



WELCOME TO THE 2013-2014 SEASON

It is with great pleasure and anticipation that I will again fulfill the responsibility of editing Post Play Express for this new season. As in the past few years, the plan is to publish a monthly issue from September 2013 to June 2014.

Post Play Express will be published in both French and English. National Council members, who are the provincial supervisors and interpreters, as well as the members of the national executive will be asked to provide articles on topics of their choice.

However, members at large and especially members of provincial executives are invited to submit pieces which could be of interest for CABO members across Canada.

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CABO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

CABO held its Annual General Meeting in Montreal on the weekend of September 20-22. Here are excerpts of reports submitted by the members of the executive.

President's report

« It is very hard to believe that my four years as President is drawing to a close. It seems so recent that the meeting was held in St. John's — in 2009! We have experienced some very positive outcomes and some very sad times. Yet, we, as an organization, continue to grow and, I believe, prosper.

We introduced the NOCP. We began writing the exam online. We reintroduced the CABO Camp in 2010 and 2011. We are fine-tuning that approach with our Camp Committee. We are beginning to see new faces around the National Council table. We are seeing the next group of FIBA carded officials flourish on the international stage. We are injecting new life in the NE program by bringing in new blood with fresh and current perspectives while, at the same time, continuing to promote consistency across the country. We are seeing newer officials get their chance to shine, improve and develop at the local level in addition to the U15 and U17 levels. We are beginning to see new faces at the spring tournaments who bring freshness to the National Championships while gaining invaluable experience that should make them better officials. We continue to foster a strong relationship with Canada Basketball, CIS and CCAA. FIBA, and especially FIBA Americas, have come to know CABO better through our strong relationship with CB. We continue to work with, and through, our provincial associations to reach our goal of national consistency especially through the tweaking of the NOCP and the national exam.

The points made above have been made possible only through the hard work and cooperation of the members of the National Council, including my fellow executive members, who continue to work tirelessly on behalf of basketball officials across the country. I sincerely thank each and every one of you for your efforts and the efforts made by others in your home provinces that assist CABO to improve.

Vice-President Ted handled the face to face meetings with Canada Basketball including attendance at the CB AGM which I was unable to attend due to work commitments. Paul continued to produce Post Play Express in addition to his Interpreter's duties. The contributions to Express from members of the Council has made for interesting reading. Jim C. continues to fine tune his A/E list and is spearheading the National Evaluators conference this weekend in addition to his tweaking of the NOCP. Dave has worked tirelessly on the International scene including the successful FIBA Certification and recertification camp in Montreal last October as well as with the Camp Committee. Markku, as you know, continues to be the steward of our money.

To each of you, thank you for your efforts and your unwavering support to CABO and to me, personally, as President. »

Vice-president's report

« In each of my four years as your Vice-President there have been new and different challenges and opportunities. There are also many standard items that have been handled as a part of the Vice-President portfolio. The most consistent aspect of being on the CABO Executive has been the commitment and hard work of every one of my Executive colleagues. In past reports, I have generally closed with that notation and with a statement of my appreciation to those colleagues. This year, I wanted to put it right up front. I've been on the National Council for 25 years, most of those as the Ontario Interpreter. The ability of the Council to successfully address difficult issues has always impressed me. The various and many individuals who have served on the CABO Executives through the years have provided the leadership which has made CABO the meaningful voice of officials that it is. To the best of my knowledge, no other country has the kind of independent body recognized as the body that represents the unique and specific interests of basketball officials.

Officials for the spring tournaments – CIS and CCAA Women's and Men's Championships - are assigned in accordance with the contracts with these two organizations. There is no flexibility with the CIS tournaments as officials are allocated by contract and selected by the provinces. The CCAA has some flexibility within contract guidelines that ensure officials come from provinces which have teams playing within the CCAA. Any allocation of assignments is made in consultation with the Executive.

Summer tournaments require the same data gathering, but allow much more flexibility in the allocation of assignments. Of course, CABO has no input as to where the tournaments are held. Again, the allocation of assignments is confirmed in consultation with the full executive. Half of the assignments go to the hosting province wherever possible and travel costs are taken into account. Ontario, because of its number of officials, and its central position is allocated additional assignments. I have also endeavored to see that, over the years, each province has officials doing men's and women's tournaments. The number of officials with three-person experience and NOCP Level 3 certification becomes a greater and greater issue. Provinces should be seeking opportunities, working with school, local, and provincial bodies, to find opportunities to qualify more officials for Level 3 certification.

