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**AGM Oct 21, 2024 Microsoft Teams – Online Meeting**

Dan Patterson called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

33 Voters registered – List attached.

Danny presented the agenda.

Adam Humphrey asks that an addendum be made to the agenda – Add 8E – Game Fee Rate Increase

**M Mike Redpath / Adam Humphrey we accepted the agenda as amended. Carried**

2023 Minutes presented.

**M Dave McGrattan / Clayton Mitchell the minutes be accepted as presented. Carried**

**Reports – Copies of all submitted reports are attached to these minutes in the Appendix.**

**President - Written & Oral – Highlights:**

- Kudos to Adam and Zone # 2 for taking on Summerfest over the summer. Summerfest, while a tremendous opportunity for our officials, is a tremendously challenging effort to assign and get all of the games covered. Facilities were excellent and the weekend went off without a hitch. Thanks to all officials who gave up there time to attend and help out.
- Recognition
  - o Congratulations are sent out to Dick Steeves of Moncton, on his nomination to the Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame. It is a tremendous honor, well deserved and long overdue. Dick's stellar career as an official on the world stage has long been a beacon for New Brunswick officials.
  - o Thanks to the Executive, Brent, Jeff, Adam and Peter for their continued efforts on behalf of the membership.

**Vice-President – Nothing to report.**

**Interpreter – Written & Oral – Highlights:**

- There have been some rule changes for 2024-2025 and these should be reviewed at local Zone Rules clinics.
- All officials are encouraged to make use of their GamePlan account, and all of the resources contained on the site.
- Encouraged the use of the mobile apps iRef Academy and iRef Pre-Game
- Provided the following link for resources: <https://refereeing.FIBA.Basketball/en> .



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**Secretary/Treasurer – Written & Oral – Highlights:**

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the financial statements for the fiscal year ending Aug 31, 2024, indicating a deficit for the year of **(\$ 769.37)**. A balanced budget for 2024/2025 was presented.

**M Peter DeMerchant / Bruce Hendry the financial statements be accepted as presented. Carried**

**Zone Reports:**

- Zone 1 – Written & Oral – Dirk Bishop
- Zone 2 – Written & Oral – Todd Messer
- Zone 3 – Written & Oral – Jeff McGinley
- Zone 4 – Written & Oral – Dave McGrattan
- Zone 1 – Written & Oral – Mike Redpath
- Zone 1 – Written – Jimmy Waters

**M Bruce Hendry / Chantal Rochon we accepted the reports as presented. Carried**

**Correspondence**

None

**Old Business**

Jeff Smith reported on the offerings available on GamePlan from CBOC for Level 1 and Level 2 clinics and certifications. It is important that officials wanting to advance their NOCP level, complete all the necessary steps on GamePlan prior to testing for their certification levels.

Danny discussed the fitness testing we want to incorporate for the AUS/ACAA panels. The Executive is still looking for a plan to conduct these for the ACAA and AUS panels but nothing in place yet and Danny would like to retain this item as Old Business moving forward.

**New Business**

Adam advised that CBOC have not posted a call for nominations for their yearly awards and as such, we do not have an announcement regarding the Wink Willox Award winner for this year. Adam still has one more name for submission and then will need to reach out to the Zone Reps for further potential nominees.

Adam presented the New Brunswick 2024 winner of the M Seward Neilsen Scholarship award. The recipient is Jordan Vibert of Zone # 5, and the Secretary/Treasurer will be in contact with Jordan regarding the scholarship.



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The third item on the awards/recognition list, Adam advised that after a 54-year career, Seward Neilsen has stepped away from officiating. Seward spent an incredible 33 years serving as the Provincial Interpreter for NBAABO. A year ago, CBOC acknowledged Seward's career by awarding him the highly prestigious Ted Early Award. The Awards committee felt it was time for NBAABO to also acknowledge Seward's contribution to officiating and the game in the province of New Brunswick by make him an Honorary Lifetime Membership in NBAABO and bestow upon him the title of Interpreter Emeritus.

**M Adam Humphrey/Peter DeMerchant that Seward Neilsen be made an Honorary Life Member of NBAABO with the title of Interpreter Emeritus. Carried (Unanimously)**

Adam will have a plaque prepared and Zone # 4 can present it to Seward at the first appropriate opportunity.

