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THE TED EARLEY MEMORIAL AWARD TO NADINE CROWLEY



Nadine Crowley began her officiating career in 1987 with the Hamilton Board of Basketball Officials. After a couple of years with the Peel Board, she joined the Ottawa Valley Board of Approved Basketball Officials of which she is still a member.

Beginning in 1993, she was assigned to several provincial and national championships at various levels of High School, CCAA and CIS competition in addition to the Canada Games in London, ON, in 2001. She ended up doing the championship or gold medal game on several occasions at those various championships.

She obtained her international FIBA license in 1999 in Winnipeg. Here are the international competitions to which she was invited over a period of 12 years:

- July 2000 – Junior Women’s Qualifying Tournament COPABA, Mar del Plata, Argentina GOLD MEDAL GAME
- July 2001 – Junior Women’s World Championships: Brno, Czech Republic
- September 2002 – 14th Annual Asian Games: Busan, South Korea, GOLD MEDAL GAME
- January 2004 – Asian Championships : Japan, GOLD MEDAL GAME
- July 2004 – Exhibition Tournament : Canadian Junior National, Team – Havana, Cuba
- October 2005 – 4th East Asian Games : Macau, China, GOLD MEDAL GAME
- September 2006 – Women’s World Championships : Sao Paulo, Brazil, (Semi-Final game USA vs. Russia)
- July 2007 – Jr. Women’s World Championships: Slovak Republic, (Semi Final game Sweden vs. Serbia)
- April 2008 – Good Luck Beijing Pre-Olympic Women’s Tournament: Beijing, China
- February 2009 – Tokyo, Japan (Semi-Finals of the Women’s Japanese Professional League)
- August 2009 – Mexico City (U15 FIBA America qualifications)
- September - October 2009 – Beirut, Lebanon (Francophone Games – GOLD MEDAL GAME)
- November 2010 – Guangzhou, China (16th Asian Games)
- August 2011 – Shenzhen, China (26th Universiade Games – GOLD MEDAL GAME)

She hung up her international whistle and certified as a FIBA commissioner in October 2012.

She is a provincial evaluator in Ontario and has been added to the CABO Board of National Evaluators. She was one of the A/Es at the U15 Girls National Championship in St. John’s, NL, in 2013.

Locally with OVBABO, she has been involved as an evaluator since 2004. She was the Evaluator in chief from 2004 to 2006. She also participated as an instructor in several provincial officiating camps and in the two CABO camps held in 2010 and 2011. She did volunteer work in 2012 and 2013 as the Referee-in-Chief with the Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa in the Officiating Mentorship Program. She has also been involved since 2011 in Foundations for Access to Basketball Board Member (FAB).

For her continuous involvement in various activities related to officiating and her illustrious international career, CABO is proud to bestow its most prestigious award, the Ted Earley Memorial Award, to Ms. Nadine Crowley.

CONGRATULATIONS, NADINE!!!

WHAT MORE CAN I DO?

By Seward Neilsen, New Brunswick Interpreter

As officials and members of CABO, we are expected to be very knowledgeable with what is contained within the Rule Book, Case Book, Mechanic's Manuals and FIBA Interpretations. The following are a few suggestions that are in addition to what is stated within these references.

- **Take the high road; always demonstrate respect and courtesy toward other persons.**
- **Some of your best calls are or will be your "no calls".**
- **When officiating, you must focus on the present while, at the same time, being aware of previous game related decisions as well as creating an awareness as to what may occur in the immediate future.**
- **Learn the difference between the slow whistle and the quick whistle; the soft whistle and the loud whistle and which game situations are best served by which whistle. Do not enable the sounding of your whistle to become an irritant.**
- **Work at minimizing the opportunity for others to find fault : be well groomed, neat in appearance, know and exercise the rules and mechanics as written, be in physical condition and always be professional both on and off the court.**
- **Maintain a cool, yet approachable, consistency throughout the game.**
- **Be ever guarded about what you say ; how you say it ; where you say it ; and to whom you say it .**
- **Silence can never be quoted !!!!!**
- **Refrain from voicing threatening statements or ultimatums; they only serve to minimize your future options and "box you and others into a corner".**
- **Be a good listener; however be selective in what you choose to hear.**
- **Talk softly and project control in your voice.**
- **Life is short. Enjoy the moment and the game.**

Getting the Call

By Roger Caulfield, CABO Vice-president and Nova Scotia Interpreter

Most aspiring CABO officials are hoping to get “the call” to become a panel referee and work CIS basketball games. Canada has talented officials who do not want to hear the message from the old Simon and Garfunkel song, “Slow Down You Move Too Fast”. They want to get “the call” now. Below are some helpful suggestions that may allow referees to get the call sooner than later.

Know the Supervisor

It is important to get to know the people who are in charge of assignments and making decisions. Ask them questions and share your goals with them. Supervisors enjoy inquisitive minds and love officials who want to learn and develop. Open discussions on advancement in a professional manner are always good. Remember the value of being specific and sincere.

Preparation/Training

The pace of today’s game demands that referees be in top physical condition. Physical training must be a priority throughout the year. Officials need to recognize the importance of knowing the rules and doing well on the national exam. It is necessary to attend camps and clinics to ensure that you keep updated with the most recent changes. Remember that supervisors always give special notice to those who focus on improvement in the off season. This adds to your overall portfolio.

Positive Attitude/Professionalism-

Remember to display an eagerness to learn and demonstrate a positive rapport with fellow officials. It is often too easy to point fingers and blame others. A team player accepts responsibility for his or her mistakes. This quality never goes unnoticed. Top officials are always punctual and are engaged in pre and post-game conferences. Reviewing game tapes and watching videos will help your growth as an official.

Find a Mentor-

Our country is filled with outstanding officials with years of experience. Find one that you would like to emulate. Listening to senior officials who have already “been there and done that” is always of great value in growing as an official. Mentors can give you honest feedback on your strengths and weaknesses. They can also provide strategies to manage games at the elite level and share their wealth of knowledge and experience in handling coaches and players. It is nice to have a mentor to share your journey in officiating.

In summary, getting “the call” is the first step in being recognized as one of Canada’s elite basketball officials. Remember to enjoy the journey, control what you can control and be the best that you can be in each and every game. Someone is always watching.