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PRESIDENT'S REPORT
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DON CLINE

I will always remember October 23, 2011. That is the day that we lost Don Cline, CABO Past President. We lost one of CABO's strongest and fiercest advocates, someone who wanted Canadian basketball officials to flourish at all times without a view to regional boundaries but for the national good and the good of the game.

I lost a mentor and great friend. Don's passing has been, for me, one of those life-altering events. I call it a reality check. CABO is much stronger as a result of Don Cline's efforts. On behalf of our entire membership, thank you Don.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

We are indeed very fortunate that we were able to call upon Dave Morphy, a previous CABO President, to step in to complete Don's term as Past President. Dave accepted our invitation without hesitation and has been working tirelessly in his portfolio as the lead on international officiating. In particular, Dave has been the lead executive member with respect to the FIBA Certification Camp to be held in Montreal in October. Dave has been working very closely with Michele O'Keefe of Canada Basketball and Mike Homsy, the Quebec Supervisor in getting this important initiative up and running.

Ted Montgomery continues his yeoman's efforts with respect to the allocation of assignments to National tournaments and is the lead on 3x3 in conjunction with CB.

Paul Deshaies has been very successful as the editor of Post Play Express which, as a result of the submissions of many members of the National Council, has flourished. Additionally, Paul's work as Interpreter allows us to be much more consistent coast to coast.

Jim Cervo continues to fine tune the NOCP – a living document. Jim also handles the allocation of Assigner/Evaluators to National tournaments. Jim strives to get the right mix of A/Es to the tournaments with a view to getting the best out of the officials assigned to the tournaments.

Markku Peuhkurinen continues to amaze me with his ability to handle money and travel to all CABO events with ease. His talents help CABO to run very smoothly year in and year out.

PARTNERSHIPS

Last year I stated that at the end of the 2010-2011 year I believed that CABO was, and would be, stronger than ever before. I am even firmer in this belief this season.

The single biggest reason for my optimism and excitement is the attainment of Active Member status in Canada Basketball - the same membership status as the provincial sport organizations (PSOs) puts us right at the table with the decision makers for our sport. For the first time in my nearly 40 years of officiating, and my nearly 25 years around the National Council table, officials are being recognized as an integral part of the sport with whom the NSO and the PSOs want to partner. This has led immediately to an enhanced partnership with CIS and CCAA.

CABO has a very strong relationship with its national partners. The CCAA, through its Executive Director Sandra Murray-McDonnell, is an absolute pleasure to work with. Sandra coordinates everything through Markku and the CCAA tournaments continue to be run superbly.

CABO also continues to have a very strong relationship with the CIS. There is a major change at the helm as Marg McGregor, the long-time Executive Director of the CIS, has moved on to other challenges. We wish Marg well. Our liaison for CIS tournaments continues to be Sheila-Ann Newton with whom we have also enjoyed a very positive relationship. The CIS has notified us that the regional tournament format for the Women's championships is being discontinued and they will revert to a final 8.

This is a Canada Games year and discussions with the Canada Games Council will commence in the near future. The Canada Games will be held in Sherbrooke, QC next summer.

CANADA BASKETBALL

CABO has a great friend in Michele O'Keefe, the Executive Director of Canada Basketball. Through Michele's efforts, as supported by CEO Wayne Parrish and the CB Board, CABO has a new and strong presence around the CB table. We are warmly received by the PTSOs and, I believe, in their eyes integral to the growth of the game at all levels from minor to College including the development of the 3x3 game. We have become a full partner with CB and the provinces as we all strive to make the game better.

Michele has fostered open relationships for CABO with FIBA and, in particular, FIBA America. Dave Morphy and I were invited to attend the meetings of the FIBA Technical Commission held in Toronto in January. She also set up face to face discussions with Alberto Garcia and Geraldo Fontana of FIBA America which has led to open discussion on how to get more Canadian officials involved in FIBA America competitions.

Michele has been a great help to Dave Morphy with respect to the organization of the FIBA Certification/Recertification clinic. Michele coordinated with Dave DeAveiro, Coach of the McGill Men's team, to ensure that the clinic could be held at this institution.

We have also returned the invitation to CB as we have been inviting Michele to sit in on some of our executive meetings as we complete the information highway for the Canadian game.

Michele, along with Renato Pasquale, was the driving force behind the introduction of the “Technical Points of Emphasis”.

PARTNER CONTRACTS

We are in the process of negotiating a new contract with the CIS. We are in the last year of the CCAA agreement. Discussions with CB will occur in the spring but the current agreement was negotiated with a view to a couple of years down the road.

WHAT IS ON THE HORIZON?