Danny then talked about the new RAMP program. As NBAABO move closer to going under the umbrella of BNB, one of the requirements of such a move will be using their on-line registration program (RAMP). Under this system, officials will be required to register on-line and pay their dues. Once the CBOC dues are withheld, the balance of the provincial dues will be returned to NBAABO for support of our programs. The move under the BNB umbrella will probably occur within the next 1-2 years and we can expect we will be required to start using RAMP in 2025. More information will be distributed once it has been received by the Executive.

**M Adam Humphrey / Dan Wilton we amend our Operating Procedures, specifically Section 2, 1.A.ii ; 5 (add); Section 10 – 3, 8, & 10; Section 11 – 8 & 10.**

Adam discussed the motion to revise our operating procedures as outlined in the report at the bottom of these minutes. Primarily it is around cleaning up the wording around the proper dress items for officials, both in regular play and for ACAA/AUS games. Danny asked to have Section 2, 1.b amended to beltless trousers and 1.e to Fox 40 whistles. After some discussion it was determined the notice of motion could not be amended at this time as the changes had not been transmitted to the membership in the proper time frame. These changes can be enacted for this year only by the Board of Directors at a special meeting.

There was a subsequent question from Ryan Langdon about moving to the CBOC shirt for all games in the province, and not just the ACAA/AUS games. Adam advised that CBOC only has specific windows where the shirts are available with a 10-week waiting period for the shirt to arrive. Thus, unless NBAABO opted to stock dozens of shirts (of various sizes), we would struggle to get new officials on the court in a timely manner.

**The original motion to amend the Operating Procedures was voted on as originally presented and was carried.**



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**M Adam Humphrey / Bruce Hendry we increase our game fee rates as outlined in the report attached to the bottom of the minutes.**

The game fee rate changes were presented by Adam and indicate that our game fees have not kept up with inflation or the minimum wage levels and as such we are looking to make the following increases, which includes a one-time inflationary adjustment (in 2025) and then the 2026 and 2029 increases would follow our existing affiliation agreements.

	2024 rates		2025 rates		2026 rates		2029 rates
ACAA	\$110		\$110		TBD		TBD
Prep	\$75	+5	\$80	+2	\$82		\$84
Adult	\$51	+6	\$57	+2	\$60		\$62
Wheelchair	\$46	+6	\$52	+2	\$54		\$56
High School	\$46	+6	\$52	+2	\$54		\$56
U16/U18	\$46	+6	\$52	+2	\$54		\$56
U13/U14/MS [10 min]	\$40	+5	\$45	+2	\$47		\$49
U13/U14/MS	\$35	+3	\$38	+2	\$40		\$42
U11	\$30	+3	\$33	+2	\$35		\$37

There was a question (Frazer Bykowski) about rates for 3x3 games. Adam advised that it was difficult to set a rate for 3x3 because various timing and rules are used in different areas around the province and until they standardize how 3x3 is played, it would be impossible to set rates. However, it was agreed to work towards setting a common rate for next year.

**The motion to increase our rates as outlined was carried.**

### Nominating Committee

Adam then made the Nominating Committee report. He indicated that calls for candidates for the positions of Interpreter and Secretary/Treasurer for the 2024-2026 terms had been asked for in August. Jeff Smith, the incumbent as Interpreter was the only name received for Interpreter and as such Jeff was declared elected by acclamation for the position of Interpreter for 2024-26. The names of Chantal Rochon and Peter DeMerchant were submitted for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Each candidate was given an opportunity to address the group and then the election was conducted by Danny Patterson using the Survey Monkey platform (secret & anonymous). As a result of the election, Peter DeMerchant was declared re-elected to the position of Secretary/Treasurer for 2024 – 2026. Both candidates thanked the group.

Danny circled back on recognition to congratulate Ryan Langdon on his CIS championship work as well as his FIBA assignment to El Salvador.

