



CBOC NEWSLETTER

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CBOC AUGUST NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

This is the initial newsletter for the Canadian Basketball Officials Commission. The commission goes by the acronym CBOC and is part of Canada Basketball's strategy for growing the game across the entire country. At the top of this newsletter is our new logo. Look for it on future documents as well as on the Canada Basketball website www.basketball.ca where you will find important information related to officiating. The CBOC section on the Canada Basketball website is now live.

There is no doubt it will take time to create the alignment we are looking for. Be patient and please be part of the process.

In this newsletter, we are sharing an update from Nadine Crowley based on her time with FIBA this year.

There is no question that basketball has changed and evolved over the past years. The skill set that players bring to the floor, coaches use of video to enhance their team's chance for success and even the playing rules are a few examples of the rapidity and variety of the changes we see in the game. The CBOC is committed to meeting the challenge of developing officials to keep pace with the changes in the game.

COMMISSION MEMBERS

The CBOC is composed of Nadine Crowley, a current FIBA commissioner and a former FIBA official; Tim Heide, a current CIS official and president of the BC Basketball Officials Association; Michele O'Keefe, president & CEO of Canada Basketball as well as a member the Central Board of FIBA; Sandra Murray-MacDonell, executive director of the CCAA; Daniel Méthot, UQAM, representing the CIS and Morgan

Munroe, CABO president.

CBOC SUBCOMMITTEES

One of the initial goals of the CBOC is to develop a more comprehensive selection process for officials assigned to national championships. As a result we are looking for individuals who would be interested in sitting on the Evaluating and Selection Sub-Committee soon we will be circulating application forms.

Short Introduction for Communication on Evaluating and Selection Sub-Committee

The ***Sub-Committee – Evaluation and Selection (E&S)***, under the guidance of the CBOC, is designed to carry out evaluation and selection policy development of officials in the development pathway.

The E&S sub-committee will review the current models in practice in Canada as well as international best practices and FIBA recommendations. The sub-committee will provide recommendations to ensure an aligned and cohesive plan for officials' development that is relevant to Canada.

The CBOC reserves the right to interview potential candidates for this sub-committee.

Another goal of the CBOC is to develop formalized pathways and skill sets for officials depending upon their interest, skills and potential. As a result we are looking for individuals who would be interested in sitting on the Development and Education Sub-Committee.

Short Introduction for Communication on Development and Education Sub-Committee

The ***Sub-Committee – Development and Education (D&E)***, under the guidance of the CBOC, is a sub-committee designed to create an aligned and long-term official development pathway.

The D&E sub-committee will review the current models in practice in Canada as well as international best practices and FIBA recommendations. The sub-committee will provide recommendations to ensure an aligned and cohesive plan for officials' development that is relevant to Canada.

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FIBA UPDATES – Nadine Crowley

In June 2016 I was fortunate to have been selected to work as a Referee Supervisor at the Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Nantes, France and with a group of young FIBA and national level officials at a pre-tournament camp in Mondeville, France. During this time, I learned more about the FIBA philosophy and the requirements for officiating at the international level.

