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2021  
CBOC AWARDS

*We would like to take this time to acknowledge  
and congratulate the recipients of the inaugural  
2021 CBOC Awards.*



# Ted Earley Memorial Award

This is CBOC's highest award and the award criteria are:

- Nominee is recognized as a superior floor official
- Nominee will have a significant number of years of service as an active official with national and international exposure, including significant FIBA involvement as a licensed floor official or administrator
- Nominee will have performed varied forms of service to the basketball community, both provincially and nationally
- Nominee will have served in administrative and leadership roles, both provincially and nationally
- Nominee will have contributed in both interpretive and educational capacities

## Mike Thomson

British Columbia



Mike is easily recognized as a superior floor official. He was officiating with Fraser Valley Basketball Officials Association in fall 1979, joined Greater Vancouver Basketball Officials Association (GVBOA) in 1983, moving exclusively to GVBOA in 1985. He worked 13 CIS Men's National Championship assignments including 9 Championship games and 11 Semi-final games. Nationally, he worked 2 CIS Women's Nationals, 1 Open Men's Nationals, 1 Open Women's Nationals, 2 Junior College Men's Nationals, 1 Junior College Women's Nationals, 1 Men's Junior

Mike has also performed varied forms of service to the basketball community, both provincially and nationally. Currently, Mike is working at Canada Basketball as a Manager in the Officials Development and with Canada West Supervisor of Basketball Officials. He previously held a role as a Referee Coach with the British Columbia Basketball Officials Commission and as a Board 206 Secretary with the International Association of Basketball Officials. In addition to, he has served in administrative and leadership roles such as an Educator, Secretary, Executive Member, Director, Clinician and Referee Coach.

Nationals, 1 Women's Junior Nationals. At the high school, junior college and university basketball level, he represented 4 BC Provincial AAA Boys' Tournaments, 8 Semi-finals and 5 Championship games, a boy's and girl's Championship Game.

He has a significant number of years of service as a floor official with national and international exposure, including significant FIBA involvement as a licensed floor official or administrator. Mike is was an International Licensed Official from 1989 to 2008, and a FIBA Commissioner from 2017-2021. As a commissioner he worked FIBA Americas Men's U18 Championship in Colorado.

Throughout his time as a referee he worked various events such as women's World League Championship in Russia, Canada Men's National Teams Tour in Japan, Olympic Games in Australia, COPABA Women's World Championship Qualifying Tournament in Brazil, Hamilton and Argentina, and Men's Pre-Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Mexico.

Mike has contributed in interpretive or educational capacities as a FIBA Referee Instructor since 2015. As a Referee Instructor he has worked numerous FIBA events such as Americas Elite Officials Camp in Chile, Americas Men's Championship in Mexico, U19 Women's World Cup in Italy, U17 Men's World Cup in Argentina, Men's World Cup in China, and many more including the 2021 U19 Women's World Cup in Hungary and the 2021 Men's Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Serbia.

# Wink Willox Memorial Award

In any given year, there may be only one candidate selected for a Wink Willox Award from each province and the award criteria are:

- Good floor official by local standard
- Significant length of service to the basketball community
- Various forms of service to basketball organizations
- Contributions to basketball in an administration role

## Colin MacAdam – Prince Edward Island

- Served on the PEI Executive as Vice President for 24 years from 1992-2016
- Colin began officiating in 1981 in the Charlottetown area then proceeded onto the College Board for more than 30 years until he hung up the whistles and shoes in the season of 2016-2017
- Represented the PEIBOA at the National Level in the Summer of 1993-1994 in Waterloo at the Premier Men's and continued representing the PEIBOA.
- Colin represented CIAU Women's & AUAA Women's for many years including a AUAA final. He also officiated CIS Women's for a year and AUS from 2000-2016
- Represented CCAA Men's Bronze Medal Final, CCAA Men's, AUS Men, CIS Men and U-17

## Penny Wright – Ontario

- Has over 20 years of officiating experience, with 17 being at the University Level, and continues to evaluate officials at every level
- Penny is a member of the CBOC development and selection committee which gives her insight on how to guide officials to the next level
- Penny has officiated many Peel and OFSSA Championships, U SPORTS Basketball throughout Ontario including 7 Gold Medal Games and OCAA throughout Ontario
- Officiated on all 4 OUA Panels
- Inducted into the OUA Basketball Hall of Fame in 2016

## Karn Dhillon – British Columbia

- Began officiating in 1979 with the Greater Vancouver Basketball Officials Association
- Officiated at numerous Provincial Championships over a 40 year officiating career
- 5 times selected to officiate the BC (AAAA, AAA & AA & A) High School Boys Championship gold medal game - 2 times selected to officiate the BC AAA High School Girls Championship gold medal game
- Officiated a consistent number of playoff game at the PACWEST Provincials for the past 20 years
- PACWEST Officials Member in Good standing since 1998
- Continues as a Local Evaluator/Observer of Officials with GVBOA since 2001 and as a Provincial Evaluator/Observer with the BCBOA since 2005
- Recipient of the BCBOA Wink Willox Award in 2008
- Karn is a past member of the GVBOA Executive for 2 years and a current member of the BCBOC Executive for 6 years now