**M Adam Humphrey the meeting adjourns, and the meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM**



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Member	Zone	Member	Zone	Member	Zone
<b>Peter DeMerchant</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Bruce Hendry</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Phil Gagnon</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>John Vail</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Dirk Bishop</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Dave Gallagher</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Guilman Roy</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Wade Perley</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Joel Everett</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Glen Findlater</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Troy Cox</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Steve Jones</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Derek McKinnon</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Chantal Rochon</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Adam Humphrey</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Mike Murray</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Dan Wilton</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Rahshida Atkinson</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Todd Messer</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Don Walker</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Jeff McGinley</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Clayton Mitchell</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Dan Patterson</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Dave McGrattan</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Ben Tait</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>John Buckley</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Brent Smith</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>JP Richard</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Frazer Bykowski</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Ryan Langdon</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Dick Steeves</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Mike Redpath</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Jeff Smith</b>	<b>5</b>



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## **Appendix**

### **President's Report**

#### **2023/2024 Executive**

President – Dan Patterson

Vice President – Brent Smith

Secretary/Treasurer - Peter DeMerchant

Interpreter/Evaluator - Jeff Smith

Past President – Adam Humphrey

It continues to be my distinct pleasure in representing you all as New Brunswick Officials. Basketball continues to see a huge increase around the province, and I am encouraged that we are seeing a rise in people that are interested in becoming officials. This continues to place increasing burden on our zone reps and it's a good problem that we continue to try and work through. I would encourage all of our more experienced officials to give of their time and knowledge as we grow and learn together.

At the grassroots level our minor associations play a pivotal role in the development of new officials. We need these organizations to continue the good work of organizing the opportunities that continue to allow our provincial body to grow and develop.

Summerfest continues to be one of the biggest events and officials from across the Maritimes are starting to reach out and understand the benefits of so many games in so few days. Adam Humphrey did a wonderful job at assigning this event which moved to Fredericton for the first time since it began. Huge thanks for all that help by giving up the weekend in the summer to travel to Fredericton. It is also important to recognize that we are also growing in the number of largely competitive age class and other opportunities such as the Moncton summer tournament that allow our officials to hone their skills. This is truly becoming more of a year-round activity.

We are also seeing the continued disruption that fans, parents, and even players are now contributing. We must remember to remain professional and civil as we introduce new people to our sport. Violence towards officials, recruitment of new officials, and development of officials are all things that are discussed at our National Meetings. These are held monthly and provide us a chance to voice concerns on a larger scale. Most Provinces are also seeing these issues more and more. There are big changes coming that will impact our province in terms of National registrations, improvement to the NOCP clinics and more information that is available through GamePlan to bring consistency across our country.

#### **Recognition time**

Congrats to those officials that were selected to represent NB at the U15/U17 Summer Nationals

Frazer Bykowski – U15 Mens Championships

Rahshida Atkinson – U15 Women's Championships



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Chantal Rochon – U15 Women's Championships

Congrats to all officials that were awarded and worked the Final 12 games at TD Station. Once again you demonstrated your professionalism and dedication to the game.

Friday

AAA Girls – Dirk Bishop and Mike Leblanc

AAA Boys – JP Richard and Matt Whipple

Saturday

A Girls – Nancy Currie and Chantal Rochon

A Boys – Corey Orchard and Nick Smith

AA Girls – Scott Brown and Frazer Bykowski

AA Boys – Mike Redpath and Al Gates

Standby Officials

AAA – Joel Everett

A – Rashida Atkinson

AA – Marc Colwell

JP Richard – Wink Willox Award

Dick Steeves was nominated to the Canada Basketball Hall of Fame. This is something that is far too long in coming and is a great honour to be celebrated.

Congrats to Todd Messer on participating in the Selection process for Nationals this summer as a Referee Coach. We are truly fortunate to have such knowledge in our province.

Again, I cannot say enough how much Peter, Brent, Jeff, and Adam do on your behalf. Their tireless dedication to you and for this sport know no bounds. Thanks to you, our organization is in wonderful hands and will be for the foreseeable future. I will leave you with this thought, if we are happy with the way things are running, we are not growing. We need to challenge the thoughts and ideas. These discussions can be uncomfortable but if done respectfully can lead to positive changes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Patterson

NBAABO President

## **Interpreter's Report (Jeff Smith) – 2024 NBAABO AGM**

### **1. Year in Review**

- CBOC continues to offer great webinars (gameplan login and registration required)



