted to resolve the situation without immediately turning to a technical foul.

A reminder, Rule 36.2.1 says a “*technical foul is a player non-contact foul of a behavioural nature, that can be assessed for disregarding warnings given by referees...*” If you encounter behaviour that is a minor infraction, members are strongly encouraged to address the situation via a warning before immediately applying a technical foul.

Membership Meeting Dates: Below is a list of meeting dates for the fall. There will be a hybrid of online and in-person.

- October 30th will be in person at the Saville.
- November 27, January 29, February 26, March 25, and April 29 [AGM]

CBOC National Jersey: Thank you to everyone who completed their online order form and took advantage of the ABOA/EBOA subsidy program. Information regarding the launch of the jersey and when and where they can be picked up will be communicated when it becomes available to us. Officials will be able to purchase additional jerseys at a later date. If you have any other questions about the jersey transition, please contact the EBOA Secretary, Mitchell Normand at secretary.eboa@gmail.com

Monetary Penalty for Declines/Turnbacks Policy- “Fines For Declines Program”: This a reminder that you are responsible for updating your arbiter and block dates/times. This program will continue for the 2023/24 season. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Vice President. Details about the program can be found on theeboa.com and ArbiterSports.

Annual Exam

- The 2022-23 FIBA Rules Exam will be available for all officials registered with CBOC to take starting on Monday, October 30th at 12 PM (EDT) and will close on Friday, December 1st at 5:00 PM (EDT). Please note the exam will indefinitely close on Friday December 1st at 5:00PM (EDT)
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In order to complete the rules exam this year, officials who previously registered for the 2023-24 year will be granted access on Game Plan once the exam window opens. Those who did not register and have not been identified as registered officials by their provinces for the 2023-24 season will not have access to the exam until your registration is confirmed by your provincial association.

- All new members are required to complete the exam

Stay well, Stay safe