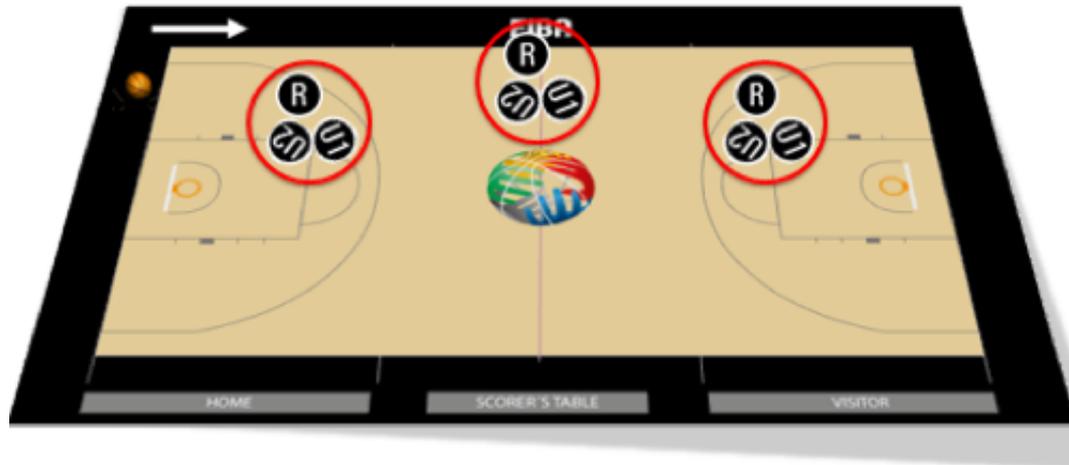
There are some exciting initiatives taking place around the world as the FIBA Referee Department has created a new officiating structure with the goal of improving the quality of officiating in its 215 National Federations. FIBA has formulated a “Functional Structure which consists of One Criteria, One Message and One Communication and Reporting Process which ultimately leads to Better Basketball.” For example, FIBA wants the officiating across the 215 National Federations to be like a Big Mac you purchase at McDonald’s. No matter what country you are in, the product is served exactly the same. FIBA has accomplished this by developing comprehensive online training manuals of rules and interpretations, FIBA Homestudy Guide for officiating coaches as well as a guide for tutors/mentors, physical training guidelines, guidelines for table officials, and detailed manuals to help officials prepare for major competitions. FIBA has also provided the 5 regional offices, and the Federations within those zones, with a variety of e-learning/teaching materials in the areas of: game control, 3-person mechanics, teamwork, and contact criteria to name a few. In addition, FIBA has mandated to introduce qualified and trained people to work with the officials in their national federations by offering the new FIBA Referee Coach Certificate Program and the FIBA Referee Instructor Program(FRIP). A Referee Instructor is an individual who instructs a group of referees using different teaching/learning techniques and who mentors national instructors. The Referee Coach acts as a “personal trainer” for a designated group of referees, helps with the referee’s action plan for the season, and monitors the referee’s performance and progress throughout the season. It is important that we begin to implement the various initiatives introduced by FIBA in an effort to strengthen and align officiating within Canada.

One of the many roles of the CBOC is to ensure that every Canadian official is provided with up-to-date information with respect to the FIBA rules and interpretations. Therefore, CBOC will use the website to post FIBA updates. The first update illustrates a few new floor mechanics instituted during the tournaments that will appear in the next edition of the FIBA rules & mechanics manual.

1. Change in the official’s court positions during time-outs:

Court positions / time-outs 1

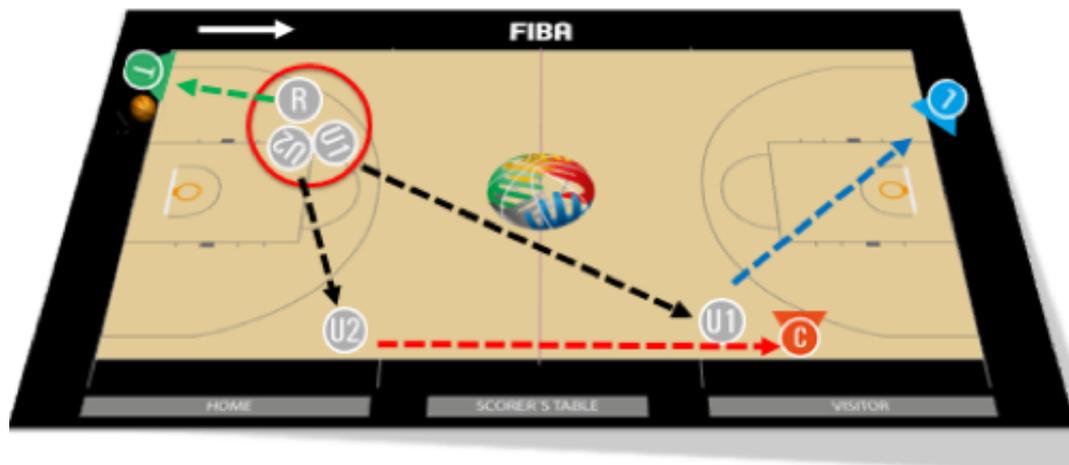
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The three standard time-out positions – always in the opposite side.
Leave the ball where the game will be resumed.

Court positions / time-outs 2

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20 seconds before end of the time-outs – two referees move close to team bench areas in order to be ready to activate teams returning to the court at 50 seconds warning signal.

2. Double whistles on fouls:

- On a double whistle, the official opposite the table takes the call.