I worked with Canada Basketball on a couple of matters. First was with Ron Yeung on 3x3 mechanics, which are completed and were sent out. We now need to incorporate teaching these simple mechanics as a part of our educational programs. FIBA sees 3x3 as a growing phenomenon and there will be increased opportunities for officials. For that reason and to provide more consistent service, we need to ensure that Canadian officials know the FIBA 3x3 rules and CB/CABO mechanics. I represented CABO on the CB National Championship Committee via several conference calls. CABO is a member of Canada Basketball and in that capacity I attended the annual Canada Basketball meeting in Toronto.

At the last Council meeting, I asked members to forward any concerns about the CABO website. I received only one response, but still believe we need a complete change of direction – either going through CB or to a simpler, Wordpress style of site. »

Past-president's report

"I want to take this opportunity to thank the Executive and the National Council for their support over the past two years. It was very difficult circumstances that led to my appointment as Past-President but it has been a very enjoyable experience for me. In this my last report to the Council, I will comment on my work with the international portfolio and the CABO Camp.

FIBA CERTIFICATION/RE-CERTIFICATION CAMP

The FIBA Certification/Re-Certification Camp held last year in Montreal was certainly a significant challenge. In particular, it was a challenge to determine who and how we should invite officials to certify. We discussed this at length at our last AGM and suffice it to say that this was not an easy process. I was very impressed with the fitness level of all of the candidates and it was both exciting and noteworthy that all passed the "beep" test and, to my knowledge, all passed the FIBA exam. Unfortunately, not all of candidates attempting to certify for the first time were successful during the on court evaluation but congratulations again to all who did receive their certification and again that list was previously circulated.

INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

Attached is a spread sheet of the international assignments received by Canadian officials this year with the number being up significantly from last year. As has been mentioned numerous times, the majority of assignments are made directly by FIBA or FIBA America's and it is therefore difficult to ensure that all of our FIBA officials have an opportunity to travel. Not a lot we can do about this other than continuing to ask Canada Basketball to lobby on our behalf for more input to the process.

CABO CAMP

At our AGM last year, we re-established a committee to explore the status of the CABO Camp. Bruce Covert, Warren Poncsak, Roger Caulfield and I worked on this project. We concluded that the camp should be focused on identifying candidates for FIBA certification but given our current numbers of FIBA officials it would not make sense to hold a camp in 2013. The Executive received the report of the Committee at our executive meeting in Ottawa in March 2013. It would be the intent of the Executive to explore mounting a CABO Camp next year depending on our current numbers of FIBA officials and the number who choose to re-certify."

| International Nominations 2013 | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------|
| Surname | Given | Tournament | Country | Dates | Accept |
| Seibel | Steve | FIBA Americas League | Mexico | Feb 1-3 | Yes |
| Weiland | Michael | FIBA Americas League | Mexico | Feb 1-3 | Yes |
| Seibel | Steve | FIBA Americas League | Mexico | March 22-24 | Yes |
| Weiland | Michael | FIBA Americas Final 4 | Puerto Rico | April 5-7 | Yes |
| Donnelly | Neil | FIBA Americas Final 4 | Puerto Rico | April 5-7 | Yes |
| Critch | Scott | U16 Mens FIBA Americas | Uruguay | June 11-15 | Yes |
| Del Col | Anna | U16 Womens FIBA Americas | Mexico | June 19-23 | Yes |
| Stothart | Perry | FIBA World Championships U19 Men | Czech Republic | July | Yes |
| Kenyon | Reid | Universiade Games | Russia | July 6-17 | Yes |
| Lasuik | Karen | Universiade Games | Russia | July 6-17 | Yes |
| Malo | MP | U19 Womens | Latvia | July 18-28 | Yes |
| Seibel | Steve | Tuto Marchand Continental Cup | Peurto Rico | August 22-26 | Yes |
| Seibel | Steve | Mens FIBA Championships | Venezuela | Aug 30-Sept 11 | Yes |
| Weiland | Michael | Mens FIBA Championships | Venezuela | Aug 30-Sept11 | Yes |
| Herbert | JP | Francophonie Games | France | Sept 6-14 | Yes |
| Stehlik | Rich | Canada-Jamaica Exhib | Canada | Summer | Yes |
| Gauthier | Seb | Canada-Jamaica Exhib | Canada | Summer | Yes |
| Astles | Geoff | Canada-Jamaica Exhib | Canada | Summer | Yes |
| Lasuik | Karen | FIBA Americas Championship Women | Mexico | Sept 22-28 | Yes |
| Seibel | Steve | FIBA Inter-Continental Cup | Brazil | Oct. 4-6 | Yes |

Secretary-Treasurer's report

« As the Secretary/Treasurer my primary tasks are CABO's financial position and membership statistics. I also serve on the National Evaluation Board. This past year I acted as one of the three A/Es at the CIS Women's Championships in Regina. All arrangements there were first class thanks in big part to Matthew Rosgen, Dave Werry and Warren Poncsak who looked after all arrangements prior to and during the tournament.