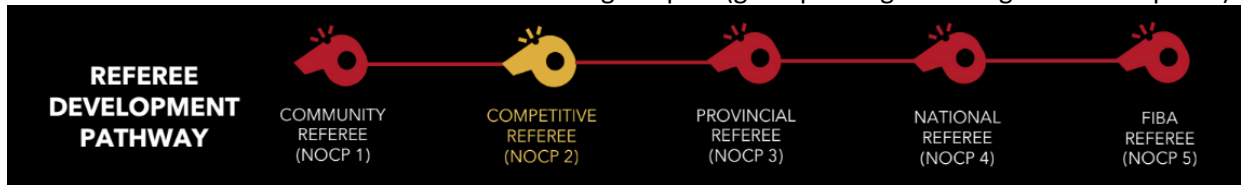
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- CBOC has also been adding numerous NOCP on-line classes (gameplan login and registration required)
- busy evaluation season (local zones, Summerfest, ACAA)
- 2024 Rule Changes (see below)
- new FIBA Refereeing website (see below)

### 2. NOCP (National Officials Certification Program)

- NOCP I & II clinics are offered for NB officials via gameplan (gameplan login and registration required)



**\*\*it is important to let your Zone rep know if you are interested in moving up the referee development pathway and to make sure your gameplan account and log-in are set up.**

### 3. Rules & Interpretations

- we have rule changes for 2024 (to be covered locally in each zone)
- The best resources to find rules/interpretations are:
  - (1) the "FIBA iRef" app
  - (2) <https://refereeing.fiba.basketball/en>
  - (3) [Gameplanbasketball.ca](http://Gameplanbasketball.ca).

### 4. Technology

- I highly recommend each NBAABO member download, become familiar with, and use the following 2 apps available in the App Store and Google Playstore:
  1. FIBA iREF Academy
  2. FIBA iREF Pre-Game

## Zone # 1

Following is the report on the activities within Zone # 1 for the 2023-2024 season.

- Working from an idea from our 2023-year end meeting, we ran a series of clinics in October specifically aimed at high school students and new candidates. The clinics were well attended, and they included classroom and gym sessions. Several of the senior officials in the zone participated and served as instructors and their participation certainly contributed to the success of those sessions. Sadly, we did not get many of the students that followed through, however, we did pick up a couple of new officials, Evan Thomas, and Derek McKinnon. We also added three officials





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in the Perth-Andover/Grand Falls area when they moved into our zone from other jurisdictions; Macky Ibit; Guilman Roy and Phil Gagnon. These five new officials to our zone worked a total of 351 assignments this season!

- We also ran two online rules clinics in October.
- We instituted the three-person officiating for the Men's league play this year and it has worked out very well. There was a lot of very positive feedback from the Intermediate A Men's tournament held this month.
- During the year, a total of 1,716 assignments (858 games) were made, 316 more than we had in 2022/23.
- We had 6 officials assigned to the NBIAA Sectionals.
- Congratulations to Dirk Bishop, Corey Orchard, and Joel Everett our representatives at the Final 12 this year. Dirk worked the "AAA" Girls final; Corey worked the "A" Boys final, and Joel served as the standby officials for the AAA sessions.
- Kudo's to Dave Gallagher who has worked on both the ACAA and AUS panels this season. David is a full-time member on both panels and in addition to representing our Zone very well, he has been gracious enough to bring the experience, in particular, the 3-person experience back to our zone and has passed it along to our people. Congratulations Dave and thank you!
- Sadly, we had two negative fan/official incidents this season where fans physically interacted with our officials' following games. In both cases, reports were issued and followed up with the governing bodies. Both the NBIAA and BNB takes these incidents very seriously and we need to continue working to equip our officials with the best possible tools to navigate these situations when they occur.
- We remain short on officials, so we need to actively recruit more people over the summer!!!
- All officials should consider a trip to Summerfest in Fredericton. It is a great opportunity to get some games in, meet other officials and get some great pointers on improving your game.

Respectfully submitted, Dirk Bishop

## **Zone # 2**

Here is the Zone 2 report.

- Our zone had 49 active officials last season, which included 12 new recruits. Getting back to pre-covid numbers for number of officials.
- Half of our 49 has more than 3 years of experience.
- For this upcoming season, we had 1 official move in from outside the province. Early indication is we have 8 new recruits expressing interest in our clinics. We have 7 officials from last year that are not returning.



