

WHISTLE BLAST

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

"Ref Our Game" Week Starts March 22! Don't Miss Out!

Canada Basketball kicked off their Women in Basketball month long event on March 8th. The four-week webinar series celebrates and empowers women across all aspects of our game, with a variety of networking and learning opportunities.

"Ref Our Game" week begins March 22nd and we will be offering the following sessions throughout the week:

March 22: SHE REFS! Making the Right Call

Panelists: Nadine Crowley, Maripier Malo & Cheryl Jean-Paul

March 24: Breaking Barriers & Building New Paths for Female Officials

Panelists: Anna Maria Del Col, Christa Eniojukan & Marla Van Gelder

March 25: Protect the Shooter

Presenter: Nadine Crowley

We will also be offering an all-female NOCP 1 Course on March 27th from 1 - 4:30 PM (EDT). Following the successful completion of the NOCP course, female participants will be able to complete an application and have the \$50 course fee reimbursed.

To purchase your ticket or learn more information about Women in Basketball month, please click [here](#).



New! Tough Calls

We are back with a new slate of tough calls from the 2020-21 Basketball Champions League season! If you want to improve your understanding as referee when it comes to making decisions, learning from others is a great resource! Take a look at the plays and analysis over the last three weeks of the regular season and the first two weeks of the playoffs:

- [Tough Calls - Gameday 10](#)
- [Tough Calls - Gameday 11](#)
- [Tough Calls - Gameday 12](#)
- [Tough Calls - Playoffs Gameday 1](#)
- [Tough Calls - Playoffs Gameday 2](#)

Matthew Kallio Becomes First Canadian NBA Referee

Matt Kallio made his NBA regular season debut on January 18, 2021 in Portland, in a matinee game against San Antonio. Kallio is considered a “non-staff” official, part of the process towards being a full-time staff referee. Kallio has received several assignments since having worked on both the west coast and the east coast and continues on the path to a full-time roster spot.

The Edmonton, Alberta native began officiating while in junior high school and has spent the last several seasons officiating in the NBA G League and WNBA, including most recently in the WNBA bubble this past summer. Kallio was also the first Canadian to officiate in the WNBA.

During the NBA preseason in December, Kallio served on the officiating crew when the Denver Nuggets hosted the Portland Trail Blazers at Ball Arena.

Internationally, Kallio is a FIBA licensed referee and most recently officiated two FIBA AmeriCup 2022 Qualifiers games in Indianapolis during the second window in November 2020. As well, he refereed at the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 in China, including an assignment to a quarter-final round game.

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Tim Heide, Chair, CBOC



"CBOC is extremely proud of Matt's achievement in becoming the first Canadian born basketball official to work an NBA regular season game. I am not at all surprised that he's been offered this opportunity, considering the dedication and commitment that he's demonstrated throughout his officiating career to continued improvement, professionalism and excellence. Matt is and will be a role model for Canada's future officiating stars," said Tim Heide, Chair, Canadian Basketball Officials Commission (CBOC).

Kallio is also a member of the Alberta Basketball Officials Association.

Other Notable News



Click the links to read some of the news happening in the refereeing community across the country:

- [How Paul Johnson uses his referee experience as head of Hamilton's pandemic response centre](#)
- [Basketball BC and BCBOA Sign MOU to Merge](#)
- [No games to call, but B.C. basketball referees still look to blow the whistle on cancer](#)
- [FIBA referee instructor Crowley: When the ball is dead, be alive - FIBA.basketball](#)
- ["Being Muslim in the World of Basketball in Canada" - April 6 @ 6:30 PM \(EDT\)](#)

FIBA Exam Window Now Closed

During the two exam windows, we had almost **2200** officials from across the country take the exam. In total we had over **2300** exams completed across all five levels, with an average score of 89.7% after the first attempt.

The average score for each exam:

- NOCP Level 1: **80.9%** (based on 30 question exam)
- NOCP Level 2: **85.2%**
- NOCP Level 3: **92.5%**
- NOCP Level 4: **95.2%**
- NOCP Level 5: **94.7%**

In our next Whistle Blast, we will share the top 10 incorrect questions along with further explanation to help improve your knowledge. Well done to everyone who completed their exam this year.

Save the Date



CBOC Super Clinic

May 29-30

CBOC will be launching its first very first virtual Super Clinic this May!

Over the course of the 2-day event, we have a full lineup of speakers from all across the refereeing community to discuss a number of different topics. More details on the event will be shared soon. It is an event that you certainly don't want miss!

Being Muslim in the World of Basketball in Canada



Aycha Hamaoui



Saif Rehman



Farhan Baig



Amreen Kadwa



Usman Chaudhry



Dr. Ardavan Eizadirad,
Moderator

DATE: APRIL 6th, 2021

TIME: 6:30-8:00PM EST

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

