



## Executive Director's Report 2016/2017

As Frank Sinatra, one of the best, said in his song, "It was a very good year," IAABO can say it also: It was a very good year. IAABO officials distinguished themselves by being prepared as well as buying into the new rules and consistently enforcing them. After some initial adjustments, officials, players and coaches learned how to play the game within the new rules. Our officials readied themselves by utilizing the new instructional materials made available to them by IAABO.

The new "You Make the Ruling" DVD was filmed in New Hampshire this year. Plays were selected and the finished product was sent to every board, and contained plays on a variety of topics and points-of-emphasis for the 2016-17 season. Its purpose was to illustrate plays and observe if the play was ruled correctly, thus promoting positive discussions.

There were also plays where you had to make the ruling. Again, the objective was to promote good discussion at your meetings. DVD's were updated on two-person mechanics and another on three-person mechanics, complete with a menu page so that the interpreter can determine the topic to be discussed. An example would be ruling fouls from the lead position and then illustrating the proper switches. Fouls from every position are covered. These were distributed along with the other materials for the Interpreter.

Many thanks to the officials of New Hampshire for allowing us to film

their state tournament so that the new "You Make the Ruling" film could be created as a teaching tool for all IAABO officials. This year we will be filming in Vermont and Rhode Island.

DVD's addressing specific plays were also distributed, and comments from various interpreters stated that these were most helpful when they presented a topic, reviewed it, then played the DVD to illustrate plays on the topic, which promoted discussion among the group. Again, like last year, each Interpreter received a flash drive that included the PowerPoints from each of the presenters at the Fall Seminar. All of these materials were given to every board at no charge, thus fulfilling our objective to be the leader in providing educational materials and instruction to all our members.

A further note on the "You Make the Ruling" - our DVD has been sold throughout the country with our marketing partner NASO and Referee Magazine spotlighting the film. NASO endorsed our film as a great instructional piece that should be reviewed by all basketball officials before the start of the season. Sales of these DVD's help to offset the production costs.

Our DVD is the benchmark of instructional films utilized across the country; in fact, IAABO contracted with the NFHS to develop an instructional DVD for their use. NFHS *(continued on page 3)*

## Be a Good Partner

Due to a recent request this edition of "Mentor Musings" is being sent to current mentors and mentees. I have sent previous "Mentor Musings" emails to mentors only.

I write this particular email with some apprehension. I trust you will understand why and receive it with grace.

The picture is of Pennsylvania State Trooper Landon Weaver. He was killed on December 30th, 2016. A young man who joined the state police in December 2015. After six months in the academy and only six months "on the road" (working as a Trooper), he was shot and killed at a call he responded to. I am also a Pennsylvania State Trooper. Last Thursday I had the honor of attending Trooper Weaver's funeral, where many in the law enforcement and first responder community grieved his death and celebrated his service. The sense of fraternity and brotherhood is heavy in the air at the funeral of a police officer. And I do not write any of this to trivialize what happened to Trooper Weaver. But I have thought often about how officials too share a special relationship with each other. We are a fraternity of our own. (And although the situations that face officials do not often culminate in life and death scenarios, that too does sadly happen from time to time.)

So this week I would like us to think about what it means to be a good partner. We will serve the game well by serving each other well. And we should make an effort to do so. I once heard Tom Lopes, Executive



Director of IAABO and long time NCAA Division I official say, "Why do you leave the court together? That's you're only friend!" Take care of your friend. Take care of your partner. But how? Let me give you just a few quick thoughts and then you can feel free to talk amongst yourselves and add your own.

### *Before the Game*

- Know the rules. We can all get better at knowing the rules. We can study. And then study some more. Pop quiz for the mentees; an airborne player who is going to land out of bounds, secures possession of the ball, and while in the air calls for a timeout. Do you grant it? If you don't know that answer, you should. You don't have time to look that up or confer with partners in the game. You have to decide right at that moment. You can study the rules all year long; not just during the season.

- Communicate. Do you respond quickly to emails to confirm game times and locations? It might not seem like a big deal. But if you're the referee reaching out to partners, you understand how nice it is for someone to respond in a timely manner and not have that "game confirmation" still open and unanswered. And you understand how frustrating it is to email someone two or three times over the course of two or three days.

- Pregame. Have one! If you're the veteran, don't skip this. It's important for everyone and especially for new *(continued on page 4)*

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## Director's Court

### Post Season

It is that time of the basketball season where the intensity of play and the outcomes are magnified. Our IAABO officials are ready for the task at hand and continue to make themselves ready for these assignments.

Why do I say that they are ready? There are many reasons and they include:

- The instruction that they continuously received from their Interpreters, who are kept abreast of points of emphasis from Peter Webb during the four Interpreter conference calls during the season.
- Viewing the "Video Play of the Week" every Sunday that is available on the IAABO website, for interesting and challenging plays to discuss.
- Articles on particular rules which are published in Sportorials and serve as reminders of rules enforcement.
- The many questions sent to Peter Webb under the procedure of "Ask The Interpreter." Peter responds usually within 24 hours and we publish ten of these in every issue of Sportorials.

As you can see from the many services provided by IAABO, I am confident that our officials are prepared and ready for the challenges that playoffs generate.

Best wishes for a perfect post season, and if you are chosen, give it 100 percent, the game deserves it.



## President's Corner



At the beginning of each season and we look at our calendars, the road to March looks long. Then, as we pack and unpack our bag for the last time, we can't believe another season has come and gone. I once read the reason time seems to pass so quickly is that each year becomes a smaller part of our life, especially as we get older. The same is true for me as I look back at my year as the 78th president of IAABO. It seems like such a short time ago we were in Orlando and I was given the opportunity to serve you in that role. I can tell you that IAABO has done much for us as members over the past year.

We conducted, based on the comments from those attending, an outstanding Fall Interpreter's meeting. The seminar provided the interpreters with information not only on rules and mechanics but some of the intangibles of officiating to help make all of us better and more successful. Not only do I want to personally thank the interpreters for all you do, I also want to thank Peter Webb for his many years of dedicated service and commitment to IAABO and the interpreters.

IAABO is a dynamic organization. As organizations go through their life cycles, leadership needs to assess and evaluate its goals, objectives and how they conduct their business. Tom Lopes and the Executive Committee (EC) over the last year have done just that. The leadership structure of the organization will be modified to reflect changes in the membership that will provide for greater diversity. As you may or may not know, Tom has announced he will retire as Executive Director in the spring of 2019. With that in mind, the EC and Tom have begun planning for a transition to ensure the success of the new Executive Director and that IAABO remains the premier officiating organization in the world.

As president, you know the health and wellness of our members is a passion of mine. In April, I committed to providing IAABO members with some ideas and tools to get us started on the path to improving our quality of life. Thanks to Michelle Futrell's guidance and direction, we kept that commitment. My hope is many of you took advantage of and participated in the "Challenges" this year and will continue to make them a part of your daily routines.

As you reflect on your season, don't be content and satisfied with where you are. If you reached your goals this year, set higher goals for next year. If you didn't reach them, figure out why and start working now to make next season more successful.

In closing, I again want to thank you for allowing me to serve you. It is truly an honor and privilege to be a part of IAABO and its leadership team. IAABO is in good shape! With Tom and Donnie leading the operation and Joe Gintoli as your next president our organization is in extremely capable hands.

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was so pleased with the finished project that they renewed our contract, and IAABO will again produce an instructional film for them covering the 2016-17 basketball season.

"Play of the Week" has been very popular with our members as we have around 11,000 hits weekly, creating discussion and testing the knowledge as officials view the plays.

This year's Fall Seminar was conducted in Gettysburg, PA and proved to be a success in both attendance and content. Dr. David Hoch got things started by presenting the coach and school AD's perspective of officials. Next, we were treated to presentations by NCAA Men's Coordinator of Officials JD Collins and Debbie Williamson, Supervisor of Women's Officiating. Their perspective was most interesting as they shared their expectations for officials in the upcoming season. They handled questions from the audience and reinforced the importance of using proper signals and mechanics.