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- Adam assigned 1700 games to the first of April last season, and then another 500 over the summer to the end of August, including Summerfest. Basketball is now a year-round sport, putting more pressure on us as officials as we are no longer getting an off-season to rest. Cudos to Adam for his commitment to providing evaluation within the zone. There were 39 evaluations completed with our newer officials that deserve great feedback to support their growth.
- We received help from zone 1 periodically on our busy weekends. We appreciate their support.
- Thanks again to Adam for doing a great job assigning Summerfest. He was able to organize evaluations for 25 officials over the weekend.
- A change to the Western NB Middle Schools last year moved their basketball season to a Nov-Jan season, and this year plan to shift slightly to be late Oct-Dec. With 13 MS leagues and 250+ games, this puts a large strain on our resources during weeknights when HS games are also being played.
- Our zone meeting will be held virtually on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. Feedback will be requested to determine the direction of our clinics this fall. We will hold separate clinics for new candidates and as well as host a meeting to complete a practice test with questions from recent exams. We also have planned to host a meeting to review new rules, points of emphasis, bench decorum, managing coaches and the game. Our on- floor mechanics session was recorded last year and will be available to everyone for review.

Congrats to...

Derek Black and Seb Dugas-Ruest (Level 2)

Chantal Rochon (U15 Girls Nationals – Gold Medal game, F12 A Girls)

Rashida Atkinson (U15 Girls Nationals, F12 'A' Standby)

Dan Wilton (ACAA's)

Matt Whipple (F12 AAA Boys)

Marc Colwell (F12 'AA' Standby)

Todd Messer

### **Zone # 3**

Not a lot to report, we did have a couple situations or incidents, one involving a player (kid) and the other an officials/coach.

The incident involving a player was at the Middle School level where a kid from Sussex was upset at a kid from Grand Manan for apparently laughing at him and decided to confront the player from Grand Manan and throwing an upper cut punch at him. We ejected the kid from Sussex from the first game, and in between games we were trying to find who to contact for further disciplinary action and nobody seemed to know. Even after returning home and the next day, we contacted BNB and they didn't seem to know either? Apparently Middle School is their own governing body, or so it



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seems? Tyler Slipp (BNB) did say he would follow up with it, but I have no idea if anything was ever done with regards to further disciplinary action.

The other situations involve Coaches, who are also Referees. Without going into details, we all know how hard it can be to be “on” every game, some games depending on the skill level can be challenging to say the least. It’s a struggle to get new candidates out to try refereeing, the last thing we need is a Coach (who also is a Referee) yelling and criticizing a fellow official. Just remember, watching from the sidelines or the stands you have a better view and see a lot more than the officials on the floor, we don’t always do a perfect game.

As far as new officials, we had one new one last year, Patrick Sharkey on Grand Manan, which helped them out substantially. Not having to send another official over save them approximately \$ 4633.00. Pat is a good official but just does it to help out, zero interest in coming off the Island to officiate. We have Don Walker back full time this year, he is done coaching and will definitely be a huge help with our crew.

We had a total of 516 games in our zone last year and 1032 assignments. I would like to thank Hump (Fredericton) and Dave McGrattan and Jeff MacDonald (Saint John) for all their help, they bailed me out of a lot of messy situations, greatly appreciated.

Our first meeting will be this coming Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, hoping to have a couple new recruits from the St. George area. Posted a couple notifications on Facebook to see if there is any interest as well.

Jeff McGinley  
Zone 3 Rep.

#### **Zone # 4**

Here is the Zone 4 South report for the AGM.

Another extremely busy year with over 4,200 assignments from Sep 1 - Aug 31. We had 38 officials work at the High School level or above.

New L1's:  
Christine Ahearn  
Geoff McCollough  
Corey McGill

New L2's:  
Ben Tait  
Kristian Rasenberg  
Tim Chaffey  
Jeff Durley



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Playoff assignments:

AUS - Dave McGrattan  
ACAA - Spencer Jeffery  
CCAA Men - Spencer Jeffery  
Final 12 - AAA Girls - Mike Leblanc  
Final 12 - AA Boys - Al Gates

Looking for ways to get more females involved in officiating. Continuing to recruit young people, as well as welcoming basketball “lifers” who want to start reffing.

Our sincere condolences to Seward Neilsen on the passing of his mother at age 101.

Thank you,

Dave

## **Zone # 5**

First and foremost, I want to acknowledge and thank Bill Agnew for his years of service in handling the zone 5 assigning role.

