



Welcome back to a New Basketball Season!

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UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS



CBOC Fall Education Sessions:

September 14th – 7:00-8:00pm EST
September 28th – 7:00-8:00pm EST
October 19th – 7:00-8:00pm EST



2025-2026 CCAA & U SPORTS Points of Emphasis - Referee Coach Team:

September 21st – 7:00-8:00pm EST



2025 CCAA & USPORTS - Building the House:

October 5th - 8:00-9:00pm EST

UPCOMING NOCP COURSES

Please see [GAME PLAN](#) for the most up-to-date listing of upcoming NOCP workshops. Local associations may offer NOCP 1 and 2 courses if taught by a qualified Learning Facilitator. If your association wishes to host a clinic, please contact Canada Basketball at certification@basketball.ca.



REFEREE FEATURE: JANICE KING (NS)

Basketball has always been a part of Janice King's life. She played at university and in Europe before turning her attention to coaching, and today she finds joy in staying connected to the game through officiating. Now living in Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia, Janice has been back on the floor for just four years and has already worked multiple Division I high school girls' tournaments, along with the U15 National Championships.

She loves the challenge of the role, describing officiating as both physically and mentally rewarding, while also building confidence that carries into life off the court. One of her favourite moments came at Nationals, when a player from the losing team stopped her in the hallway to thank her for her effort. For Janice, that kind of feedback is a reminder of the difference officials can make.

"Positive feedback like that washes all the negative away and reminds me why I do this," she says.

For Janice, officiating is about confidence, community, and staying active in the sport she loves—and she's proud to be part of it.



REMEMBERING PENNY WRIGHT

Penny Wright (1964–2025) was more than a basketball official and referee coach—she was a mentor, advocate, and friend whose kindness and integrity touched everyone who knew her. Her passion for people and the game created a legacy of generosity, wisdom, and love that will long be remembered. To truly capture who she was, we invite you to read "My Mom", a heartfelt tribute written by her daughter, Kelsey Wright-Johnson.

my mom

[Click here](#)



CANADIAN OFFICIALS & RCs AT THE LAS VEGAS SUMMER LEAGUE 2025

This summer, Canada Basketball was well represented at the NBA's Las Vegas Summer League, with both officials and referee coaches taking part in a unique blend of on-court and classroom development. Officials Tommy Wu and MP Malo were selected to officiate games throughout the event. The Summer League provides a high-level environment where young NBA players, international talents and future stars compete, creating an excellent training ground for officials.

Wu and Malo not only gained valuable on-floor experience but also participated in daily education sessions focusing on mechanics, game control, and consistency of calls at the professional level. On the referee coaching side, Eric Jordan and Wanda Vandervelden joined an intensive program tailored to referee coaches worldwide. Their days were filled with workshops, panels, and speaker sessions centered on feedback delivery, communication strategies, and performance evaluation frameworks. These sessions were designed to sharpen their skills in supporting officials through constructive, clear, and impactful feedback.

The combination of Canadian officials working games and Canadian RCs engaging in advanced education underscores the country's commitment to continuous growth and excellence in officiating. The Las Vegas Summer League has long been a proving ground for talent, and this year's participation by Wu, Malo, Jordan, and Vandervelden ensures that Canada continues to be part of the global officiating conversation.



CANADA BASKETBALL PARTNERS WITH REFMASTERS TO LAUNCH PREMIER EDUCATION APP

Canada Basketball is proud to announce a new partnership with RefMasters, bringing a groundbreaking digital tool to officials across the country. The RefMasters App, launching by the end of September, will serve as a premier web-based hub for education, development, and communication for members of the Canadian Basketball Officials Commission (CBOC).

Developed with input from top minds in the game, the platform will provide a private space exclusively for CBOC members, ensuring a professional environment to learn, share, and grow. NBA officials James Williams and Kayne Fitzgerald have been closely involved in shaping the app's educational content and direction, bringing their elite-level experience directly to Canadian officials.

Behind the scenes, RefMasters CEO Sony Tiwari and developer Shawn Price have been leading the build of a private space within the app, ensuring the platform is modern, secure, and user-friendly for CBOC members. Together, they've crafted an app designed not just for today's officiating needs, but for the future of referee development in Canada.

For CBOC members, the app will mean direct access to resources, training modules, and insights — a critical step in advancing consistency and excellence across the country.



GUIDELINES ON WEARING OF FAITH-BASED ITEMS AND SPIRITUAL ARTIFACTS IN BASKETBALL GAMES

Canada Basketball and the Canadian Basketball Officials Commission (CBOC) are committed to fostering an inclusive and respectful environment for all participants. Effective September 15, 2025, new guidelines are in place regarding the wearing of faith-based items and spiritual artifacts during basketball games. These guidelines are intended to provide a clear and consistent process that balances respect for religious practices with the paramount importance of safety in basketball. Officials are expected to apply them with professionalism, respect, and consistency. For questions, please contact: certification@basketball.ca. These guidelines will be posted on Game Plan for your reference.

[Click here for Guidelines](#)

Thank you for supporting inclusivity and fairness on the court.

Effective September 15, 2025



Allowed

- Religious head coverings, bracelets, artifacts, etc. if safe and secured
- Items covered/padded with cloth, tape, sweatband
- Inclusion prioritized if item poses no risk



If Uncertain

- Prioritize safety and inclusion
- Allow participation if safe
- Report situation afterward



Unsafe Items

- Must be adjusted before play
- No technical foul just for wearing the item
- Coaches must notify officials 20 min before game

Respect. Inclusion. Safety.