The sessions that followed were excellent and offered a good perspective on the topics they chose. IAABO is blessed with many outstanding presenters who have a passion for officiating and want to make our officials better and better. They share our goal of "one rule one interpretation." Here is the list of presenters and their topics:

Let's Go to the Video (Steven Ellinger, Bd. 205, Texas and Chairperson, Constitution Committee)

How We Miss Plays (Reasons and Ways) (Felix Addeo, Bd. 33, New Jersey and IAABO Past President)

How to Be a Great Partner (TJ Halliday, Bd. 20, Maine) Communication - Critical for Success (David Smith, Bd. 4, Colorado and IAABO President)

Calling the Game - Your Officials' Legal Rights (Alan Goldberger, Bd. 33, New Jersey and IAABO Parliamentarian)

Training the Trainer (Jimm Paull, Bd. 42, New York)

Crew of 2 Review (Dan Shepherdson, Bd. 105, Vermont)

Crew of 3 Review (Kelly Callahan and Layne Drexel, Bd. 11, Delaware)

Teaching Each Rule (T. J. Halliday, Bd. 20, Maine)

Mechanics Refresher (Michael Statham, Bd. 12, District of Columbia)

Contact Concerns (Jeff Jewett, Bd. 71, Arizona)

Free Throw, Throw-In, Time-Out Refresher (Peter Palermino, Bd. 6, Connecticut and IAABO Executive Committee Member)

Traveling Refresher (John Rafferty, Bd. 95, Massachusetts)

Clarifications and Reminders (Mike McPhee, Bd. 212, Ontario)

Interpreters Roundtable (IAABO Materials) (Tom Lopes, Executive Director, IAABO, Inc., and Donnie Eppley, Associate Executive Director)

Signals - (Donnie Eppley, Bd. 70, Pennsylvania and IAABO Associate Executive Director)

NFHS Rules Changes, Points of Emphasis, Other - (Peter Webb, Bd. 111, Maine, and IAABO Coordinator of Interpreters)

Evaluations of the program by those in attendance confirmed that the presentations were very useful and would be utilized at the local level.

IAABO created a separate handbook for Canada that contained FIBA rules and interpretations, including a handbook dedication to a prominent IAABO member in Canada.

Communication to our boards and members continues to be a focal point for the IAABO staff, and we are happy to report that all communications have received responses within the promised 48 hours; however, most are returned within 24 hours. Feedback from the membership on this issue has been very positive. The new data base system is working well; it provides the data records for each board, and we would like to thank the Board Secretaries for their cooperation with their recordkeeping accuracy. The data base is managed most effectively by Donnie Eppley. Many local issues are brought to our attention and direction is given with most issues resolved.

The financial procedures that were adopted three years ago continue to be utilized and have facilitated the yearly audit and quarterly reports.

All recommendations in the audit have been implemented, including the establishment of new bank accounts to conform to the insurance limitations. The budget categories have been revised so they present a clear picture of revenues and expenses. It appears that we will again have a surplus at the end of the fiscal year. Pretty darn good for a staff of two. Particularly noted is the solid effort put forth by the Assistant to the Executive Director, Donnie Eppley. It should also be noted that dues will remain the same again for 2017-18 and they have not been raised since 2002.

Membership numbers show a very slight decrease, with our goal to retain our numbers from year to year. There are a large number of officials that leave each year and those have to be made up through new members. Thus the goal of maintaining our numbers is a struggle. On this topic, Past President Dennis Herbert, Jamie McCaig, Don Thorne, Tim Laurain, Mike McPhee and Executive Director Tom Lopes are working with several members in Canada to develop instructional materials for the FIBA Canadian officials. IAABO has to prove to their officials that IAABO can develop these materials in return for them becoming IAABO members. It's a large undertaking but one that could show positive growth.

The membership numbers for the past six years are up over 16,000. (07-08—14,634), (08-09—15,311), (09-10—16,086), (10-11—16,195), (11-12—16,254), (12-13—16,674), (13-14-16,769), (14-15—16,784), (15-16—16,831), (16-17--16,779)

It was another banner year for the IAABO school as most were filled to capacity. The IAABO school in Pueblo, Colorado will be replaced by a school in Greeley CO, and will be conducted again this June. Schools were also conducted at Rutgers University, Medford High School near Boston, and Susquehanna University. There may be other changes as we investigate alternate sites. The schedules are set for this summer and can be found on the IAABO website.

Corporate sponsors have continued to support our Association and help offset the costs of our hospitality when IAABO hosts one of the meetings. These sponsors include Honig's Whistle Stop, which continues to be the official supplier for IAABO officiating apparel. A new three-year contract with Honig's was approved at the last spring meeting. Fox 40 also supports the Life Membership Awards as well as other IAABO activities, especially the "Officials for Cancer" program. IAABO has established its own store for IAABO wear. The link is on the IAABO website; check with Donnie for discounts and bulk sales. These partnerships have become income sources that will help us keep dues at the current level.

IAABO handbooks were ready and distributed on September 1. IAABO boards were able to distribute them for use in their cadet classes, and according to the survey responses, more boards will utilize them, knowing that they will again be available by September 1 each year. Many of our boards have ordered the books for their cadet classes, and pay the \$18. When the cadet passes, he or she sends in the remaining \$17 for a total of \$35, making them members their initial year.

Peter Webb, the Coordinator of Interpreters, conducted four conference calls, as well as two conference calls for FIBA in Canada, each lasting about an hour, with the agenda made up of recommendations submitted by local interpreters. PowerPoint and film clips were utilized as teaching tools on these conference calls. The participation in the calls was excellent as were the question and answer periods that followed Peter's presentation. We will continue to reach out to the local interpreters to participate as part of IAABO's goal of "One Rule, One Interpretation." Along with the conference calls, Peter responds to individual questions from members and interpreters on a daily basis; some of the questions he receives are quite extensive and interesting. IAABO would like to thank Peter Webb for his work as Coordinator of Interpreters, a role which he served our organization for many years; his rules knowledge is second to none. Many forget that he has served on the NFHS Rules Committee for many years and has been advising this (continued next page)

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national group for over 20 years. Thank you, Peter, for all you have done for the great game of basketball and for your service and dedication to IAABO. Best wishes in your retirement.

A partnership continues with NASO; this agreement will again take place at the Summit to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, this July, where IAABO will make a presentation at the Kentucky Officials Day, and will also conduct the basketball breakout session during the conference.

"Officials vs. Cancer," an IAABO project for the last few years, has done the near impossible, raising more money for cancer research than in the previous year. This year's total was an in excess of \$250,000.

The use of "Survey Monkey" was employed as a tool for input from board secretaries regarding services provided by the IAABO office to the individual boards. This will help us deliver information and guidance as needed.

A big thank you to the leadership of President David Smith and to the Executive Committee for their cooperation and their timely responses for approvals, communication and suggestions on the running of our organization. These people work hard behind the scenes to insure that the entire operation runs smoothly.

The Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs and Ad-Hoc Committee Chairs have worked diligently on their assigned tasks; we appreciate their time and effort. The ideas and suggestions they bring to the table enables IAABO to meet the needs of the local boards and improve the overall well-being of our association. Their reports can be found in this book.

The Life Membership Committee under the leadership of Chair Gary Pucino, and Assistant Chair Tim O'Brien, screened many Life Membership applications. The committee composed of IAABO Past Presidents Lou DeGeorge (NJ), Jack Doyle (MA), Peter Carroll (CT), Ron Brown (CO), and Bill Varno (NY) and Executive Committee Advisors Barry Fuller (ME), Dennis Murphy (NH) and Joe Mitchell (MD) recommended that the following members receive the honor and distinction of the prestigious Life Membership award:

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| Dave Smith   | Board 4 (CO)   |
| Walter Rusak | Board 33 (NJ)  |
| Tim O'Brien  | Board 44 (MA)  |
| Tim McAleer  | Board 119 (NY) |
| Charles Ball | Board 134 (MD) |
| Don Thorne   | Board 210 (ON) |

## Family Affair



IAABO Board 70, Pennsylvania members (l to r), Ashley Moyer-Gleich, Paul Gleich and Johnee Gleich officiated a girls varsity game together at Millersburg High School this past season.