The game continues to grow at a much faster pace than we have been able to recruit officials. We continue to face the challenges of retaining officials at all levels of play and are working with the provincial officials’ associations and CB and the PTSOs to come up with strategies to keep officials in the game and to attract new members. We are looking forward to the development of the 3x3 game internationally and domestically and also to what that brand of basketball will do for officials. We are excited by the performance of our officials on the national and international stages as we see, in particular, newer officials succeeding.

As I head into the final year of my mandate as President, I hope to see the continued growth, both in quantity and quality, of our officials.

CONCLUSION

It is vital to the success of our association that we have strong provincial memberships. To that end, we see that the members of the National Council continue to advocate for their respective provinces while, at the same time, keeping the national agenda in mind.

I wish to thank all members of the National Council for your continued support of CABO. I also wish to thank all members of the National Executive who work tirelessly on CABO’s behalf to carry out our mandate. Finally, I extend a big thank you to SABO for the tireless efforts they have put into hosting our AGM this year.

Sincerely,

Jim
Jim Walsh
President
Canadian Association of Basketball Officials

RULE AND INTERPRETATION CHANGES FOR 2012

By Paul Deshaies, CABO National Interpreter

In the June 2012 issue of Post Play Express, a brief overlook was presented of rule changes to be in effect this fall. Here is further information regarding some of the rule changes along with new rule interpretations.

In the following pages, texts printed in red indicate the actual changes in the wording of the given rule articles. Texts in blue represent additional comments by the author. Texts highlighted in yellow are additions to the rules or interpretations.

LAST TWO MINUTES

Everywhere in the rules where it applies, the expression “in the last two (2) minutes of the fourth period or the last two (2) minutes of each extra period” has been replaced by the expression “when the game clock shows 2:00 minutes or less of the fourth period and of each extra period”.

ARTICLE 4 EQUIPMENT

4.4.2 Players shall not wear equipment (objects) that may cause injury to other players.

The following are permitted:

~~Undergarments that extend below the shorts of the same dominant colour as the shorts.~~

This means that this equipment is no longer permitted by FIBA. However, in Canada, we will continue to allow compression garments as long as they are of the same colour as the uniform.

ARTICLE 7 COACHES

Either the coach or the assistant coach, but only one of them at any given time, is permitted to remain standing during the game. They may address the players verbally during the game provided they remain within their team bench area. The assistant coach shall not address the officials.

ART. 29 TWENTY-FOUR SECONDS

FIBA Interpretations

Statement 5

If the game is stopped by an official for any valid reason not connected with either team and if in the judgement of the officials the opponents would be placed at a disadvantage, the twenty-four (24) second clock shall continue from the time it was stopped

Example 3:

With four (4) seconds left on the twenty-four (24) second clock A4 attempts a shot for a field goal. The ball misses the ring but the twenty-four (24) second operator erroneously resets the clock. A5 secures the rebound and after a certain time team A scores a field goal. At this time the officials are made aware of the situation.

Interpretation:

The officials (after consulting with the commissioner, if present) shall confirm that the ball did not touch the ring on the shot for a goal by A4. They shall then decide if the ball left the hand(s) of A5 before the twenty-four second clock would have sounded if the reset had not taken place. If so, the basket shall count; if not, a twenty-four (24) second violation has occurred and the goal by A5 shall not count.

Statement 7

When a shot for a field goal has been released and then a defensive foul is called, the twenty-four (24) second clock shall be reset as follows:

- ⌚ if fourteen (14) seconds or more are displayed on the twenty-four (24) second clock at the time when the game was stopped, the twenty-four second (24) clock shall not be reset, but shall continue from the time it was stopped.
- ⌚ if thirteen (13) seconds or less are displayed on the twenty-four (24) second clock at the time when the game was stopped, the twenty-four (24) second clock shall be reset to fourteen (14) seconds.

Example 1:

A1 releases a shot for a field goal. While the ball is in the air with 10 seconds remaining on the twenty-four (24) second clock, a defensive foul is called against B2 who fouls A4. It is team B's 2nd foul in the period. The ball:

- (a) Enters the basket.
- (b) Hits the ring but does not enter the basket.

Interpretation:

- (a) Basket of A1 valid and the ball will be awarded to team A for the throw-in at the place closest to where the foul occurred, with fourteen (14) seconds remaining on the twenty-four (24) second clock.
- (b) The ball will be awarded to the team A for the throw-in at the place closest to where the foul occurred, with fourteen (14) seconds remaining on the twenty-four (24) second clock.

Example 2:

A1 releases a shot for a field goal. While the ball is in the air the twenty-four (24) second clock expires and then a defensive foul is called against B2 who fouls A4. It is team B's 2nd foul in the period. The ball:

- (a) Enters the basket.
- (b) Hits the ring but does not enter the basket.