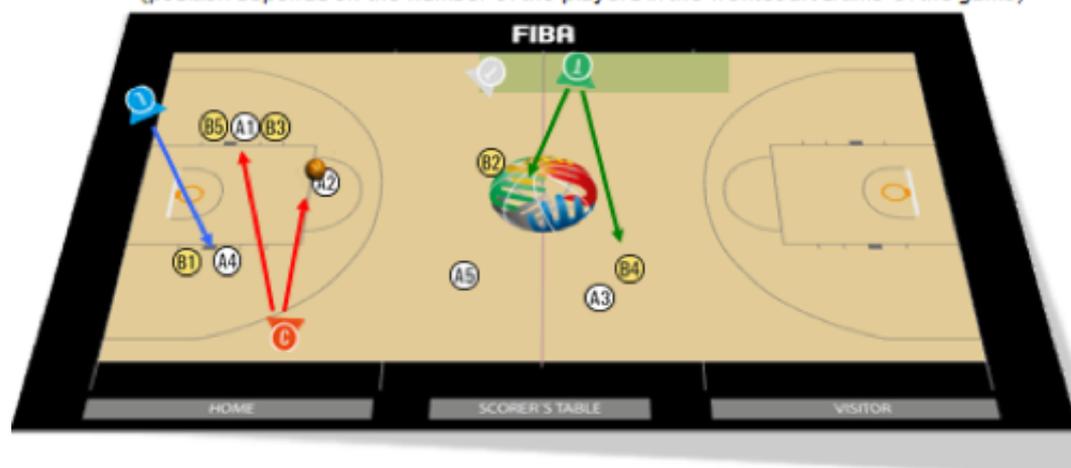
Double whistle by center & trail
Referee on the opposite side reports the foul



3. Last Free Throw Position:

3PO advanced: Free throws Positions & COVERAGE

Last free throw - players in the new front court
trail adjusts towards to the new front court
(position depends on the number of the players in the frontcourt & time of the game)



CBOC – HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR TO DATE

In the past, FIBA published mechanics manuals. In 2010 a 3-person version was published and it became the standard throughout the world. However, since 2010, there has been a restructuring of FIBA's officiating department and as a result there have been mechanic and philosophical changes. In March, the head of FIBA officiating Carl Jungebrand visited Canada. He observed the CIS men's championships at UBC and also made presentations to officials that included an on-floor session led by Canada's Steve Seibel and a meeting with CBOC members as well as other invited guests. Let me share some of his observations.

One of the precepts that FIBA is now using in the officiating area is Standard Quality. The philosophy behind these two words is wide and varied. Let me use a few examples to try and illustrate this.

In 2006 an official was selected for the World Championships and was assigned to a semi final. In 2008 he was selected to the Olympics but this time did not make the medal round. By 2014 he was not part of the group selected for the World Championships. The official was still in good shape, had not sustained an injury but had not kept up with the changes in the philosophy and expectations of FIBA while his colleagues at the highest level had and as a result moved past him. His performance in 2006 was amongst the best in the world and yet 8 short years later he wasn't judged to be good enough to even be selected. In this case, Standard Quality is an expectation that as the game changes the officials must change as well. FIBA is constantly revising and developing new resources to assist officials in meeting the new realities. The CBOC will be kept informed of these changes and will through both sub-committees integrate them into the Canadian officiating landscape.

Mr. Jungebrand challenged an assumption that many of us have had in the past. FIBA is no longer looking for officials who can "manage a game." In their system this is a sign that the officials are simply holding on and hoping that nothing unexpected happens and the game finishes uneventfully. Instead FIBA is looking for officials who take control of a game. Before you become alarmed they are not advocating that the official show control by needlessly blowing the whistle. Rather taking control in a number of ways some even before the ball is tossed.

Is the official physically fit? The modern basketball official at the highest levels must look athletic. Looking the part is a way of indicating that the official works at his/her appearance and is ready to take control of the game. Actually being physically active on the floor during the warm ups. The idea that the official loosens up before the game in the dressing room and then is stationary during the entire warm up period is no longer acceptable. The officials are physically active on the floor while the players are warming up. To the point that having the officials actually perspiring during the warm up is now the norm at the highest levels. Changes of this nature will take time to become the norm here in Canada but when they are it will make for a better game for the players and for the officials.

It was clear from observing the games at the CIS men's championships that there are different standards across the country in a number of areas including bench decorum. One of the outcomes of the two sub-committees will be the consistent expectation and enforcement of rules as they pertain to a variety of the playing rules. Standard quality will be part of the pathway for officials who aspire to officiate at national championships but it can only be achieved by starting with games that precede them. If players and coaches know the expectations as they relate to action on the floor and the acceptable reactions of those involved then it becomes incumbent on the officials to enforce these. By having a pathway process that will feature qualified instructors, who will teach using standard language and terminology. Games will be

observed by supervisors, who are aware of the training programs, provide appropriate feedback to the officials and to those who assign. Completing the process will be referee coaches who will be trainers for the officials. They will be aware of the training programs, use the same language, have access to the supervisor's comments and will be there to assist the official to reach the level that they are best suited for or aspire to.

