

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF APPROVED BASKETBALL OFFICIALS, Inc.

“Celebrating over 95 Years of Excellence in Basketball Officiating”

What Does IAABO Do For You?

The International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO) is a nonprofit service and professional organization managed by and for basketball officials. IAABO was established in 1921. Through a worldwide organization of nearly 140 local "boards" spanning 38 states, 11 foreign countries and over 15,000 members, IAABO is the unparalleled and undisputed leader in worldwide education and training of basketball officials in the areas of:

- Basketball rules
- Mechanics and officiating techniques
- Organization of local officials' boards
- Development of curricula and standards by which other officials' organizations are judged

The purpose of IAABO is to:

- educate, train, develop, and provide continuous instruction for basketball officials.
- promote the welfare of the game of basketball, its players and officials.
- maintain the highest standard of basketball officiating.
- encourage the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship.
- cooperate with all organizations connected with the game of basketball in furthering its interests and ideals.
- have available, at all times, an adequate number of thoroughly trained and competent officials.

IAABO offers a variety of benefits for its local boards and members:

Membership Status and Recognition

- **Membership Card** - distributed annually to recognize members certification.
- **Website** - high-quality, organized website where pertinent IAABO and officiating information can be easily accessed.
- **Access to Professionals** - access available to a nationally certified physical training professional who assists IAABO members with health and physical conditioning as related to officiating.

- **Semi-annual national meetings** – held during Fall and Spring in various IAABO member states. Free to all IAABO members. The Fall Seminar is geared towards the Interpreters and prepares Interpreters and officials for the upcoming basketball season. The Spring Meeting is geared towards Secretaries of the local boards and is also IAABO's annual business meeting of its General Assembly.
- **Life Membership** - recognition to members annually who meet the criteria established by IAABO.
- **50-year members** – special recognition to those who have been IAABO members for fifty years.
- **Honorary Life Membership** - special recognition to persons who have not been IAABO members, but who have made some significant contribution to the game of basketball.
- **Member recognition** - provides local boards with service certificates and anniversary pins for a nominal charge.

Education, Training and Officiating Resources

- **Handbook** – published annually and distributed to all local boards and its members in early August. One edition includes the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) rules book, case book and IAABO Crew of Two and Crew of Three Mechanics instructional manuals. The other handbook version includes the FIBA rules book and the FIBA Mechanics Manual for IAABO members who officiate international games.
- **Pre-game card, instructions for scorers, and timers** - available to each Secretary and Interpreter on the IAABO website for distribution to members and schools as needed.
- **Sportorials** - IAABO's very own publication, distributed six times per year. **Sportorials** features the latest happenings within IAABO and the game of basketball. All members have the option of either receiving a print or an electronic version of **Sportorials**.
- **Officiating Schools** – scheduled every late spring/early summer in different areas of the United States with the purpose to improve the education and officiating skills of IAABO members.
- **“Play of the Week” video clip** – available every week during basketball season. Commentary is offered on various teaching points covering rulings, signaling and mechanics. Each **Play of the Week** is archived on the IAABO website for members to review at any time.
- **Axon Elite** – an interactive online program that is also available on iPhones and iPads that allows officials to answer questions about video plays.

- **Clinicians and Instructors** - provides access to IAABO clinicians and instructors who are available to local boards for training and educational clinics on an assortment of officiating topics.
- **Scholarships** – available through the IAABO Charitable and Educational Foundation scholarship fund to offset costs for officiating school attendees.
- **Examinations** –
 - an annual 50-question examination administered to new applicants, available in the Fall and Spring of each year.
 - an annual 75-question Refresher Examination with an answer key distributed every Fall for returning members.
 - a practical floor examination for all new applicants.

Tools and Resources for Rules Interpreters

- IAABO requires local boards to identify a **Rules Interpreter** who is responsible for providing rules interpretation meetings for its members. .
- IAABO requires that local boards **provide educational training programs** for maintaining and improving officiating skills.
- **Ref School** – Rules Interpreters have free access to Ref School ©, a database of thousands of questions to assist instructors and Interpreters in the education of candidates for IAABO membership as well as the general membership. Ref School © is also available to members for a nominal fee.
- **Officiating tools and resources** – provides such resources as a lesson plan book, a yearly “You Make the Ruling” DVD, a yearly DVD of various video plays, DVD of approved officiating signals, access to E-Court and DVDs for the Crew of Two and Crew of Three Mechanics Manuals.
- **IAABO Coordinator of Interpreters** – access is available for Interpreters to request/receive answers to any rules or mechanics questions.

Administrative Assistance

- **Local Board Operations** - provides qualified personnel to assist local board officers with any logistical questions concerning local board operations and procedures.
- **Constitution** - provides a Constitution and Policy Manual to guide local boards in maintaining fair and equitable routines and procedures.
- **Arbitration Procedures** - provides an appeal and arbitration process for members and local boards to resolve problems at various administrative levels.
- **Discounts** - provides its members with discount automobile rental cards.
- **Database** - provides a comprehensive database for all record keeping related to membership data.

- **Member Transfers** - provides systematic and orderly transfer of its members from one IAABO Board to another.
- **Standing Committees** - makes available advice to local boards on various matters through IAABO Standing Committees.
- **Insurance** - provides local boards with discounted group rates for officials' insurance.
- **Officiating Supplies** - gray or black and white officiating shirts and officials' pre-game jackets with the copyrighted IAABO emblem are available to its members through an IAABO official's supplier.

If you have any questions pertaining to the information in this document, please contact the IAABO office at 717.713.8129.

Please visit the IAABO web site – www.iaabo.org