1. CABO Membership Statistics to June 30, 2013

The total membership decreased by 146. There are presently 4,024 CABO members. The report outlines the membership numbers for the last six years.

2. CABO Financial Statements (2012-2013) Revenues

Cash reserves increased by \$4,107.32. Since there was no CABO Camp, those revenues did not materialize. Shirt and jacket royalties were considerably higher than anticipated.

CB contributes \$1.00/member for officiating development and monies towards translation of Post Play, the website and NOCP. CB also contributes monies towards officiating expenses for international competitions and the certification/recertification clinic as required.

Domestic officiating costs were close to the budgeted amount. This is a category which encompasses the summer tournaments and officials travelling to the CCAA national championships. The CCAA travel costs increased slightly as the CCAA Women adopted 3-person officiating for their national championship. The U17 costs were minimal as this was a Canada Games year where all costs are covered by the Canada Games. The costs shown in the budget are from the summer of 2012, which were expenses incurred after June 30, 2012.

Education costs were below to the budgeted amount. The provinces utilized the monies allocated for clinics so in accordance the proposed budget shows an increased amount from the previous year. Officiating/Certification Development monies are there for all provinces to train NOCP Evaluators and to bring in National Evaluators to observe new level 4 candidates. These monies were not utilized this past season. Alberta did invite Nancy Éthier and Warren Poncsak to their Provincial CCAA championships as clinicians and also to observe possible level 4 candidates. These monies are included in the clinics amounts. Also there were no CABO Camp expenses and no translation costs were incurred as these were monies allocated for the website translation.

The Evaluations portion of the budget was close to the budgeted amount.

Operating costs remain stable.

Expenses for meetings were slightly higher mainly due to the AGM.

Memberships/Promotions were well below the budgeted amount. FIBA dues for the licensed officials were not charged by CB until after June 30 so will fall under next year's budget. Also only five out of the ten provinces allocated camp scholarships. Since I would personally like to see the camp scholarships fully utilized, I suggest that maybe any unused portion could be allocated to those provinces which have already taken advantage of this program. A deadline of June 1st could be set after which the unused portion could be distributed.

3. CABO Budget (2013-2014)

The budget for 2013-2014 proposes revenues of \$141,705.00 and expenses of \$153,540.00. This will maintain all programs at their present levels. The deficit is mainly due to the A/E clinic held in conjunction with the AGM in Montreal.

In closing I wish to thank the other Executive members and others who dedicate countless hours of service to CABO. Also a huge thank you to all members of the National Council who are the backbone of CABO.”

Education Officer's report

“National Evaluators Panel

The makeup of the National Evaluators Panel continues to evolve. This year we have added Tom Christie (Ontario) and Cam Moskal (Manitoba). The most significant change we made was increasing the number of evaluators at each National Tournament involving 3 person mechanics – to 3. The use of 3 person mechanics was introduced a number of years ago, but having 2 assigner/evaluators continued as it was set up many years earlier. This is a big change and as with anything, it will take time to adjust and make this more effective and efficient. The benefits I believe, will become more evident as we continue to improve the process. The following are some of my thoughts about how this may be beneficial:

- *Allows more opportunities for members of the National Evaluators Panel to work at the Spring National Tournaments. In the past with only 2 A/E's at these tournaments meant the rotation was somewhat limited.*
- *Allows opportunities for some members of the Panel to work at this tournament that may not be considered if there were only 2 A/E's assigned.*
- *Allows more opportunities for the recently added A/E's that are more than capable of working at these tournaments if we have 3 A/E's rather than 2. I feel quite a few of the members of the National Evaluators Panel we have added in the past 4 years are more than capable of working at these 6 tournaments.*
- *This may allow us to be more able to hold a clinic in the area where the tournament is being held as has been requested by some provinces in the past few years.*
- *The workload at the tournaments is very heavy and it is very difficult for the A/E's to be effective when there are only 2. Spreading the workload to 3 A/E's will ease some of this pressure*
- *The U17 tournaments are a grind in the summer – this will spread the workload at a difficult tournament*
- *Allows the A/E's more time to spend with the officials, especially in post game discussions. They usually need to hurry to the next game and don't have as much time in the post game as they would like – and I feel the post game may be one of the most opportune times for A/E's to spend with officials*
- *Having another opinion will assist the Lead A/E in their selections. The Lead A/E will need to be clearly defined.*
- *Allows more mentoring for the tournament officials – especially at the U17 tournaments. A third A/E may observe some things that the other 2 miss because they are so busy. It is very difficult to evaluate and try to keep up with what is happening at the game while making notes etc*
- *This will enhance the NOCP evaluation process – mostly at the U17 tournaments*
- *I believe this will assist in having everyone onside with mechanics, game management etc as we involve more A/E's working together.*
- *Overall it will provide more opportunities for members of the National Evaluators Panel which in turn should benefit the province where they reside. This change brings the total number of assignments each year to 22.*

