

WHISTLE BLAST

Below are few updates on what's happening this month...



2021 SUPER CLINIC RECAP

We would like to say a big thank you to all the presenters, panelists & hosts from all over the referee community that made our first ever Super Clinic a success!

We would also like to thank all the attendees who joined us for our first Officials Speaker Series. We really appreciate you all being part of our event and we hope you enjoyed your experience and the different presentations put on by our wonderful line up of speakers this year.

If you purchased a ticket for the weekend, you will receive an email this week with an exclusive link to access all 11 sessions from the weekend. For anyone else interested in accessing the recordings, you can now purchase individual sessions or the complete collection through our Vimeo page [here](#).

FOLLOW US!

Make sure to follow the various CBOC & Canada Basketball channels to stay up to date with what's going on daily.

Good luck to all our FIBA Officials and Instructors that are assigned to the upcoming FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments & FIBA U19 Men World Cup this July. Also be on the lookout for our CEBl referees hitting the court starting June 24!



MISSED THE CBOC AGM?

The first CBOC AGM was held on May 27th virtually through Zoom. We had over 100 members attend the AGM and would like to thank you for taking the time to hear the work CBOC has been doing in the past year.

If you were unable to attend and interested in watching a replay, you can now view the AGM [here](#).

FROM EQUALITY TO EQUITY: NAVIGATING POWER & PRIVILEGE AS REFEREES

As part of the Super Clinic Weekend, Ardavan Eizadriard & Nadine Crowley led an interactive workshop that emphasized the difference between equality and equity as part of becoming critically conscious and unlearning social norms that can be oppressive.

It was a powerful session that also provided an opportunity to for attendees to share negative experiences they have faced as referees and strategies on how we can make officiating more inclusive.

We encourage all officials and administrators to watch this session and reflect on the conversation around equity, diversity and inclusion in officiating. We have made the replay available for everyone and can be viewed directly on Game Plan or by clicking [here](#).

CBOC is committed to ensuring that we are creating an environment that is open, fair, inclusive and equitable moving forward both on and off the court. We felt it was important to develop the “CBOC Diversity Statement” alongside Canada Basketball.

CBOC DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Canada Basketball (CB) has made a commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion, and firmly stands against any form of racism, discrimination, or harassment. As an organization, CB is dedicated to ensuring that basketball is used to unify people and our communities from coast-to-coast-to-coast.

In alignment with CB, CBOC, the Canadian Basketball Officials Commission supports the principles in the Canada Basketball Diversity Statement and is committed to maximizing education, and awareness opportunities, and ensuring balanced representation through the development of equitable policies and procedures.

As we continue to develop the CBOC model and vision we will reflect on the history of our officiating organizations, learn from our past and ensure the principles of equity, diversity and inclusion are foundational to the CBOC brand. We recognize our room for growth and pledge to ensure that moving forward CBOC fosters open, fair, inclusive, and equitable environments, both on and off the court.

We want our athletes, coaches, officials, staff, volunteers, fans, and supporters across the country, on every basketball court in Canada, to feel accepted and valued.



Other Notable News



HONOURING SAM MCNEISH

CBOC would like to extend its condolences to the family and friends of Sam McNeish, who unfortunately passed away due to cancer. Sam was recently awarded the 2020 Wink Willox Memorial Award for his contribution to basketball as an official and administrator in Nova Scotia. Sam's passion was grassroots development and was highly involved in the development of Minor Basketball in Amherst. Not only was he a successful referee and coach at the provincial level, he previously served as the President for NSBO. A moving tribute to Sam can be read [here](#).

RANDY BALL RECEIVES 50 YEAR OFFICIATING AWARD

The St. John's Association of Basketball Officials presented Randy Ball with a special 50 Year Officiating Award and became the first official to reach this milestone in Newfoundland & Labrador this past season. Check out his full officiating bio by clicking [here](#).

PAUL JOHNSON NAMED "2021 ROYAL BANK HAMILTON CITIZEN OF THE YEAR"

CBOC would like to congratulate Paul Johnson, who was recognized for his dedication, commitment and sacrifice during the unprecedented public health crisis in the past year. Paul is the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department for the City of Hamilton. The full article is available [here](#).





FIBA MATERIALS UPDATED

FIBA continues to release a number of a great educational resources for referees. They have recently released and updated a number of manuals, which you can view below:



2020 FIBA OBRI - Official Interpretation (v.3.0)

- The changes are again marked in **yellow highlighting** and are very minor. Effectively language like **“to be substituted”** is introduced and the location of a throw-in after a foul or violation – when the basket is cancelled – is corrected in a few cases. The odd new case involving once a year situation has been added.



2020 FIBA OBR - Basketball Rules & Basketball Equipment (v.1.1)

- The changes are exceptionally minor, from a Canadian perspective, only impacting Appendix D, Classification of Teams. New language in **yellow highlighting** starting on Page 83.

You can also view these manual and previous manuals on Game Plan under the **“Documents”** tab. These resources are also available through the FIBA officiating app – **FIBA iRef Academy Library** – which you can download from the [Apple App Store](#) & [Google Play Store](#).

These manuals and other resources which are available to all on the FIBA iRef Academy Library provide excellent information for referees at every level, to learn, develop and grow their game. We encourage all CBOC members to be familiar with and use the FIBA iRef Academy Library.

OABO 3PO CLINIC VIDEO SERIES



Stacy Newbigging, Dave Maxin and Georgia Risnita would like to thank everyone who attended the 3 Person Clinic. A big thank you to all the presenters for their time and effort in the clinic.

The clinic was a great success in bringing together officials from across the country. Moving forward OABO will be putting together more educational opportunities to help further develop knowledge, understanding and consistency throughout the game.

Below is the link to the recordings for all 4 sessions. A big thank you goes out to Peter McDonald for all his hard work in putting the videos together and posting them online:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/UniversityofInternationalBasketballOfficials>

A huge thank you to Stacy and Dave for their hard work, dedication and vision. The project was a success because of their teamwork and relentless effort to improve the game.

Have a fantastic and safe summer!

*Georgia Risnita
OABO Provincial Supervisor*

BEING FEMALE IN THE WORLD OF BASKETBALL

Dr. Ardavan Eizadirad and EDIcation Consulting held the third session of their five-part “Breaking Barriers Through Brave Conversations” on June 28th. You can now watch the session “Being Female in the World of Basketball” [here](#).