Sounds daunting? It might be. However other sports in Canada have achieved some of these outcomes. Why can't basketball? Countries like Australia have implemented a similar model for their basketball officials so it is being done already. The CBOC is excited to meet the challenge and we look forward to hearing from people who see the future of our sport as being bigger and better than it already is and are prepared to work collaboratively to make it happen.

THIS NEWSLETTER NEEDS A NAME! HELP US AND WIN A PRIZE.

Send us your suggestions for a name for the CBOC newsletter and win prize package from Canada Basketball. Send your suggestions to: Max Hirst at mhirst@basketball.ca. In the event of duplicate entries a draw will be made amongst the names to determine a winner.

SUMMER OLYMPICS

Two of Canada's best officials Steve Seibel (Kamloops, BC) and Karen Lasuik (Edmonton, AB) have been selected to officiate at the Olympic Games in Rio. We are, of course, justifiably proud of this and we wish them great success. Karen is keeping a blog while she's there and if you'd like to follow it here is the link:

www.hoopsref22.blogspot.ca

Karen is sharing great insight into FIBA's new officials' Olympic preparation.

CANADIAN OFFICIALS INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS THIS SUMMER

During the past few months a number of Canadian officials were selected by FIBA to officiate at various tournaments. They all had outstanding tournaments and we congratulate them for their efforts

Women's Olympic Qualification Tournament – Paris, France

Maripier (MP) Malo

Men's Olympic Qualification Tournament – Belgrade, Serbia

Michael Weiland

World U17 Championship – Zaragoza, Spain

Matthew Kallio

FIBA Americas U18 Championships – Valdivia, Chile

Men's Tournament - Reed Scott

Women's Tournament - Stephanie Nordlee

CANADA BASKETBALL SUMMER NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

The following officials were nominated by their provincial officiating organizations and were approved and funded by CABO to attend the following CB tournaments:

17U Boys - Winnipeg		
First Name	Last Name	Prov.
Mark	Elke	BC
Ryan	Bissonnette	ON
Seth	Schwartz	ON
Matt	Degagne	MB
Aimee	Van Dam	MB
Andy	Russo	MB
Evan	Victoruk	MB
Justin	Pursaga	MB
Kerron	Lewis	AB
Alicia	Bird Smith	NFLD
Justin	Rocchi	NS
Yannick	Payette	QC
Assignor/ Evaluators		
First Name	Last Name	Prov.
Dave	Werry	SK
Paul	Deshaies	QC
John	McFarland	BC

17U Girls - Regina		
First Name	Last Name	Prov.
Maria Izabelle	Datayan	BC
Gilda Carina	Lohn	BC
Matt	Boyko	SK
Rob	Brodner	SK

Amber	Fehr	SK
David	Hersche	SK
Melissa	Meacham	SK
Kyra	Parkin	SK
Steven Daniel	Wilkie	ON
Aarash	Rafaie	ON
Joanna	Wiegers	AB
Spencer	Jeffrey	NB
Assignor/ Evaluators		
First Name	Last Name	Prov.
Bill	Denney	BC
Ted	Montgomery	ON
Reg	Jewkes	NS

15U Boys - Winnipeg		
First Name	Last Name	Prov.
Ryan	Smyski	BC
Colin	Hoehne	ON
Ron	Guinto	MB
Payle	Kukic	MB
Craig	Holowachuk	MB
Trevor	Harder	MB
Cooper	Toppings	AB
Francois	Brouillette	QC
Assignor/ Evaluators		
First Name	Last Name	Prov.
Cam	Moskal	MB
Alfie	Paoletti	QC

15U Girls - Regina		
First Name	Last Name	Prov.
Steve	Cho	BC
Jenna	Harder	SK
Kaitlin	Harman	SK
Michael	Holzer	SK

Fei	Xiang	ON
Joseph	Harvey	NS
Jason	Chatwood	AB
Catherine	Couillard	QC
Assignor/ Evaluators		
First Name	Last Name	Prov.
Mario	Lessard	QC
Neil	Donnelly	SK

We hope you have enjoyed this newsletter as we have enjoyed compiling items we thoughts would be interesting to officials across Canada.

Morgan Munroe
President CBOC