Highlights of the past season:

- New assigner Jeff Smith. This also came with moving us to an online version for assigning and while it had challenges at the first, the season went extremely well with this change.
- 4437 total game assignments handled.

### **ACAA Assignments:**

- JP Richard
- Mike Redpath

JP worked the women’s final and Mike was the men’s standby official.

### **NBIAA Final 12 assignments:**

- Nancy Currie
- Nick Smith
- Scott Brown
- Frazer Bykowski
- Mike Redpath
- JP Richard

Congratulations to JP Richard on winning the 2023 Wink Willox award.



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A successful year in recruiting of new officials. We are very fortunate to have had a great recruitment class with several good candidates for future. We need to continue this trend again this coming season.

Regards,  
Mike Redpath

### Zone # 6

#### Overview:

- **Total Games Assigned:** 386 games were assigned during the season in the Miramichi. 53 games assigned in Campbellton/Dalhousie areas plus five tournaments in which outside help was needed. 76 games assigned in Bathurst between NBIAA Boys and Girls along with Middle School and Bathurst Minor Basketball (BMBA) games.
- **External Support:** To manage our scheduling effectively, we have relied on working together to help cover games from Miramichi to Campbellton.
- **Junior Officials Program:** We have successfully run a Junior Officials Program in Miramichi and Bathurst. 2 new young officials were recruited last year in the Dalhousie\Campbellton area which really helped with middle school games. Support from the minor basketball associations in Miramichi and Bathurst have been crucial to supporting the junior officials programs.

#### Challenges:

- **Manpower Shortage:** The reliance on officials from neighboring regions highlights the ongoing shortage of local referees. We still require more seasoned officials to handle the increasing volume of games, especially when tournament schedules overlap. We were able to have new officials last year that really helped with middle school, U11, U13 and U14 games. Dalhousie\Campbellton is losing the services of two veteran officials this season.

#### Future Plans:

- **Recruitment and Retention:** We will continue efforts to recruit and retain more local officials. This includes promoting officiating at the community level and providing additional training and mentorship for junior officials.
- **Expansion of Junior Officials Program:** Building on the success of the last two seasons, we plan to further enhance our junior program by offering more training workshops and integrating junior officials into a broader range of game levels based on their level and interest.



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**Conclusion:** While we have successfully managed the challenges of officiating 515 games this season, there is a clear need to continue developing our roster of officials. The collaborative efforts with other areas and the ongoing development of junior officials are positive steps toward ensuring a sustainable and skilled pool of referees for the future. Thank you to all officials for their dedication and flexibility throughout the season.

Jimmy Watters

## 2024 AGM Notices of Motion – Operating Procedures

### NBAABO Operating Procedures

#### Section 2 - Dress

1. All association members are required to wear the approved dress of the AABO. The current approved dress is as follows:
  - a. i. a black and white striped shirt with a v-neck, or  
**ii. at the University and Collegiate levels, a solid grey shirt with black sleeves a CBOC-approved shirt**
  - b. black trousers
  - c. black shoes
  - d. black socks
  - e. black whistle with a black smitty or black neck lanyard.
2. Officials may choose to wear a black warm-up jacket as follows
  - a. a CBOC-approved jacket
  - b. the CABO-approved jacket with the half-moon basketball logo
3. During the “summer” season, black shorts may be worn instead of trousers.
4. An officiating crew shall be dressed alike for all games.
- 5. Officials shall not wear a wristwatch, wristband or any form of jewellery (exception: wedding band) during the game**

#### Rationale:

**1a The “solid grey shirt” is no longer the approved shirt. Update to reflect that we should be wearing the CBOC approved shirt.**

**5 Explicitly state that officials should not be wearing any form of jewellery or accessories during the game.**



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### **Section 10 - Assignments - University Board**

1. The University Board shall be responsible for officiating inter-University games.
2. The size of the University Board shall be determined annually by the University Board Committee.
3. **The University Board Committee shall make selection to the University Board. The Committee shall consist of the Committee Chairperson, the University Board Assignor, the top two officials currently selected to the University Board and two other people at large persons knowledgeable in the game of basketball at the University level, as selected by the Committee Chairperson. The two at-large committee members may be officials, or non-officials, but shall not be a member of the named University Board.**
4. The University Board Assignor, as named by the previous year's University Board and approved by the Executive, shall assign University Board officials to officiate inter- University games. The University Board Committee Chairperson may serve in the dual role of University Board Assignor.
5. On or before September 15, each Regional Representative shall submit to the University Board Committee the names of those members who shall be considered for nomination to the University Board.
6. To be eligible for selection to the University Board, an official must:
  - a. hold a Level 3, 4, or 5 certification;
  - b. have their name appear on the submitted regional list;
  - c. be in good standing.
7. Where no official is selected from a Region, the University Board Committee shall arrange, upon request, to have the top ranked official from that Region (provided they are eligible) officiate a

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university-level game for the purposes of ranking that official relative to the officials selected to the University Board.