## Be a Good Partner (continued from page 1)

officials. If you're the new guy / gal and the veteran isn't doing it, try something like this; "Since I'm a newer official, it would help me be more comfortable out there if we can talk about a few things." Hopefully that will remind the veteran of what they should have been doing. But you new officials should be ready for this response; "Ok. What do you want to talk about?" Have an answer! Be prepared for your own pregame. Don't assume the referee will be ready. If they're not, step in to help by taking the initiative.

### During the Game:

- Communicate. Use proper mechanics and verbiage. When there's a time out remind your partner where the ball is, who has possession, who is shooting a free throw, if the thrower-in can move on the end line, how long the time out is, etc. Remember critical or unusual plays to discuss at halftime.

- Know what to say to coaches. You can practice this at home. If you're new, you definitely should practice it. Go through different scenarios and plays and think of what a coach might say. How would you respond? Here's an example. "Jon, I know that's not your call, but..." What are some possible answers a good partner would have? Here are some that I have used. "I had the same thing as he did." (You can safely say this if the call is in an area of dual coverage and you know what you're talking about.) "He'll be back around you soon, coach. You can ask him about the play." (You might say this if the coach is respectfully addressing you.) If a coach is just complaining about your partner, you might say, "Coach, you will not be complaining to me about my partner tonight. I'm not listening to that." (You may need to say this if a coach is looking to criticize and divide. Do not let coaches belittle your partner! You wouldn't want your partner to listen to a coach do that to you.)

### After the Game:

- Talk (and listen). Here, the veteran officials may do most of the talking. But the whole crew should think critically, speak politely, and listen purposefully. Don't just slap each other on the back and take off. Take a few valuable minutes to process what just happened. If things need to be hashed out and plays discussed, take care of doing that. But do it with respect.

Those are just a few thoughts. That list is by no means an exhaustive one. But I hope it gets you thinking.

The current season is over. If you're a newer official, take a deep breath. Enjoy what you're doing. Think about how blessed we are to live in a free land and to have the health and mental capacity to run around, blow a whistle, and officiate a basketball game. Think about the fraternity that we belong to as officials. Think about what it means to be a good partner. And then take some steps to make sure you are one. And maybe the next time the national anthem is played before your game, say a prayer for our military, police, and first responders. Until next time. - Jon



Jonathan Miller is a member of IAABO Bd 70 PA and has officiated high school basketball for eight years and Division III men's for three years. He is married with five children and has been a Pennsylvania State Trooper (Sergeant) for 24 years.

## Thank You

Tom and Donnie,  
I wanted to reach out to you both personally to thank you for your kind words, thoughts and prayers during our lost. This was a very sudden and unexpected loss for us. My mother was a very healthy woman never sick or anything. She was at a Christmas show in Philadelphia with my father and some friends and developed a headache. Four hours later she passed away from a blood vessel bursting in her brain. For us it is so very difficult especially during the holidays. The officiating community has been nothing but supportive, and I am very thankful and grateful to be part of this great fraternity of men and woman.

I want to wish both you and your families and very Happy and Healthy New Year. God Bless.  
Tim Attanasi, Bd. 34 NJ

## The Post Game: A Sportorials Roundup Interview

*(Editor's note: "Post-Game" is a new feature in each edition of Sportorials that will spotlight an IAABO official. The interviews will be short, with personal and officiating questions, helping IAABO members get to know officials from other boards. If you'd like to submit a name for an interview, please contact Donnie Eppley at eppleyd@comcast.net.*

*This issue we feature Mark Scarangella, a member of IAABO Board #70, who lives in Bressler, PA, outside Harrisburg, with his wife Dana. When his daughter began playing church league basketball, Scarangella saw a salesman work colleague walk into the gym to officiate the game. His colleague mentioned he had just started officiating and asked if Mark wanted to try it. From there, he contacted the Central Pennsylvania Basketball Officials Association (CPBOA) and began classes in the spring. That was 16 years ago. His contact there, Craig Bradley, was the District 3 Interpreter, and also now an IAABO Interpreter. Mark has two children and three grand children.*

**Sportorials: How did you get your start officiating basketball and find out about IAABO?**

**Scarangella:** It was my second year of officiating and Donnie Eppley became the high school assignor for our area. He started talking about IAABO and how it was a training organization – the largest in the world. It sounded good to me as a new official. I hadn't been getting a lot of on-court training. For the PIAA (Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association), you only needed to take and pass the test to be an official.

Donnie spoke to us and about IAABO as a training organization, and I wanted to learn more, so I signed up. The summer of my second year officiating, I went to my first IAABO school. The next couple of years, I went to 3-4 per summer. It was the only place I was getting training. When I looked at officials, I could tell which ones were IAABO and which ones weren't because IAABO officials had better signals, positioning and mechanics. They also communicated better, and I don't just mean communications on the court. They communicated with partners before the game, for example, and helping with new officials in our area.

**Sportorials: Describe your biggest game. What happened?**

**Scarangella:** I had a memorable game the third summer I officiated. I attended the IAABO camp at the Wide World of Disney in Orlando, FL, held in conjunction with the AAU national championships. The courts were used for training and it was good basketball. We were using 2-person mechanics.

It was a first round game. Most of the other contests were blow-outs, but ours was late in the day – one of the last games – and the gym was packed. I was nervous and will always remember the game.

The game was back and forth, only one or two points separating the team and my partner and I worked hard. The team in white called a timeout with 19 seconds left, down by 2 points. With the ball in the backcourt, their player dribbled past the division line with 12 seconds left. The clocks were those small one's at the scorer's table that don't make much noise, just a small buzz. I was the trail official. In the frontcourt, the player shot just past the division line, and I heard the chirping of the clock that signaled expiration of time. I put my hand up, knowing the shot didn't count. They booed me off the court. I've never been booed so hard before or since.

"Was I right?" I wondered. "Was the shot out of his hand in time?" The game was being filmed (videotaped), so I knew my observer would talk to me in the locker room afterwards. Other officials came up to me afterwards and one said it was the right call and another said he didn't know.

The observer came in and said, "Good thing you were right." I knew I was right, but you wonder when you are booed so heavily. I still have



Mark Scarangella

the disk at home from video used back then.

**Sportorials: What tips do you have for beginning officials?**

**Scarangella:** Pair yourself with a veteran who is doing the right things and wants to make you a better official. He or she will give you correct information and point you in the right direction. Go to schools, not necessarily "camps." You want a learning experience, and schools are designed for that, while camps are designed to be seen.

Schools teach you the correct way to officiate the game. Watch film/video. IAABO has so much information available. Tommie Lopes does a great job communicating on the clips placed on the IAABO Web site. Those video clips help you with judgment. Ninety

percent of your officiating game is about judgment.

**Sportorials: What are your top officiating goals?**

**Scarangella:** I have done a state final, and that would have been my high school goal. I officiated some women's college basketball, but got out of that. Since I started officiating when I was in my early 40's, it was never a goal of mine to try and reach Division I college games.

Now I look forward to working with new officials. I've made so many friends from officiating, and they've become life friends.

**Sportorials: Who is your hero?**

**Scarangella:** My heroes are my wife Dana and Donnie Eppley. Dana and I had younger kids when I started officiating and she sat through every game – high school, CYO (Catholic Youth Organization), junior high. She knew the rules as well as me and would give me advice like, "Watch number 21. That's an illegal screen. You're not putting your hand up to stop the clock.