Currently there are 31 members on the Panel so only 9 people would not receive an assignment each year.

A meeting for the National Evaluators Panel has been organized in conjunction with the CABO AGM. All members of the panel have been invited, a group of presenters have been assigned, and I believe this will be a very beneficial meeting for all attendees.

I would like to thank again the Assigner/Evaluators who attended the National tournaments this past year, both in the spring and summer. The time and energy they put in to assist the officials attending each tournament is reflected in the comments I receive from those officials.

Once again I want to thank the other CABO executive members who work so hard on our behalf. It is my pleasure to serve along with them.”

National Interpreter's report

Rule exam

I prepared the FIBA national rule exam in both French and English. Provincial interpreters actively participated in the making of the exam. The webmaster, Matthew Koivisto, did a great job managing the procedure and solving the difficulties that may have been encountered. The exam will again be administered on-line in the fall of 2013. If everyone follows the prescribed guidelines (I was made aware that this was not always the case), this insures that the exam is written in a uniform manner nationwide.

Rule changes for 2013

There are no rule changes for the 2013-2014 season. However, nationally at the University and Collegiate levels, the rule pertaining to the no-charge semi-circle areas will be in effect.

Here is what the rule says:

“33.10 No-charge semi-circle areas

The no-charge semi-circle areas are drawn on the playing court for the purpose of designating a specific area for the interpretation of charge/block situations under the basket.

On any penetration play situation into the no-charge semi-circle area a contact caused by an airborne offensive player with a defensive player inside the no-charge semi-circle shall not be called as an offensive foul, unless the offensive player is illegally using his hands, arms, legs or body, when

- the offensive player is in control of the ball whilst airborne, and*
- he attempts a shot for a field goal or passes off the ball, and*
- the defensive player has both feet (completely) inside the no-charge semi-circle area.”*

The interpretation document clarifies the notions stated in the rule.

33.10 No-charge semi-circle areas

Statement

The purpose of the no-charge semi-circle rule is not to reward a defensive player who has taken a position under his own basket in order to draw a charging foul against an offensive player who is in control of the ball and is penetrating towards the basket.

For the no-charge semi-circle rule to be applied:

- The defensive player shall have both feet inside the semi-circle area. The semi-circle line is not part of the semi-circle area.*

- *The offensive player shall drive to the basket across the semi-circle line and attempt a shot for a field goal or a pass while airborne.*

The no-charge semi-circle rule is not to be applied and any contact shall be judged according to normal regulations, e. g. cylinder principle, charge/block principle:

- (a) *For all play situations occurring outside the no-charge semi-circle area, also developing from the area between the semi-circle area and the endline.*
- (b) *For all rebounding play situations when, after a shot for a field goal, the ball rebounds and a contact situation occurs.*
- (c) *For any illegal use of the hands, arms, legs or body by either offensive or defensive player.*

Example 1:

A4 attempts a jump shot that begins outside the semi-circle area and charges into B4 who is inside the semi-circle area.

Interpretation:

A4's legal action as the no-charge semi-circle rule is applied.

Example 2:

A4 dribbles along the endline and, after reaching the area behind the backboard, jumps diagonally or backwards and charges into B4 who is in a legal guarding position inside the semi-circle area.

Interpretation:

A4's charging foul. The no-charge semi-circle rule is not applied as A4 has entered the no-charge semi-circle area from the playing court directly behind the backboard and its extended imaginary line.

Example 3:

A4 shot for a field goal touches the ring and a rebound situation occurs. A5 jumps into the air, catches the ball and then charges into B4 who is in a legal guarding position inside the semi-circle area.

Interpretation:

A5's charging foul. The no-charge semi-circle rule is not applied.

Example 4:

A4 drives to the basket and is in the act of shooting. Instead of completing the shot for a field goal A4 passes the ball to A5 who is directly following him. A4 then charges into B4 who is inside the no-charge semi-circle area. At the same time A5, with the ball in his hands is on a direct drive to the basket in order to score.