Interpretation:

- (a) Basket of A1 valid and the ball will be awarded to team A for the throw-in at the place closest to where the foul occurred, with fourteen (14) seconds remaining on the twenty-four (24) second clock.
- (b) The ball will be awarded to the team A for the throw-in at the place closest to where the foul occurred, with fourteen (14) seconds remaining on the twenty-four (24) second clock.

Example 3:

A1 releases a shot for a field goal. While the ball is in the air with 10 seconds remaining on the twenty-four (24) second clock, a defensive foul is called against B2 who fouls A4. It is team B's 5th foul in the period. The ball:

- (a) Enters the basket.
- (b) Hits the ring but does not enter the basket.

Interpretation:

- (a) Basket of A1 is valid and A4 is awarded two (2) free throws.
- (b) A4 is awarded two (2) free throws.

Example 4:

A1 releases a shot for a field goal. While the ball is in the air the twenty-four (24) second clock expires and then a defensive foul is called against B2 who fouls A4. It is team B's 5th foul in the period. The ball:

- (a) Enters the basket.
- (b) Hits the ring but does not enter the basket.

Interpretation :

- (a) Basket of A1 is valid and A4 is awarded two (2) free throws
- (b) A4 is awarded two (2) free throws

ARTICLE 30 BALL RETURNED TO THE BACKCOURT

The ball has been illegally returned to the backcourt when a player of the team in control of the live ball is the last to touch the ball in his frontcourt, after which that player or a team-mate is the first to touch the ball in the backcourt.

FIBA Interpretations

Statement 2

A live ball has been illegally returned to the backcourt when a **team A player in the frontcourt** causes the ball to touch the backcourt, after which a team A player is the first to touch the ball either in the frontcourt or backcourt. It is legal however when a team A player in the backcourt causes the ball to touch the frontcourt, after which a team A player is the first to touch the ball either in the frontcourt or backcourt.

Example 1:

A4 is standing with both feet in the frontcourt near the centre line when A4 attempts a bounce pass to A5 who is also standing with both feet in the frontcourt near the centre line. On the pass, the ball touches the backcourt before touching A5.

Interpretation:

Violation for illegally returning the ball to the backcourt.

Example 2:

A4 is standing with both feet in the backcourt near the centre line when A4 attempts a bounce pass to A5 who is also standing with both feet in the backcourt near the centre line. On the pass, the ball touches the frontcourt before touching A5.

Interpretation:

Legal play.

Example 3:

A4 in his backcourt passes the ball towards his frontcourt. The ball is deflected from an official standing on the playing court with both feet straddling the centre line and is next touched by A5 who is still in his backcourt.

Interpretation:

Legal play. No backcourt violation as no team A player was the last to touch the ball in the frontcourt. However, as the ball has reached frontcourt status the eight-second count stops the moment the ball is touched by the official and will be re-started as soon as A5 touches the ball.

Note : It is important to remember that the player causing the ball to go into the backcourt must be in the frontcourt for a violation to occur.

ARTICLE 33 CONTACT: GENERAL PRINCIPLES

33.5 Guarding a player who does not control the ball

The distance is directly proportional to the speed of the opponent, never less than one (1) normal step ~~and never more than two (2) normal steps.~~

Note: This means that, in establishing a defensive position on a moving opponent without the ball, the position must be established at least one normal step from the player. That distance could be longer. The official has to judge if there was enough space or time for the offensive player to stop or change direction before contact.

ARTICLE 43 FREE THROW

43.3.1 If a free throw is successful and the violation(s) is committed by a free-throw shooter, point, if made, shall not count.

Any other player's violation which occurs immediately before, at approximately the same time as, or after the violation committed by the free-throw shooter shall be disregarded.

Note : This is a return to the rule prior to the 2010 changes. A violation by the free-thrower takes precedence over violations by other players, except if it is for disconcertion by an opponent of the free-thrower.

Again, the above are not the only changes for 2012. Please refer to the June issue for a complete listing of rule changes.

ON-LINE CASEBOOK

By Paul Deshaies, CABO National Interpreter

The casebook has been updated to conform to the rule changes. Additional cases have been added as well.

Here is a list of revised or new cases :

Revised cases : 7-1, 28-11, 30-4, 30-9, 31,7, and 43-3.

New cases : 10-11, 12-12, 12-13, 16-7, 17-18, 18-16, 18-17, 19-21, 25-7, 25-8, 28-15, 30-12, 31-13, 32-2, 32-3, 36-8, 41-6.

The updated version of the casebook is available on-line at www.cabocanada.org

NATIONAL SURVEY OF SPORT OFFICIALS

A survey is being conducted to understand why individuals choose to be sport officials and why they remain sport officials. Officials from all sports are asked to take the survey. All the information gathered will be of use in informing the Long Term Officials Development (LTOD) Model. Please take the survey on line at :

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Understanding_Officiating

(Password : Officiating)