We took the family to Florida for a vacation when I attended officiating school, and she let me know if I wasn't hustling on the court. I appreciated all her feedback.

Donnie Eppley set expectations when he came in as our assignor. He told us to know the rules and go to school. He's like a good boss at work, telling you what you need to do, then letting you know how you did. He doesn't pull any punches. Every year I send him an email to thank him for his help. He has made me a better official.

**Sportorials: Who's on your dream officiating crew?**

**Scarangella:** I have three officials who I really enjoy working with: John Baumgardner, Annie Hine and Barbara (Eppley) Kistler. Annie I met when I was officiating boys' varsity high school games. Donnie came up to me and told me there are a lot of good boys' officials on our roster, but that we needed good girls' officials. He talked to me about going to the girls' side, and that if I wanted to work the post-season, I'd get a quicker shot there. My first girls' game was with Annie.

I didn't know her, and she was so supportive and nice. We had a contentious game and she said to me afterwards, "Mark, you're not going back to boys." I stayed with girls' varsity after that, and met John, who is also very supportive and nice to work with. I had a held ball in one girls' game and he said to me, "Mark, you called it too quickly. Girls can play, too. Let them go out and play." I've worked my state final game with John.

I help Barbara with the new officials. I like to bounce plays off her. She's very supportive and I love working games with her, John and Annie.

**Sportorials: What's the toughest call to make?**

**Scarangella:** The players today are so quick, that traveling is the toughest call for me. They get the ball and move quicker today. You must watch the pivot foot, and rapid movement up and down the floor, especially in transition and during post play. Almost every time a player receives the ball, there could be a travel.



[ TRAVEL ]



[ PLAYER CONTROL ]



[ BLOCK ]

**THESE ARE TOUGH CALLS.**



**CHOOSING A FOX 40 WHISTLE ISN'T.**



## IAABO St. Louis Tourney Raises \$106,000 for American Cancer Society

With crowds reaching standing room of 2,800 at St. Louis Community College at Meramec, the Coaches vs. Cancer (CVC) Holiday Tourney raised \$106,000 over the past Christmas holiday. The tournament, which IAABO Board #173 in St. Louis helps run, just finished its seventh year, and third at the junior college. The funds are earmarked to the American Cancer Society (ACS).

“Attendance hit the roof this year,” said IAABO Board #173 Secretary Greg Ransom, who also chairs the executive committee of the tourney. “Because of the number of fans at the semi-finals, the fire department received word on the size of the crowd and was at the event on the final night to advise us what would and would not be allowed as far as attendance. We wanted to make sure we were doing things right because so many fans showed up at the semis,” Ransom observed.

There are a number of high school basketball tournaments in the St. Louis metro area over the Christmas holiday, but the Coaches vs. Cancer event is the biggest. “Lines were out into the parking lot to get tickets. It’s a big thing for us. The gym seats 2,500 and we had fans standing,” Ransom added.

For the 4-day event, the gym was filled for several games, with 2,800 at the semis and finals. Approximately 6,500 to 7,000 fans attended the tournament over the four days. Tickets were \$5, and the sponsorships also helped raise funds for the ACS, a cause supported by many IAABO boards. Major sponsors included Ameren (Presiding Sponsor, \$25,000), IAABO (\$13,000), Edward Jones and MasterCard (\$10,000) and Siteman Cancer Center (\$5,000). “The sponsors help us make money to support the cause,” Ransom said.

The semi-finals matchups were St. Mary’s vs. Webster and St. Louis University High School vs. Hazelwood Central. The final game was St. Louis University High School vs. St. Mary’s, with St. Mary’s taking the championship.

Ransom served as the Tournament Director the first two years (2010 and 2011). Mike Wood (IAABO member) was the Director the next two years. Jim Klein (IAABO Board #173 President) was the Director in 2014 and 2015 and Keith Anderson (Ameren) served as the Director in 2016 and will complete his term in 2017.

Previous venues used for the tournament included Chaifetz Arena on the campus of St. Louis University and the Scott Trade Center in downtown St. Louis.

### IAABO Officials Stepping Up

Only IAABO officials work the CVC Tourney. The ones who don’t work the tourney are assigned elsewhere by Ransom for that time of year. When the officials are not working at either CVC or other tourneys, they volunteer to help on the “many different jobs we need with in order to have a successful tourney,” Ransom said.

“We get a lot of help,” he continued, “IAABO officials step to the plate. They volunteer their time. Officials get paid, and they write a check back to ACS. It’s high caliber ball.”

“We publicize this through IAABO so officials know that being part of our organization is not about what you get, but about what you give back,” Ransom emphasized.

He pointed out that locally IAABO supports not only ACS, but Special Olympics and college scholarship funds. “Our officials give to others in several ways. Our President Jimmy Klein pushes our officials to support these causes,” Ransom said.

Ransom has been involved with the tourney for years. He’s a longstanding member of #173 (33 years), and local secretary since 1989.

“It’s a big venue,” Ransom said of the tournament. “We were losing 55 grand renting the previous facility, so we started looking around to find a place to reduce costs. It’s the same cause though. We use two venues – the other is on the campus of St. Louis University.”

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## Fairfield Board 9 OVC Fundraiser



On Feb 4th the 3rd Annual Town of Trumbull Rivalry Doubleheader for Cancer was played at Fairfield University between Trumbull HS and St Joseph’s of Trumbull HS. The boys -girls varsity double header attracted over 2000 fans and featured a half court shot to win a new car, and a raffle for an autographed pink basketball by UCONN Women’s head coach Geno Auriemma. Pictured above in the front row are IAABO President Elect Joe Gintoli along with additional Board 9 volunteers Mike Yarema, Sarah Happunen, Daniele Schwartz, Max Rothman, Tom Ferrarese and American Cancer Society Officials vs Cancer New England coordinator Kelly Stewart. In the top row are Glen Colello and Hal Schwartz. Over \$6,000 was raised for the Officials vs Cancer IAABO initiative.

## Utica NY Board 51 OVC Fundraiser

IAABO Board #51 teamed up with local high school boys basketball coaches from 24 different area schools to host a ‘Coaches & Officials Vs Cancer’ scrimmage match on Saturday, Nov. 19th at VVS High School. Through admission sales and fundraising efforts of all the teams, \$7,000 was raised in support of the American Cancer Society’s efforts to help people get well, stay well, find cures and fight back.



Pictured in the photo are (from L to R): Mike Driemiller, IAABO Board #51 Secretary / Treasurer; Barry VanDreason, IAABO Board #51 member & scrimmage coordinator; Ron Starsiak, IAABO Board #51 President; and Robert S. Elinskas, Senior Community Manager, American Cancer Society. David Zangrilli, IAABO Board #51 Assigner.

## Officials’ vs. Cancer



Gary Montel, Bd. 4 CO, addresses a capacity crowd about the Officials’ vs. Cancer campaign.

## The Balancing Act of Tasha Pearson and Kammy Spence

Every sports official has a balancing act. Finding time to get to games, train, perform at your full-time job and contribute on the family front are challenges most IAABO members confront, recognize and understand.

Tasha Pearson and Kammy Spence are no different. Both are fourth year officials on IAABO Board #6 (Central Connecticut). From their cadet class of four female members, they are the only two females continuing to officiate. That says a lot about their drive and dedication.



It also speaks to their flexibility when it comes to scheduling and their ability to adapt. Both are also married with children and full-time jobs. Neither sees their gender as an issue. At times they've had to deal with special circumstances, but both said that the challenges they face are the same for ALL officials, not just female officials.

Some of those issues are on the home front, trying to find quality time to spend with their children. Some of the challenges pertain to time – taking vacation to go to a camp or figuring out a flexible work schedule to be able to officiate a late afternoon game. Regardless of the issue, both love officiating, give it everything they've got and want to continue on the court many years into the future.

