

WHISTLE BLAST

2020 WRAP UP & CBOC AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT

January 1st, 2020 rang in a new decade and a new year; a year unlike any we've experienced in our lifetime. Covid-19 has affected all of us in various and in some cases, tragic ways. Not being able to referee basketball games has taken a toll on many of us as well. The mental and physical benefits that we've likely taken for granted in the past, have been very difficult to replace, so CBOC has invested substantially in providing a variety of resources that are easily accessible within your personal Game Plan account. These are intended to keep you up to date with rules knowledge, provide opportunity for mental practise and help develop various officiating skills.

Since May 5th, 2020, when the transition from CABO to CBOC became effective, the Executive Council has juggled a long list of priorities, resulting in an enormous workload for Mike and Riike. There are already many tangible results of their work, and that of the various Committees and Working Groups, but much is still work-in-progress. The challenge of building a National administrative structure and a foundation based on transparency, vision, inclusivity, equity and diversity continues, but I'm very encouraged by the progress made to date and believe that through 2021, we will be able to divert more investment, time and effort to building a development model that will stack up to any in the world.

As we wind down what has been a most challenging and unpredictable year and ramp up preparations for gift giving and virtual family gatherings, I'd like to wish you joy, peace, hope and love as you celebrate this special time of year with your loved ones.

With 2020 seeming to have come and gone in a flash, I'm reminded to make time to reflect and enjoy the blessings that I have. I trust you will do the same and may your 2021 be healthy and successful.

Merry Christmas,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Heide". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CBOC Chair

2020 CBOC AWARDS

We would like to take this time to acknowledge and congratulate the recipients of the inaugural 2020 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

Presented to: Cam Moskal (Manitoba)

Cam officiated basketball for over 34 years, starting in 1985 at the age of 16. While playing high school basketball he returned to his Junior High School to officiate games. When his high school playing days ended, he decided that officiating was his best avenue for continued success in basketball.

Cam has worked all levels of basketball in Manitoba from Jr. High, High School and Senior Leagues. He also worked CIAU/CIS/U-Sport for 26 years and 8 years in the semi-professional leagues of the NBL and IBA.

Cam worked at 6 CIAU/CIS Men's National Championships (earning 2 championship finals and 2 consolation finals), 2 Women's Nationals, 2 CCAA Nationals, 5 Canada Basketball National championships, and 9 High School AAAA Provincial Championships. At the International level Cam obtained his FIBA License in 2004 and was assigned to the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, Australia. He was awarded the Women's Semi-final and the Gold Medal game on the Men's side.

In addition to Cam's stellar on-court career he has served in multiple administrative capacities at both the provincial and national levels. Provincially he served on the board of the Manitoba Association of Basketball Officials as President for 8 years (1996-2004), as Provincial Interpreter for 9 years (2004- 2013) and Provincial Supervisor for 2 years (2015-2017). Prior to that Cam served on the Executive of the Metropolitan Basketball Officials Association out of Winnipeg for 8 years including 4 years as President. Cam has also worked as a provincial evaluator and mentor for MABO for several years. He has helped deliver numerous provincial officiating clinics and camps throughout Manitoba.

Cam was invited to the National Evaluators panel in 2014. He has worked as a Referee Coach at 5 national championships to date and continues to serve in this capacity. Cam was on CABO's National Executive from 2016 to 2020 as the National Interpreter.

CBOC Executive Award of Merit

In any given year, this may be presented by the CBOC Executive to an individual who has made a significant contribution to CBOC.

Presented to the following:

Morgan Munroe - Alberta

- Morgan Munroe began his basketball officiating career in 1989 and went on to officiate over 2000 games, including approximately 1500 in the ASAA (Southern Alberta area).
- He officiated numerous provincial championships, including 6 Provincial Gold Medal Games. In addition, he officiated 21 Seasons of CCAA Basketball and 20 Seasons of CIS basketball which included six National Championships and 2 Gold Medal Games.
- At the local level, he was the President of the Southern Alberta Basketball Association (SABOA) for 6 years, as well as 13 years in an Executive position. At the provincial level, he served as the rules interpreter for ABOA for 13 years.
- After serving 13 years as part of the Canadian Association of Basketball Officials (CABO) National Council, Morgan was elected the President of CABO in 2016.
- Morgan was inducted into the Alberta Schools Athletic Association (ASAA) Hall of Fame in 2015, where he is only the 5th official and 3rd basketball official to be awarded this honour.
- Morgan put in countless hours to lead the successful transition from CABO to CBOC between 2016 and 2020.