8. **All members of the University Board shall be determined and notified annually before October 31 of each year, or the start of the University league regular season schedule of games, whichever occurs first.**
9. When no University Board official is available, the University Board Assignor has the authority to assign a non-Board official.
10. **The University Board Committee shall recommend for selection the individuals to be assigned to work any regional or national inter-University tournament. Any official selected for such an appointment shall have scored a grade equal to or greater than the Level 3 pass mark on their first submission of the written rules test for the current season. These selections shall be approved by the Board of Directors.**

#### **Rationale:**

**3. The University Board is a very small group of officials. Having sitting Board members also serve on the Committee opens the door to keeping the Board a “closed selection”, as well as become self-serving when it comes to selection for playoff assignments.**

**8. The AUS regular season oftentimes starts before Oct 31, so the Board needs to be finalized before this date.**



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**10. This provision was originally in place as Board members served on the committee, and could select themselves, thus requiring a second level of oversight. By removing Board members from the selection process, Director approval should no longer be required.**

### **Section 11 - Assignments - Collegiate Board**

1. The Collegiate Board shall be responsible for officiating inter-Collegiate games.
2. The size of the Collegiate Board shall be determined annually by the Collegiate Board committee.
3. The Collegiate Board Committee shall make selection to the Collegiate Board. The Collegiate Board Committee shall consist of:
  - i. the Committee Chairperson
  - ii. the University Board Committee Chairperson
  - iii. the Collegiate Board Assignor
  - iv. two Regional RepresentativesShould any Committee member fill multiple positions, additional Regional Representatives shall be named to bring the Committee size to 5 members.
4. The Collegiate Board Assignor, as named by the previous year's Collegiate Board and approved by the Executive, shall assign Collegiate Board officials to officiate inter-Collegiate games. The Collegiate Board Committee Chairperson may serve in the dual role of Collegiate Board Assignor.
5. On or before September 15, each Regional Representative shall submit to the Collegiate Board Committee the names of those members who shall be considered for nomination to the Collegiate Board.
6. Officials selected to the Collegiate Board must:
  1. hold a Level 3, 4, or 5 certification;
  2. have their name appear on the submitted regional list;
  3. be in good standing.
7. Where no official is selected from a Region, the Collegiate Board Committee shall arrange, upon request, to have the top ranked official from that Region (provided they are eligible) officiate a collegiate-level game for the purposes of ranking that official relative to the officials selected to the Collegiate Board.

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8. **All members of the Collegiate Board shall be determined and notified annually before October 31 of each year, or the start of the Collegiate league regular season schedule of games, whichever occurs first.**
9. When no Collegiate Board official is available, the Collegiate Board Assignor has the authority to assign a non-Board official.
10. **The Collegiate Board Committee shall recommend for selection the individuals to be assigned to work any regional or national inter-Collegiate tournament.**
  - a. **Any member of the Collegiate Board Committee who wishes to have their name be considered for tournament selection shall be recused from the selection process. Should the selection committee become smaller than 3 members, the Collegiate Committee Chairperson shall select from the existing Collegiate Board, sufficient**





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**members who are not being considered for a tournament selection, to bring the selection committee membership to 3 members.**

- b. Any official selected for such an appointment shall have scored a grade equal to or greater than the Level 3 pass mark on their first submission of the written rules test for the current season. These selections shall be approved by the Board of Directors.**

**Rationale:**

**8. The ACAA regular season oftentimes starts before Oct 31, so the Board needs to be finalized before this date.**

**10. This eliminates the conflict presented by Board members naming themselves, or even the awkwardness of discussing somebody who is involved in the selections. By removing Board members from the selection process, Director approval should no longer be required.**