Both also see similar needs for all officials, not just women officials, when it comes to retaining newcomers and helping them improve their abilities. Almost to a word, both are strong advocates of mentoring new officials. They also strongly urge all newer officials to attend camps religiously. And finally, they agree ongoing support from their officiating family is critical to long-term success.

### *Staying a Part of the Game*

Pearson and Spence got into officiating for similar reasons. It could be boiled down to wanting to stay involved with a game they loved. Both played at the collegiate level, and Valerie Light (the Assistant Chair of the IAABO Women's Coordinating Committee), who was Spence's college coach, pointed them in the direction of IAABO and forwarded info on how to get involved. Spence knew she specifically wanted to officiate, while Pearson was interested in contributing to the game of basketball.

"IAABO was there, and it took off faster than I thought it would. Officiating the game gives you a different perspective. When you are a player, you think about playing within the rules. As a coach, you think about teaching the rules. It's a whole different world as an official – you must know the rules and enforce them. It's awesome," Pearson said.

"There were no special issues for me as a female starting out as an official. I wanted to learn how to do things correctly. I sought people out, looked for opportunities to learn and ways to be integral to the game," she continued.

Both went through the IAABO training school – 6 weeks of classes, then 3-4 weeks on the floor and breaking down plays. "I also learned from watching other officials," Spence said.

### *Getting Changed – The Locker Room*

For any female official, the issue of where to change surfaces if you work with a male crew. Neither Spence nor Pearson have had any major issues, but sometimes finding a place to change can be an inconvenience or hinder the post-game because of the inability to find a compatible locker area to share with male crewmates.

"Sometimes you'll get a partner who is forward-thinking and he's reached out to the game site beforehand to see if it can accommodate a female. Typically, I'm put in the girl's rest room or the women's gym teacher's room to change," Pearson observed.

Spence does not work with a lot of other women, so she always calls the school before the contest to let them know they will have a split crew. She confirms the game is scheduled and gives her arrival time. She may find herself in the women's locker room or AD's office to change. "Sometimes it's a classroom or the teacher's lounge. You have to come prepared to change in a closet," she laughed.

Last year, Spence found herself as the only female official at the game site and was put in

the nurse's office a long way from the gym. "I realized I didn't want to be that far away," Spence said, and she was able to move her gear closer to the gym by sharing the ALL male crew locker room.

Pearson said the changing situation can be awkward, "but you adapt. You wear any compression gear underneath your work clothes so you can get in and get out. The pre-game you can do in a hall. The post-game you want to have a private area."

### *"Thank Goodness for the Android"*

"Thank goodness for the Android," Tasha laughed when relating how she keeps her life and basketball scheduled. Kammy sings the praises of electronic scheduling as well to keep all her commitments balanced.

Pearson syncs her basketball calendar with her full-time job working for an insurance carrier installing insurance plans.

She also goes old school, keeping her schedule on paper as a backup and up on a wall calendar at home.

Her busy time of year at work often coincides with basketball as she renews and installs programs for companies. "I thrive this time of year. I get to exercise, have fun and show our three daughters the different stages of life," she said.

Asked how she does it, Tasha responded, "Because I want to. I'm also showing my girls about life. There are things you have to juggle. You need time for yourself, your family and your craft. You have to figure it out. It's 2016. We must adapt to an ever-changing world."

"The girls are excited to see me out there running up and down the court. That makes the time away from them easier," she said.

Pearson acknowledged it all sounds better on paper than it often is in real life, as days can get messy. "Some days you don't want to get up. Telecommuting helps for me. It helps to be able to work from home."

Her husband Chauncy Pearson is the baker in the family, but Tasha is the "awesome" cook. Chauncy also does a good amount of the cooking and they split up caring for their girls (ages 15, 9 and 6) evenly, depending on the girls' schedules.

"I'm teaching our oldest to cook. She's a sophomore in high school and our middle school girl just started playing. Our oldest also started playing at age 9," Tasha said.

Spence's full-time job is working in customer service on a 9:30-6 shift. She is married to Nalda Spence, Jr., and they have three children, Mersades, a junior in college, Jahrell, a senior in high school and Amarre, an 8th grader. Nalda works the third shift, and he cooks for the family during the basketball season. Kammy works out in the morning, and balances watching her boys (Amarre and Jahrell) sporting events with her availability to officiate. Nalda provides the extra support needed when she has a game.

"It was very easy the first season. I didn't understand what being an official meant," Spence explained. "I didn't understand scheduling or the time truly needed to be an official, being a wife and mom. As a JV official the second year, it was overwhelming. I can see why female officials drop out. You have to create balance. After my second year,

## The Balancing Act of Tasha Pearson and Kammy Spence



I understood how to make my time work for me.”

### *“Be Mindful of Time”*

“Definitely be mindful of your time,” Spence advised officials. “You have to be willing to give a lot to officiating if you want to be a quality official. Work hard at the craft, watch games, ask questions and talk about awkward plays. Stay after your game to watch the varsity officials so you become better. Set aside time for yourself, your family and friends. Work out, hang

out with other officials.”

Busy time for basketball officiating is November-February. “A father can miss some time away from his kids and it’s not quite as bad. If a mom misses an event or multiple evenings from home, that’s worse,” Spence mentioned as one of the issues directly affecting women officials.

With a chuckle, she related a version of questions she gets from her kids: “When are you coming home mom? You mean you have to ref AGAIN?”

“Adversity exists in all aspects of life,” is Pearson’s tip to other officials. “Before you decide to begin blowing the whistle, know there will be adversity. You’ll be in a constant environment of having to prove yourself – do what you need to do.”

As competitors, Spence and Pearson find fun on and off the court, too. “Outside of IAABO board activities, I enjoy watching our girls compete. They started walking, then we added the basketball,” Pearson laughed.

She likes seeing more and more female athletes enjoy the new experience of both playing and officiating.

Spence enjoys running the court. Before officiating, she played in a men’s league, where she occasionally got bruised up from the post play contact. Sly Turner, a friend and fellow official, would always joke after my games, “It’s time to become an official .” That helped lead her down the path of officiating. “I needed to give up playing. Now I’m excited about staying a part of the game.”

### *Female Challenges are Similar for All Officials*

Though neither Spence nor Pearson have seen significant gender-specific challenges, Spence did have an early goal to work boys’ game to prove she could officiate them successfully. “Now I just want quality games. I do the best I can wherever I’m sent,” she said.

“Female officials are few and far between,” Spence said, but regardless of sex, IAABO should look to “set up younger/newer officials with a mentor or vet. The more experienced official could be retired.”

Spence advised all officials to have video taken of their games, ask questions and “you MUST go to camp. Maybe it should even be mandatory your first five years.”

“It may be rougher on us because we have so many other obligations. That’s why you need support from the referee family,” Kammy observed.

Pearson also likes the idea of pairing up a younger official with a veteran or veterans. A key ingredient in improving is seeing as many plays as possible, particularly in tough circumstances, she added.

Tasha supports the idea of serving an officiating apprenticeship, but “when the ball goes up, it’s all equal opportunity. We need feedback and guidance to bridge the gap between the veterans and newer officials to find a middle ground.”

### *Be a Quality Official and Keep Learning*

“When people hear my name, I’d like them to relate it to being a quality official,” Spence observed. She’d like to see more challenging

and competitive games on her schedule in the years ahead, and make it to varsity high school. She plans to continue attending IAABO camps.

“You must have people see you, in order for feedback to be provided. Attending camp gives the trainers an opportunity to ensure my mechanics and positioning on the court are correct. Board 6 has a mentoring program for its officials. This is the second year I was chosen to be a part of the Mentor/Mentee program with Larry Hall as my mentor,” Spence added.

Pearson’s goals are to keep learning the art of officiating and work varsity high school level basketball in the near future. Learning will lead to opportunities in Pearson’s book, and she plans to be ready when the opportunities present themselves. “I feel like I’m coming into my own as a fourth year official,” she said.