## Joseph Wadden – Newfoundland

- Joe was an outstanding player in his alma mater, “Holy Cross” and went on to play at Memorial University and in the Senior Men's leagues
- Began officiating in 1966 in the old Roman Catholic Grammar School league in schools such as Pius 10th, St. Pat's and Holy Cross
- In 2003, he retired from coaching and returned to officiating full time and since then has averaged over a 100 games per season
- Has officiated games at all levels, including minor basketball, high school and both senior men's and ladies leagues. He has also officiated at all levels of the provincial Newfoundland and Labrador Basketball Association (NLBA) tournaments and in 4A, 3A , and 2A Championships in School Sports Newfoundland and Labrador
- Joe has been the Assignor for St. John's Association of Basketball Officials (SJABO), assigning 6 to 7 thousand games per season
- Inducted into the NLBA Hall of Fame in the “Builder” Category in 2005
- Recipient of the Newfoundland Association of Basketball Officials, “Frank King” award for excellence in officiating in Newfoundland

## Sergio Giordano – Alberta

- Serves on the board for the Calgary Basketball Officials Association
- Officiated games at all levels of play from high school locally to U SPORTS, including a final assignment at the U SPORTS Women's Championship in Prince Edward Island
- After stepping down from his role as an active ACAC and U SPORTS official, Sergio has become a well respected member of the ABOA Provincial Evaluation Team
- Has officiated wheelchair basketball at all levels for more than 30 years - locally, provincially, nationally, and internationally
- Some of his international highlights include multiple selections by the IWBF to act as a referee supervisor at the wheelchair basketball world championships and was selected as a referee supervisor at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic
- In August of 2019 Sergio was honoured by Wheelchair Basketball Canada with an appointment to the Hall of Fame

## Guy McIsaac – New Brunswick

- Played University Basketball at UPEI, before transferring to Acadia and was named co-captain
- President of the Kamloops Senior Men's League and played in a very competitive Petitcodiac Valley Senior Men's league
- In 1993, Guy moved into officiating. After working a few years at the high school level, Guy began working games at the Collegiate level in the ACAA
- Represented New Brunswick at 6 ACAA Championship tournaments and at 4 CCAA National tournaments
- Annual official in the NBIAA High School play-off tournaments. Over the years, he was recognized with 6 Championship game assignments at the NBIAA Final 12 Championships, working the A Boys game and then receiving assignments to the AAA Boys game
- Became a referee mentor for the Moncton Kiwanis Minor Basketball Association
- Assignor/Evaluator on the AUS Board of Officials, providing evaluations for each of the officials at all University games

## **Jen McKenzie – Nova Scotia**

- Officiating in Nova Scotia for over 15 years.
- She has officiated every level of ball from U10 to Junior to Senior high boys and girls before advancing to the Atlantic University Sports Men's and Women's panel
- She has officiated at 3 Canada Basketball National Championships, 1 U SPORTS Final 8 Championship, 1 CCAA National Championship, 3 ACAA basketball championships, 2 AUS championships and numerous NSSAF Provincial Championships. Also being one of the 4 female officials hired in the NBL.
- Recently completed the Referee Evaluator Training – NOCP 1 & 2. She is also a FIBA certified table official, qualified to do stats and all aspects of the score table and volunteered at the 2015 Pan Am Games in Toronto, Ontario.
- Received the local prestigious Frank Baldwin Award in 2017 in recognition of her contribution to grass root development

## **Warren Poncsak – Saskatchewan**

- Refereed for 36 years, 32 of which were at the U Sport level. Warren was assigned to many U SPORTS Men's and Women's National Championships and as well as the U19 Men's Championship in Kelowna and the 2005 Canada Summer Games in Regina where he was assigned to the Boy's Gold Medal Game
- Nationally Warren was a member of the National Evaluation Panel and a certified National Referee Coach. He has been assigned as a Referee Coach to numerous U15 & U17 National Championships as well as CCAA and U SPORTS Men's and Women's Championships
- Provincially he served on the SABO executive as President and Provincial Interpreter and has held numerous positions on the Regina Association of Basketball Officials (RABO) executive including President and Referee in Chief
- Warren passed away July 13, 2021, at the age of 59. At the time of his death Warren was an active member of the CEBL and Canada West Officiating Panels. Warren was married to Debbie and was extremely proud of his three daughters Jessica, Shea and Nicole

# *Ritchie/Nicurity Scholarship*

*\$750 Value*

**The purpose is to provide financial assistance to promising young officials to assist in furthering their education.**

### **Brianna Hiltz – VWBA**

Brianna is registered as a full-time student in the Bachelor of Science program for the 2021/2022 academic year at Dalhousie University.

### **Crystal Teichrieb – MABO**

Crystal is a full-time student at St. Boniface University working towards a degree in Education.

### **Olivia Blizzard – NBAABO**

Olivia is completing a Bachelor's degree in Forestry, with a minor in Physics at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton.

### **Corbin Tod – ABOA**

Corbin is in his fourth year at Mount Royal University completing a Bachelor of Arts Degree Program.

### **Randi Debert – RABO**

Randi is completing a Bachelor of Applied Science at the University of Regina.

### **Kaytlin Waddell – MABO**

Kaitlyn is completing her final year in Accounting at Red River College in Winnipeg.