Interpretation:

A4's charging foul. The no-charge semi-circle rule is not applied as A4 illegally uses his body to clear the way to the basket for A5.

Example 5:

A4 drives to the basket and is in the act of shooting. Instead of completing the shot for a field goal A4 passes the ball to A5 who is standing in the corner of the playing court. A4 then charges into B4 who is inside the no-charge semi-circle area.

Interpretation:

A4's legal action. The no-charge semi-circle rule is applied.

Example 6 :

Defender B1 has established a position with both feet on the floor completely in the no-charge area and facing A1 who has started a drive to the basket. A1 jumps, releases the ball on a try and then charges into B1. Both players fall to the floor. The ball (a) goes into the basket, (b) bounces off the ring thus creating a rebounding situation.

Interpretation :

In both (a) and (b), there is no infraction by either A1 or B1 and in (a), play resumes with a throw-in by Team B from behind their endline, and in (b) play continues with the rebounding activity.

Example 7 :

A1 dribbles toward the basket, enters the no-charge semi-circle and begins the act of shooting. Before leaving the floor and with the ball in his hands, A1 charges into B4 who is inside the no-charge semi-circle area, in legal guarding position.

Interpretation :

A1's charging foul. The no-charge rule is not applied.

NOTE: When the no-charge rule is applied, the result is a no-call unless the defender does something wrong other than being in the no-charge area.

Complementary

At the meeting of the A/Es, the following question was asked :

« If a whistle is blown in error, (a charge is incorrectly called and the defender is legal in the no-charge semi-circle), what procedure should we follow? »

The answer given was :

« If a foul is called, it should not be nullified. Since it cannot be a charge, it must be a block. In other situations, sometimes an official anticipates a contact and blows the whistle when nothing really happens. You live with it. »

However, when asked, the president of the FIBA Technical Commission offered the following comment :

« Embarrassing as it might turn out to be, an incorrect whistle can be nullified, if the situation merits it. Needless to say, an untimely whistle should not happen if the official “sees the whole play”, understands the rule and is not out of position such as to generate a guess. My personal philosophy is that an official will gain more credibility in correcting an error than in hanging the blame on the wrong player (unfairly, I might add). A greater caution is that if we do the latter with a view to selling the bad whistle, it could very quickly become a convenient and relatively common cop-out for what in reality is a bad call. »

The bottom line should be that, if a partner of the calling official is positively convinced that the charge call was incorrect because the defender was completely in the no-charge zone and did nothing wrong, he may quickly confer with his colleague and the call could be nullified. This should not be a common occurrence.

The following procedure should be followed if an erroneous charge call is nullified :

- **If the ball has gone through the basket, count the basket and give the ball to the defence for the throw-in.**
- **If the ball was released (ending team control) and the ball did not go in, use the possession arrow. If the arrow favours the offensive team, reset to 14 if the shot clock displays 13 or less. If 14 or more is displayed, no reset. If the arrow favours the defence, reset the shot clock to 24.**
- **If the airborne offensive player still has the ball in the hands when contact occurs and the whistle is incorrectly blown for a charge, award a throw-in to the team that had control of the ball and reset to 14 (if 13 or less is displayed) because the play was interrupted for a reason not connected with either team. (Article 29.2.1)**

Casebook

The casebook will be updated no later than the end of September. New cases will be added.

Points of emphasis

In 2011, Canada Basketball put forth three points of emphasis to promote the application of certain rules in a manner which better reflects their basic spirit and intent. The three points of emphasis are: (1) travelling, (2) illegal contact, especially on cutters off ball and in post play, and (3) communication between coaches and officials. These points of emphasis are still in effect and officials should be reminded to pay special attention to these areas of the rules.

NEW EXECUTIVE OF CABO

This was an election year since all officers' 2-year mandates were expiring. President Jim Walsh was completing his second term and could not renew according to our regulations which prevent the president to complete more than two consecutive terms at that position.

Past-President Dave Morphy presided the election process:

- At the position of president, Ted Montgomery, of Ontario, was acclaimed.
- At the position of vice-president, two candidates had let their name stand for election, Roger Caulfield, of Nova Scotia and Mike Thomson of British Columbia. Roger Caulfield was elected
- At the position of secretary-treasurer, Markku Peuhkurinen, of Ontario, was acclaimed.
- At the position of Education Officer, Jim Cervo, of British Columbia, was acclaimed.
- At the position of national interpreter, three candidates had let their name stand for election, Paul Deshaies, of Quebec, Tim Laurain, of Ontario, and Morgan Munroe, of Alberta. Paul Deshaies was re-elected.
- Jim Walsh will occupy the seat of past-president.

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