She, too, spoke about the need for mentoring. “It’s non-gender-specific. We could use a little more in-depth feedback and more time with mentors. Any craft takes training to hone your skills.”

“Officials need a support network. I sought people out, so I have the support. I have a lot of people I can send a quick text to, and ask, ‘I muffed it, what should I do?’ Some officials at the 6-7 year mark don’t have that network, and it can prevent them from moving up to vet status,” Pearson continued.

“If people have a support network, it allows officials to reach out more. There’s nothing better than being around other officials and talking shop. Just talking basketball and officiating, along with direct and indirect experiences on and off the court is beneficial,” Pearson said.

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## Connecticut Women



(l to r), Cheryl Chiari, Judy Ruthko and Lauren Silva, Bd. 10 CT officiated the Southern Connecticut Final. This is reported to be the first for an all female crew in Connecticut. (Photo courtesy of Bill O’Brien)

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## 2017 Spring Meeting Forms

**18th Annual  
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Grand Pequot Tower Ballroom**

No. of registrant(s) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35/person = \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Registrant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Board No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Spouse/ Guest Breakfast  
Friday, April 21, 2017, 9 AM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Each IAABO members is entitled to one guest (spouse/significant other).  
Additional guests are invited at a cost of \$25.00 each.

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Make check payable to: IAABO, Registration Deadline: April 1, 2017

### 2017 Annual Spring Meeting Schedule Foxwoods, CT

**Thursday, April 20, 2017**

**6:00 p.m. Executive Committee (Closed Session)**

**Friday, April 21, 2017**

**8:15 a.m. Welcome**

**8:30 a.m. Audit and Budget Committee**

**9:15 a.m. Rules and Examination Committee**

**10:00 a.m. Constitution Committee**

**11:00 a.m. Nomination Committee**

**1:00 p.m. Officials' Education and  
Development Committee**

**1:30 p.m. Women's Coordinating Committee**

**2:00 p.m. Board Secretaries Roundtable  
(Insurance Matters, Data Base,  
Membership, etc – Q&A)**

**3:30 p.m. Board Relations & Policy Committee**

**4:00 p.m. IAABO Foundation Meeting**

**Saturday, April 22, 2017**

**7:30 a.m. Executive Committee (Closed - If Necessary)**

**8:30 a.m. Executive Committee (Open)**

**9:00 a.m. Membership Committee**

**9:30 a.m. Alan Goldberger**

**10:30 a.m. Life Membership Committee**

**12:15 p.m. Life Membership Luncheon**

**Sunday, April 23, 2017**

**8:30 a.m. General Assembly Meeting, Elections, Awards**

## Golf Registration

**Thursday, April 20, 2017**

**730 AM Registration- FULL Breakfast**

8:30 AM Shotgun Start  
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Sliced Fresh Seasonal Fruits, Chilled Orange Juice  
Freshly brewed Regular & Decaffeinated Coffees, Bottled Water  
Lunch Buffet

Grilled Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fresh Baked Buns, Sliced Cheeses,  
Platter of Lettuce, Tomatoes, Red Onion, Pickles, Boston Baked Beans, Potato  
Salad, Chips, Cookies and Brownies

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## G & V



Bd. 12 members, Gediminas Petraitis (I), a current NBA official, is shown with his father, Vidmantas Petraitis, a current DIII official. Gediminas is affectionately know as "G" while his father is known as "V".

## Early Cancer Diagnosis Keeps Verne Harris on the Court

Verne Harris has a message for basketball officials and beyond: Take early steps to prevent and cure cancer. He should know. The long-time Division I college basketball official with 8 Final Fours under his belt and 5 championships, has gotten a clean bill of health after he was hit without warning by colon cancer.

It was only two years ago that Harris got his scare, during a routine physical for the upcoming 2014-15 season. The former IAABO official out of Colorado Board #4, Harris had put off a colonoscopy after his first procedure at age 45. With colon cancer running in his family, he knew he should follow up, but hadn't. He didn't mind the procedure. It just didn't come up as part of his annual medical regime, and he neglected to bring it up to his doctor.

Verne's father passed away from colon cancer, so Harris knew he should schedule the exam, but "I was feeling so good. I didn't think anything was wrong. I'd turned 52, so it was only a couple of years after the five year waiting period where you are supposed to go back for the colonoscopy," he said.

Sure enough, when he mentioned it to his doctor, the exam was scheduled, the test given, and the doctor said he'd removed tiny polyps, but didn't think there was a problem. He was wrong. Typically polyps so small don't turn into cancer, but in Verne's case, the results came back positive and surgery was scheduled.

Because of his family history, Harris was checked for Lynch Syndrome. It's a standard test to determine the probability of the cancer coming back, and whether your immediate family members should be tested. With Lynch Syndrome, even if the affected part of the colon is removed, the likelihood of the cancer returning is strong.

During this time, Harris continued officiating. The diagnosis was in early November, and surgery scheduled for February.

Get Tested!

Harris's message to others is simple: GET TESTED! "Most colon cancers aren't found until it is too late. If all healthy 50-year-olds got tested, the cancer could be cured. You really don't feel anything during the colonoscopy procedure. Early diagnosis is critical."

Harris had a portion of his colon removed during surgery. It hadn't spread, so lymph nodes were not affected, and no radiation or chemotherapy required. He was out-of-service for 2 weeks. Last April was Verne's follow-up screening, and it turned out clean. "I went in at the right time," he said happily.

He is seeking ways to further spread the message of prevention, participating in Officials vs. Cancer events. He played golf last year with someone who put him in touch with a friend of his that happened to work for the American Cancer Society (ACS). That gentleman was Scott Dishong, Senior Director of Corporate Relations for ACS. They talked about how to get his story out and help others.

"We want to get my story out to help prevent colon cancer. Early detection is critical. I'm still here because the Lord works in mysterious ways," Harris said.

Having lost two officiating friends to other forms of cancer (pancreatic and leukemia) when they otherwise seemed healthy, Harris understands that people can easily avoid taking steps to detect the disease's presence.

"But there's no excuse for not going in for a colonoscopy once you turn 50. You're playing with fire. Preventive care insurance covers colonoscopies. It's an inconvenience, that's it," he added.



Since going public with his message to others, Harris has found support from coaches, officials, and administrators. "I've had guys come up and tell me – 'My colonoscopy is done. I'm all clean. Thank you'."

Harris finds sharing his story gratifying as others take the necessary steps to stay ahead of the disease.

"I'm working on other events where I could help ACS with publicity. I've done a few local walks with my wife to raise funds for a cure. Telling my story will hopefully help others," Harris said.

The surgeon who operated on Harris wants to get an effort off the ground to help publicize early testing to the African-American community. "I'm willing to put myself out there to get the message out. I'm all for it," Harris said energetically.

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### Rules Questions for the IAABO Interpreter

1. The Head Coach is ejected in the third quarter. May the coach who replaces him/her have the coaching box privilege?
2. The Head Coach is seated, may an assistant coach stand within the coaching box?
3. A-1 is closely guarded while dribbling. Is the 5-second closely guarded rule to be applied?
4. A-1, located near the top of the free throw semicircle, attempts a try for goal. He/she realizes that the try is going to miss the basket ring. While other players are positioning for the potential rebound, A-1 hustles and catches the ball and then his/her lay-up enters the basket. Is it a legal goal?
5. A-1 ends a dribble with one foot (pivot foot) on the floor, then places the other foot on the floor. A-1 lifts the pivot foot, while holding the ball, and stands on the non-pivot foot. After standing for one second, A-1 jumps and trys for goal. The official rules a traveling violation. Is the ruling correct?
6. The second quarter ends. While on the way to the team's locker room, A-1 jumps and grasps the basket ring. The official rules the act illegal and charges A-1 with a technical foul and the Team A Head Coach with an indirect technical foul. Are the rulings correct?
7. Player A-1, while laying on the floor, places his/her leg on top of the ball. The official rules this a kicking violation. Is the ruling correct.
8. Prior to each extra period (over time(s)), the Referee shall inform the teams, scorer and timer of the procedures and specific rules involved. Is this a requirement of the Referee?
9. Jumper A-1 taps the ball which is touched by non-jumper B-2 and the ball is caught by jumper A-1 or jumper B-1. The official rules this legal. Is the official correct?
10. Upon ruling a player control foul, the official shall immediately place a hand behind her/his head and point in a direction. Is this a correct signaling procedure?

