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NANCY ÉTHIER RECEIVES THE TED EARLEY AWARD

In conjunction with the 2013 CABO AGM held in Montreal in September, Nancy Éthier of Quebec received CABO's most prestigious award, the Ted Earley Memorial Award. Here are some highlights of her illustrious career and contribution to basketball officiating in Canada and abroad.

Nancy was born in Montreal May 4th, 1967. She played basketball from 1980 to 1987. She officiated from 1992 to 2009 and was a FIBA carded official from 1999 to 2009.

Before transitioning as a basketball referee, Nancy played and coached basketball at various youth levels. It was not until the mid nineties that she gave up coaching and made a serious commitment to officiating. In a short period of time following that decision, she received her FIBA card in 1999.

Nancy maintained her FIBA card for only 10 years, a short career by many FIBA referee standards. But during that time, she was arguably one of the top female referees in the world. She attended no less than 14 international competitions, travelling to Brazil, Australia, Spain, China, Croatia and many other exotic areas. Among the international tournaments at which Nancy refereed, she worked several World and Olympic qualifying tournaments, two World Championships in China and Brazil and the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, where she officiated the Women's Bronze Medal Game.

Nationally, Nancy worked Gold Medal Games at the CCAA Women's Championship and six CIS Women's Gold Medal Games, including a string from 2001-2005. In 2008, she became the first woman to be selected to the CIS Men's National Championship and worked the Consolation Final. In 2009, Nancy made a decision to retire as an active referee. She retired at the top of her game.

Although she is not refereeing, Nancy has remained very involved in officiating. Since retiring, she has served CABO as an Assignor/Evaluator at the Women's CCAA National Championship, the CIS Women's Regional Tournament and at the Canada Games. She has worked as a FIBA Instructor at a number of clinics. She has been invited to several camps and clinics across Canada and the U.S. as a supervisor and/or guest speaker.

Locally, Nancy has served on her regional and provincial executive in various capacities. Presently, Nancy is on the Supervision committee for the Quebec University panel of officials.

A great ambassador for Canada and the game of basketball. She is dedicated to the improvement of the individual and the state of officiating in this country.

Sincere congratulations to Nancy for her outstanding contribution making her a most worthy recipient of CABO's highest distinction.



Nancy receives her award from Jim Walsh, Past-President of CABO

THE STATE OF OFFICIATING

by Roger Caulfield, CABO's Vice-President

Today's style of officiating needs to be addressed. The game is now being played by players who are much faster, stronger and more physical in their movements on the court. Defensive players are doing everything in their power to prevent the offensive player from scoring. "Clutching", "Grabbing" and "Holding" are contact situations that are very prevalent in all areas of basketball. This type of play is leading to a number of serious injuries. Basketball played in this manner must stop! Players on both teams must be permitted a freedom of movement without a hand, knee or elbow impeding their progress. Screens must be set within the rules and all illegal contact must be called immediately. If rules are called correctly, the number of injuries will be reduced and teams will not gain an unfair advantage by having their opponents playing with their best players injured.

NCAA championship coach, Rick Pitino, states "basketball officiating has not kept up with the pace of the game and I would like to see the rough play eliminated." In order for this to happen, basketball referees must set the stage early in the game by blowing the whistle and being committed to calling rough play fouls for the entire contest.

Below are some contact situations that need our attention if the state of officiating is going to progress:

1. The unsportsmanlike and elbowing fouls
2. Fouls on airborne shooters
3. Illegal screens
4. Dribble penetration fouls
5. Pass and crash foul
6. Off- ball contact
7. Ejection fouls
8. Blocked shots (legal play-eliminate the bad call)
9. Jump shooter fouls (moving forward and causing the contact)
10. Block / Charge (be prepared to have a whistle and be aware of the flop)

GAME MANAGEMENT

Submitted by Seward Neilsen, Interpreter for New Brunswick

The following points are offered as “food for thought” when you find yourself reflecting on how well you had managed a game:

- Was the game under control? Were problems resolved without significant delays? In the simplest of terms ----- was the game “handled well?”
- Did the game begin on time? If not, why not? Who was responsible for the delay and has a lesson been learned so that this will not occur again?
- Did the officials work well with one another? Was there a feeling and/or perception that the officials worked well as a team? Did the crew communicate with and support one another?
- Was there a positive working rapport between the officiating crew and the minor officials at the scorer's table?
- The “quality” of the calls or no-calls : Were the calls and/or no-calls accepted by the players and coaches without unreasonable reactions ? Were the calls credible? Was the game officiated or was there unnecessary interruption and interference due to the call selection made by the officiating crew?
- When the need arose, did the officials “take care of business?” Was consistency and courage demonstrated, particularly in the latter stages of the game? Did the officials make the “tough” call or did they “shrink into the wood work” when the game got into the final 5 minutes?
- Did the reaction of the spectators and/or coaches appear to influence the decision making of the officials?
- Was there evidence that the officials enjoyed the experience? Did they have fun?
- Did the officials demonstrate knowledge of the rules and consistent, appropriate application of the same? Did their call selection reflect an understanding of the principle of advantage/disadvantage?
- Did the crew mirror the prescribed use of mechanics?
- Did the officials present a professional image both on and off the court with respect to manner of dress and personal conduct toward all participants and spectators?

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