Michele O'Keefe - Ontario

- Michele O'Keefe began her professional career with Canada Basketball in 1994 and has held a variety of positions including Manager, Communications (1994-1996, 1998-2002), Director, Basketball Operations (2010-12), Executive Director (2012-15) and President & Chief Executive Officer (2015-2018).
- She was integral in bringing the 2015 FIBA Americas Women's Championship to Edmonton and the 2018 FIBA U18 Americas Championship to St. Catharines.
- She has also served as a member of the Central Board of FIBA and the Executive Committee of FIBA Americas since 2014. As of 2010, she has also been a member of FIBA Americas Central Board.
- Currently, Michele is a Board Member of 2021 Canada Summer Games Host Society (2017-present) and Canadian Team Sports Coalition Executive (2012-present).
- Prior to re-joining Canada Basketball in 2010, she served as the Executive Director of Ontario Basketball from 2007 to 2010.
- Michele holds a full NCCP Level 3 certification and was an assistant coach for the McMaster University Women's Team from 1990 to 1992.
- Since stepping down from Canada Basketball in 2018, Michele has held the position of Associate Director, Athletics & Recreation, at Niagara College in her hometown of Welland, Ontario.

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

Presented to the following:

Ken Wamsley - Alberta

- Been part of basketball for seven decades as a player, coach, official and evaluator.
- Played basketball in high school and participated at the Canada Summer Games in 1967.
- Began officiating career in 1972 and officiated at the college and university level.
- Part of the organizing group for Inuvik Basketball League and helped bring the first clinic to the north.
- A member of the organizing group to form N.W.T. Basketball Association.
- Worked with the Edmonton Basketball Officials Associations (EBOA) at all levels.
- Officiated many tournaments and provincials in northern Alberta and N.W.T.
- Also officiated wheelchair basketball, from house league in Edmonton to National Championships in Canada, travelled with Northern Lights and officiated in USA.
- Since retiring from officiating in 2003, he has continued to provide mentorship and leadership as an evaluator for his local and provincial board.
- Served as an assignor and member of the executive for EBOA.

Don Walker - New Brunswick

- As a basketball coach, he led the Varsity Boy's teams to five NBIAA Provincial championships, as well as many BNB championships from mini up to and including Juvenile.
- A member of NBAABO since 1976 and officiated numerous Regional and Provincial Championships.
- Served on both the ACAA and the AUS panels of officials.
- Don was selected to various national assignments as well. In 2008 he officiated at the U17 level, Canada Summer Games in 2009, AUS Women in 2013 and AUS Men & ACAA National Tournaments in 2015.

Sam McNeish - Nova Scotia

- Highly involved in the development of Minor Basketball in Amherst. Coached the Amherst Vikings and Amherst Midget Sonics. Also coached at the provincial level.
- Officiated numerous High School Provincial Championships
- Joined NS U SPORTS Officiating Panel before transferring to Newfoundland
- Officiated the 2004 U-19 Women's Championships
- Area Supervisor for Cumberland County
- Served as the President for NSBO; promoted the growth and development of basketball throughout the province
- His passion was grass root development
- Sports Editor at Amherst Daily News

Larry Jacobson - Saskatchewan

- Began officiating career in 1977.
- Attended Saskatchewan Institute in Moose Jaw and started officiating numerous high school, senior men's and post-secondary games.
- Joined the Regina Association of Basketball Referees (RABO) and began officiating in earnest in 1981.
- Officiated every level, including high school, CIS, ACAC, Senior Men & Women and International Basketball Association semi-professional league games.
- Assigned to two CCAA Women's Nationals, a U-19 Men's Nationals, CIS Women's National Championships, and various Canada West & GPAC playoffs. Also officiated at the 2005 Canada Summer Games in Regina.
- Member of RABO Executive since 1986 and is currently the longest standing treasurer (1994 - Present).
- Received the RABO Award of Excellence for 30 years of meritorious service in 2007.

Don Thorne - Ontario

- Served as the Secretary/Treasurer for OABO for 16 years. Received the OABO Award of Merit in 2014.
- Served as a Provincial Evaluator since 2000 at various OFSAA tournaments, OCAA Men's and Women's Provincial Championships.
- Served numerous positions within Ontario Basketball including serving as a member of their Fair Play Committee (2010-15) and Provincial Cup (Junior Boys) Site Manager (2006 -16).
- He has served many roles with the Kitchener Waterloo Basketball Officials Association as their President, Evaluator, Interpreter and Treasurer since 1983.
- IAABO Life Member and serves on the IAABO Executive Committee as the Region 9 (Canada) Representative (2012 - present).
- FIBA Certified table official and works the table for U SPORTS, NBL and NBA G-League. He is also an active member of the table officials crew for the University of Waterloo.

Ritchie Nicurity Scholarship

\$750 Value

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

Presented to the following:

Katia Davi-Digui – ABOA

Katia is completing her Bachelor of Science at MacEwan University.

Calvin Kha – ABOA

Calvin is completing his Bachelor of Arts at MacEwan University.

Carriera Lamoureux – MABO

Carriera is completing her Masters of Religious Studies at the University of Manitoba.

Cieran O'Hara – MABO

Cieran is in the Faculty of Science at the University of Manitoba.

Zachary Udoumoren – ABOA

Zachary is completing his Bachelor of Science at the University of Calgary.

Alexandre Teichmann – C.P.A Québec

Alexandre is a medicine student at the University of Montreal.