Answers can be found on page 14

## Fouling To Stop The Clock/Fouling To Keep The Clock Stopped

Many games reach a point where fouls are committed intentionally as a last resort. Breakaway situations often end with the defensive player wrapping arms around the opponent to prevent a try. Constant fouling near the end of the game is becoming more and more of a problem.

Intentional fouls have remained a point of emphasis in recent years. The goal of reducing the number of intentional fouls has not occurred, primarily because the fouls are not being penalized as "Intentional." An intentional foul has occurred when a team is obviously committing a foul, late in the game, to stop the clock and force the opponent into a throw-in or free-throw situation. One team has a lead and the team behind must now figure out a way of catching up in a short period of time. The most obvious way ways to do this are: (a) play aggressive defense and force turnovers; (b) score 3-point goals; (c) commit common fouls to stop the clock; (d) stop the clock with a time-out. Of course, the most common method being used is to commit common fouls which stop the clock and provides the chance the free thrower will miss the first on a one-and-one, or maybe the bonus free-throw.

Fouling on purpose is certainly a coaching strategy.

To allow fouls for profit is contrary to fair play and balance between defense and offense.

An Intentional Foul is not based upon the severity of the act.

On the basis of observation, a contact act that appears to be premeditated/ designed is an Intentional Foul.

When a player contacts the opponent and is clearly not playing the ball, it is an Intentional Foul.

The player must actually commit a foul and not simply brush or reach out to touch/contact an opponent. Incidental Contact, the mere fact that

contact occurs does not constitute a foul. Allow to play on and not cause the clock to be stopped.

When a player contacts the opponent and is clearly not playing the ball, it is an Intentional Foul.

Officials cannot "join the team that is behind" and make it easy for them to "get what they want," which is to stop the clock.

The opposing team probably does not want the clock stopped.

The official's role is to consider **Both** teams.

Acts that must be ruled Intentional Fouls include:

- Grabbing, placing one or two hand on a player from behind.
- Wrapping the arms around a player,
- Grabbing a player away from the ball.
- Grabbing or shoving a player from behind when a easy field goal may be scored.

- Grabbing, holding a player's jersey in order to impede their progress.

Officials must enforce Intentional Contact throughout the game, and certainly when time is running out.

Official must keep foremost in mind that extreme Advantages and Disadvantages take place when Intentional Contact is not **Enforced**.

Do not include collegiate training/conference instruction regarding end of game situations and Intentional Fouls to your high school assignments !!! The two levels are very different versions of the game of basketball !!! Rules, Mechanics, Signals/Signaling shall not be mingled !!!



Past President, Peter Webb, Bd. 111, ME, is the Coordinator of Interpreters for IAABO. He is responsible for providing guidance, clarifying basketball issues, and conducting online discussion groups with all IAABO Interpreters.

## 38th Year of IAABO Officials' Schools



This summer, IAABO will be hosting four summer officiating schools with the goal of "professional improvement". The desire to improve must always be present if one wants to achieve success as an official. Over the past nine decades the many and varied continuous education materials and officials' schools, which IAABO provides, has assisted thousands of new and veteran officials learn and refine their skills.

IAABO Schools are designed to provide officials who have a wide variety of ability and experience with the individual attention to meet her/his specific needs. The focal points of each school are the review of rules, mechanics, signals and professionalism. Each official can expect to receive quality instruction in the classroom and on the court. At IAABO Schools, officials receive instant feedback, including video, which can be incorporated into their officiating immediately.

The Director of the IAABO Officials' School is Tom Lopes, IAABO Executive Director and retired Division I Basketball Official. Tom is assisted by Peter Webb, IAABO Coordinator of Interpreters.

IAABO Officials' Schools are dedicated to improving the officiating skills of the men and women who enroll. The program will be designed to benefit those who wish to embark upon a career in officiating as well as those who seek refinement of their skills. Classroom sessions will cover all aspects of officiating with lectures, films, workshops and testing. During the afternoon and evening sessions, all officials will officiate games. Each official will receive a certificate denoting completion of the course of study provided by the IAABO Officials' school.

Only National Federation Rules and mechanics will be taught and used.

### APPLICATION — IAABO BASKETBALL OFFICIALS' SCHOOL — 2017

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## Play-off Time Provides On and Off-court Opportunities

It's that time of season in Canada and the US when we turn attention to play-offs and whether on the court or off, opportunities to advance your officiating skills are there for the taking.

At the local level, high school play-offs start in earnest. Local play-offs are followed by Provincial or State championships on their respective sides of the border.

In Canada, college and university conference and then national championships take place in March creating a Canadian incarnation of March Madness. In the US, March Madness will have basketball fans filling venues across the country and binge watching the televised/or streaming games.

Congratulations to all officials everywhere selected to work these games at all levels. The competition and context heighten the stakes and thus heighten the opportunity to hone and develop your officiating skills. If not working those games yourself, take the opportunity to see the best of the best your local. Provincial/State and National bodies association has on the floor.

Further to the on-court development for those on the court, the opportunity is there for officials on the sidelines. A tip often given officials on how to get better is to watch games. Watching though only provides the opportunity. Watching with a purpose, with structure provides the tools.

Its estimated that it takes 10,000 repetitions to master a skill. The reality though is that the quality of repetition determines whether you master what you intend to master. Repeating an incorrect skill makes you the master of an incorrect skill. Deliberate practice is defined as engaging in highly structured activity with the specific goal of performance improvement. This involves personal application of the Plan-Do-Study and Act cycle. Start by identifying what you want to improve/develop; plan on how you want to improve and then act on that plan. Study the results/information gained and then act/implement what you have learned to begin the cycle anew.

With the above in mind, deciding on what you want to get out of watching a game is important. If you want to work on coverage and positioning pay attention (better yet, make notes) on the fields of vision the officials create to cover the play; how they create open versus closed looks, the angles and body attitudes they adopt, spacing to the play and in what situations do they move in direction of the play and which ones they utilize a cross-step. Further to coverage; when are they on and off ball? Where are the action areas and how does the crew cover them? On what plays/in which situations do officials extend coverage out of primary? See if you can identify what offensive and defensive sets are being run and try to anticipate the play as you would on the court? Where would you move to see it?

To get better at calling plays, try to identify correct and incorrect calls. That isn't enough though. Break them down to understand the why. Identify incorrect calls as Fantasy Call/Phantom call, a reactionary or a missed call. Is it correct or incorrect by the criteria in the rule book? Identify the possible reasons. Is it due to positioning; incorrect spacing or angle? Is it due to focus; not focused on the correct aspect of the play, not refereeing the defense, picking up the play late, not seeing START – MIDDLE – FINISH and/or not staying with the play? How are specific points of emphasis being applied/called?

Many officials are working on having that ideal presence/demeanor on the court. Body language and movement play a large role. The image to be conveyed is strong, decisive, and approachable. How are the game officials conveying these? The clear majority of calls should be made with a consistent and controlled manner. Selling a call is defined as placing emphasis on a call with louder voice (not too much louder, not yelling) and whistle and slightly more demonstrative signals and reserved for occasionally gaining a greater acceptance. Are the officials under or



over-selling calls?

If you are working on communication; how, what and when do the officials communicate with players, coaches, partners and table. Make note of distance, tone, body language, facial expression and other as well as the words used.

Are you working on game control, awareness and management?

