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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011

KUDOS TO A DISTINGUISHED CABO MEMBER

There are networks of basketball competition that are not as well known as those to which the vast majority of our members provide their officiating services. One of them is the military.

The military has a National sports program that includes basketball. They have five different commands (regions) competing at a provincial level which then, get the opportunity to go to their National championship which has been held in CFB Borden for the past 12 years. At these championships, players are looked at by the Conseil International de Sport Militaire (CISM) coaching staff and may be selected to join the team to go to the Military Worlds Championship held every 4 years.

Lastly, the military basketball network is in the same boat as most organizations. They have very few qualified officials. They always rely on other boards to help them out when they have their championships in April.

Jacques Caron, a member of the Bay of Quinte Board, in Ontario, has been the Referee in chief at the national championships for the past four years and has officiated at the national level five other times.



Official of the Year was presented to Corporal Jacques Caron, by Colonel Dave Cochrane, Commander, 8 Wing/CFB Trenton

Cpl Jacques Caron, reservist firefighter, is an extremely dedicated member of 8 Wing, the Ontario region and the CF basketball community. His unwavering dedication and the countless hours of personal time that he dedicates to the officiating of basketball are most certainly worthy of recognition.

Over the years, he has consistently been a key member of the officiating ranks at both CF and civilian organized basketball leagues and tournaments. This past year, he was the Umpire in Chief at both the CF Ontario Regional Championships and the CF National Championships held at CFB Borden. His continued desire to officiate at this level of competition is certainly a testament to his desire to serve, and better the CF sports community. In addition to his service with the CF basketball program, Cpl Caron has and continues to dedicate a large part of his personal time to officiating at local civilian basketball

competitions including the high school season finals and the AA girl's provincial tournament.

Off the court, he's also been involved in various committees and members of various boards, including the annual general meeting of the Ontario Association of Basketball Officials. He's a member of the Knights of Columbus where he assisted in organizing and officiating the free throw competition at the local, regional and provincial levels, demonstrating a well rounded and complete dedication to officiating basketball in the CF and civilian community.

Congratulations to Jacques Caron for this prestigious award.

THE FIBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MEN 2010

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: I asked our international officials who traveled abroad in the past year to provide me with information regarding their experience. Here are comments sent to me by Steve Seibel about his participation in the FIBA World Championships for Men held in Turkey last August. Than you Steve for answering the call.

- The level of officiating around the world is improving with every tournament I attend. It is apparent that each and every Federation is committed to education and training of their officials. Accordingly, we must also continue to strive to improve at all levels through camps, online instruction and sharing;
- In my experience, language is no longer a barrier in international officiating. All FIBA officials at World Championships and Olympics are expected to speak English. Accordingly, pre-game meetings were extensive and no different than what we would have in Canada. FIBA referees now incorporate terminology adopted from the NBA and the NCAA. Most referees from Europe are professional in that they referee in Euroleague. Referees from FIBA Americas, Oceania and Africa also typically referee professional basketball throughout the season;
- I have always thought it was a privilege to be a FIBA official. That has become even more apparent after how we were treated at the World Championships. We stayed in luxurious hotels and were taken on fascinating excursions by the organizing committee. It was truly a great experience;
- As always, the basketball games were phenomenal. I was fortunate to be able to referee one of the most exciting games of the tournament, Brazil vs. USA, in which USA prevailed by 2 points. The crew was solid and was required to make three critical calls down the stretch. From a learning standpoint, we were able to get the calls right by maintaining our concentration and focus. The crowds in the Final Round were fantastic, especially during Turkey games;
- One of my regrets from the tournament occurred in my first game. I was running to the new Lead when I saw two players confronting, taunting and body bumping each other on the baseline near the new Trail. As I was running down the court, I thought that these two players were going to get into a fight and accordingly, I blew my whistle and called a double foul. Not only should unsportsmanlike fouls have been called instead of double fouls, I should have also allowed my partner to referee the play. It turns out my partner was Romas Brasauskas, one of the most accomplished referees in FIBA history. To Romas' credit, he indicated in the change room to the assignor that he should have called the fouls and that he let the team down by not blowing (although he was probably right by not

calling). I also admitted I had no business blowing my whistle in that situation and that a good partner should have let him referee the play. We often talk about trusting your partner. My decision to call the fouls was not due to a lack of trust - it was due to impatience and a dip in concentration. Romas' decision not to make the call was due to indecision. The two lessons I take from that regretful situation is that you have to slow down when a play is occurring outside your primary and just as important, admit to your mistakes and never sell your partner out in the change room;

- It is now customary at these competitions for officials to attend a clinic prior to the tournament, review the game tape after every contest and to have meetings throughout the tournament to review plays. I encourage everyone to continue to review tapes of their games at all levels and to be open and honest when reviewing a tape. We were also required to make presentations to the group;
- Physical fitness and appearance of the referees continues to be a priority for FIBA. We were required to run the beep test and report our weight prior to the tournament. Needless to say, preparation in advance of the tournament was critical;
- Officiating at the World Championships reinforced for me that officiating is indeed about making friends, enjoying new experiences and growing as a person and an official. However, as is the case in every game at every level in any sport, we still have to strive get the calls right - all of them.

I hope everyone has a great season.

Steve Seibel

RULE QUESTIONS

JUST TO KEEP YOUR MIND WORKING DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Answers to the following questions will appear in the January 2011 issue of Post Play Express

1. A1 receives pass from his team's backcourt while straddling the center line. A1 then throws a pass which hits an official who is straddling the center line. The ball is then caught by A2, who is also straddling the center line. Is this a legal play?
2. A1 releases the ball on a try for goal. While the ball is in the air, the 24-second signal sounds. After the signal, B2 fouls A4. The ball then misses the ring. What is the correct procedure, particularly as it relates to the 24-second device?
3. Team B is scored upon in the last 2 minutes of the 4th quarter and requests a timeout. When play resumes with a Team B throw-in at the throw-in line in their frontcourt, how much time should be on the shot clock?
4. It is discovered that one of the players on the playing court is not one of the confirmed starting five players. This happens (a) before the start of the game (b) after the start of the game. What is the correct procedure in each instance?
5. B5 commits an unsportsmanlike foul on A5 with 1:24 to play in the 4th quarter. After the free throws by A5, and before the throw-in at mid-court, Team A takes a time-out. When play resumes, shall the throw-in by Team A be taken at the throw-in line in the Team A frontcourt?