How do you get better at shot clock and game awareness? Deliberate practice. The following work best at the venue. Do you glance at the arrow, after initial control is established on the court and after each alternating possession throw-in? Do you look at the score after each basket? Do you check the foul count after each foul is reported? Do you check to see if the game clock stops after a basket with 2:00 minutes or less left in the 4th period and any extra period? What about checking the shot clock in any reset or possibly confusing reset situations? Do you check the game clock stops after a foul or other whistle? Do you check the shot clock and game clock before the ball is put into play? Practice does make perfect.

So besides joining me in offering congratulations to all officials selected and working play-offs at every level, take...no make, the opportunity for some personal officiating development as inclined. Maybe you just love watching some ball. Maybe you love watching ball and some officiating. Maybe, you love to study officiating. To whatever degree you are inclined, make the most of your seat at the venue or your screen. Be deliberate, be systematic in large or small doses. Make notes, possibly use a voice recorder. Review them. Follow-up on them and plan the what, when and how you will try in your games.

Whatever you chose to do and however you chose to do it, you will get out of it what you put into it. I offered congratulations to all the officials on the court and the customary follow-up is wishing them good luck. I do. The reality though, is they are making their own luck, go make yours.



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### Special Olympics

*15th Anniversary of the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament  
January 29th, 2017 - Guelph, Ontario Board*



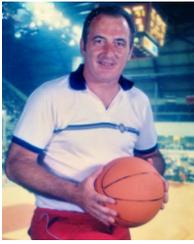
Members of IAABO Board No. 212, Guelph Board of Approved Basketball Officials, Ontario, Canada, have volunteered their time to officiate the Special Olympics for over 15 years.

### Answers to Questions

*(From Page 12)*

**1. No** - 10.6.1, **2. No** - 10.6.1, **3. Yes** - 4.10, **4. Yes** - 4.41.4, **5. No** - 4.44.a2 & b1; 4.44.3a, **6. Yes** - 10.5.1i; Penalty; Casebook page 84, 10.5.1B, **7. Yes** - 4.29; 9.4, **8. Yes** - Manual pages 20 & 106, **9. Yes** - 4.28.2, **10. No** - Manual pages 32 & 139

## Life Member Larry Cavanaugh Passes



To say that basketball was in the blood of Larry Cavanaugh and his family is to redefine the word “understatement.”

Cavanaugh, one of the faces of the game in the city and beyond, passed away on Friday, Jan. 13, at the age of 82. He was a charter member of the local board of basketball officials.

He loved the game, beginning way back in 1949 when he played for the New England champion CYO team from Sacred Heart, the parish in South Lowell where he grew up. He went on to play point guard for Lowell High and began his career with the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials

(IAABO) in Boston in 1953 at the age of 19.

In 1959, he helped found IAABO Board 95 in Lowell and was still an active member of the board until his death. And he spread his affection for basketball to his family, beginning with his brother John, younger by four years, whom he taught the game at an early age and who went on to star for Lowell High.

Cavanaugh’s son Larry Jr. played for Central Catholic and Salem State. His daughter Karen was a star at Presentation of Mary Academy. His daughter Donna is PMA’s all-time leading scorer and went on to play for the University of Hawaii on scholarship before injuries curtailed her career.

Larry Jr., Donna, her husband John Rafferty and their daughter Chelsea are all members of IAABO Board 95.

After serving in the U.S. Army (yes, he played

hoops at Fort Dix), Cavanaugh spent his entire working career with the U.S. Postal Service.

“If there’s a high school league in Massachusetts or New Hampshire, he refereed it,” said John Rafferty. “He also did a lot of college games. He worked games that Patrick Ewing was playing for Cambridge Rindge & Latin and when he was playing at Georgetown.”

In fact, Cavanaugh worked the Big East Tournament in Madison Square Garden when, as his lifelong friend Larry Kelleher says, “The Big East was really big.”

“No. 1 he was a very, very, very good official,” said Kelleher. “He knew the rules like a minister knows the bible.”

A past president of Board 95, Cavanaugh stepped back from active officiating in 1991 but still served as rules interpreter until “retiring” to an advisory position in 2014.

## Do You Care?

Read the following description of an IAABO Basketball Official. While you read, think about whether or not you are the type of official who fits into any of these areas.

### *Description of an official who does not care:*

- Walking up the court (no hustle) not counting the 10 second count.
- Refusing to switch on all fouls – waving off fellow official.
- Fouls in backcourt, going in transition – not switching using college mechanics.
- Using two hands to report numbers for fouls to table.
- Does not stop clock on all fouls and violations – using girls’ or college mechanics.
- Hangs at half court as trail official and never gets to the baseline as lead official.
- Common comments made to fellow officials: “It’s only CYO” - “It’s only a 6th grade game” - “Come on, its recreation or an AAU game and not a school game”.
- Wearing girls’ or a college shirt rather than an IAABO shirt for boys’ games.
- Showing up at game time, instead of getting there early to go over a good pre-game conference about situations or problems with your partner.
- If the ball goes out 15 feet away, rather than taking it out where it went out and having your partner rotate – you bounce the ball across the paint and tell your partner to stay where they are.
- Not calling the fouls towards the end of the game because it is a 30-point game and it doesn’t matter. If fouls were to be called it might take 5 minutes longer to play.
- Reports the foul where it is called – doesn’t move to the reporting area so he/she does not have to switch.
- Never opens a rule book to read the rules.
- Applies only the rules to the game of basketball that the official agrees with.

The description above is not about an official who forgets to put his/her hand up once in a while for a foul or to stop the clock. Unfortunately, it is often an official who has many years of

experience. New officials observe or work with these officials and often get mixed messages about doing it the IAABO way. (One rule, One Interpretation.) It seems this is becoming the norm rather than isolated situations.

Officials need to have a better attitude and care about every game. As an official you need to look at yourself in the mirror and see if you are just taking the game for the money, or you are taking the game because you have a passion and care about the game. The money should be a plus and not the sole benefit for officiating. Each play or game is important to someone. It could be the only time a player gets into the game. It could be the first-time grandparents get a chance to watch their grandchild participate in a game.

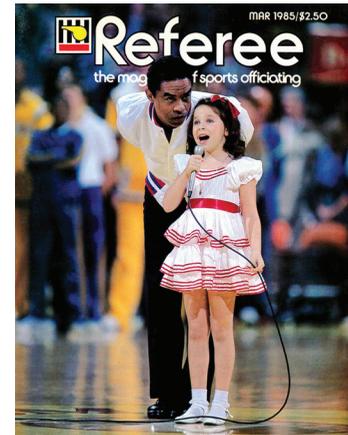
Why is this happening? Do you have any sense of pride in your officiating? Have you lost the passion? What happened to the professionalism? Maybe it is time to do a self-check up and evaluate your officiating methods. All officials should care about their effort and calls every time when stepping on the basketball court. If you are a new official there is still hope for you if you have been led astray by the works of a veteran official. If you happen to be a veteran official, you need to ask the question, “Do I care?”

All these characteristics of an official who does not care can and should be corrected. It must come from the officials themselves who consistently think they are better and above the game. There are many great officials across our wonderful nation and world. They represent IAABO with pride, passion, dedication and commitment. It is evident they care about their craft. This is something all members should try to achieve. If you don’t care, than shame on you!

There are three types of officials: 1.) Officials who let it happen. 2.) Officials who say, “What happened?” 3.) Officials who make it happen. To those officials who are doing it the right way (the IAABO way), I applaud you. My question to other officials is, “Do You Care?” If so, make it happen!

Bob Bauer, Interpreter, Bd. 180 NY

**IAABO member and former NBA official Jesse Thompson appeared in the March 1985 issue of “Referee” magazine.**



**It was selected as one of the best covers during Referee Magazine’s 40 year celebration.**

**IAABO President David Smith practices what he preaches.**



**Here he is “Getting His Strong On’ at the Mile High United Way Turkey Trot.**

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