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OFFICIAL REFEREE JERSEY

JERSEY WINDOW – SEPTEMBER 22 – OCTOBER 15

The CBOC referee jersey by One Team Sports. This raglan-style short sleeve assembly is constructed with spandex mesh material for comfort and moisture wicking. Available in both male and female cut and in sizes Small to 4XL.

Jerseys will be delivered in approximately 6-7 weeks after the close of the store window.

\$53

(plus tax & shipping & handling)



How to Order:

- Place your order on the CBOC webstore: <https://cboc2025sept.itemorder.com/shop/home/>
- Order must be placed by October 15th, 2025.
- Late orders will not be accepted to ensure delivery deadlines are met.
- Expected order delivery date is approximately 7 weeks from the end of the sale.
- Additional shipping & handling charge of \$15 per order (regardless of quantity)

Men's Jersey

Sizing Chart (cm)	SM	MD	LG	XL	2XL	3XL
1/2 Chest	52	55	58	61	64	67
Front Length	74.5	76.5	78.5	80.5	82.5	84.5
Back Length	77	79	81	83	85	87

Women's Jersey

Sizing Chart (cm)	XS	SM	MD	LG	XL	2XL
1/2 Chest	45	48	51	54	60	63
Front Length	67.5	76.5	78.5	80.5	82.5	84.5



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OFFICIAL REFEREE JACKET



JACKET ORDERING WINDOW – SEPTEMBER 22 – OCTOBER 15



Introducing the New CBOC Pregame Warm-Up Jacket

Stay comfortable and look sharp on your way to and from competitions with the new CBOC pregame warm-up jacket. This sleek, lightweight track jacket is available in both men's and women's cuts, with sizes ranging from XS to 3XL.

*Jackets will be delivered in
approximately 6–7 weeks after the close
of the store window.*

\$99 (plus tax, S&H)



Left chest



CANADA
BASKETBALL

Nape



Official in picture is
185.4 cm (6'1") wearing
a large size

How to Order:

- Place your order on the CBOC webstore:
<https://cbocjacket2025.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>
- Order must be placed by October 15th, 2025.
- Late orders will not be accepted to ensure delivery deadlines are met.
- Expected order delivery date is approximately 7 weeks from the end of the sale.
- Additional shipping & handling charge of \$15 per order (regardless of quantity)



U15 MEN & WOMEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



From August 4-9, Ontario Basketball and Canada Basketball proudly hosted the 2025 U15 National Championships at Ontario Tech University and Durham College. While the competition on the court was fierce, the event also highlighted the dedication and professionalism of Canada's officiating community.

Over six days of action, nominated officials from across the country managed fast-paced, high-stakes basketball with consistency and composure. Their role extended well beyond making calls—they ensured fairness, maintained game flow, and upheld the standards of the sport at a national level. This championship also provided a valuable platform for developing officials to gain experience in a demanding, high-performance environment. Canada Basketball extends sincere thanks to every official who contributed. Your commitment and skill not only made the U15 Nationals a success, but also continue to elevate the game across the country.



2025 U15 Women's Championship Officials Roster

Mahamat-Ali Hagggar (ON)
Janice King (NS)
Cyril Kirby Macabalo Urbiztondo (MB)
Nick Latham (ON)
Laurence Laviolette (QC)
Ethan Lounsbury (AB)
Josh McLean (ON)
Nathan Mulcahy (NL)
Natasha Proulx (AB)
Jordan Rose (PEI)
Ben Tait (NB)
Gordon Tseng (BC)

Referee Coaches

Marla Van Gelder, Kerry Rokosh, Jamie Clegg,
Lisa Waschuk (RCT)

2025 U15 Men's Championship

Officials Roster

Jake Babin (NS)
Dmytro Babyk (BC)
Admir Chihaluca (AB)
Riley Hughes (MB)
Kevin Jung (BC)
Turgu Karatop (ON)
Markmeena Makcemus (ON)
Charles Parent-Sploneck (QC)
Robert Shaul (QC)
Matt Whipple (NB)
Adam Zohni (ON)
Tyler Rogers (ON)

Referee Coaches

Paul Johnson, Karen Lasuik
Wanda Vandervelden, Lisa Waschuk (RCT)



Officials from across the country came together in St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador to manage the pace, intensity, and emotion of the U17 men's and women's competitions at the Canada Summer Games. From the opening tip to the final buzzer, they demonstrated professionalism, composure, and teamwork under the spotlight of a national stage.

The Games provided a unique environment for officials to learn and grow, supported by on-site National Referee Coaches who offered feedback and mentorship. This guidance helped officials refine their skills and prepare for future opportunities at the U SPORTS, CCAA, and FIBA levels.

For many, the week in St. John's was about more than just games—it was an opportunity to build relationships, share knowledge, and contribute to the growth of Canadian basketball.

Canada Basketball and the Canadian Basketball Officials Commission (CBOC) extend their sincere thanks to every official who dedicated their time and expertise to this year's Canada Summer Games. Your efforts were essential in creating a fair, competitive, and memorable championship.



2025 CSG Men's Officials Roster

Andy Bishop (NL)
Matthew Burke-Shea (NL)
John Deng (ON)
Brendan Fedoski (SK)
Tanner Ferguson (AB)
Vanette Graham (ON)
Francois Patenaude (QC)
Courtney Sampson (BC)
Andrew Sharpe (SK)
Brady Turner (NL)
Phil Wong (BC)
Shauna Poirier (NS)

Referee Coaches

Scott Critch, Eric Jordan, Jake Steinbrenner

2025 CSG Women's Officials Roster

Rashida Atkinson (NB)
Levy Bay (SK)
Olivia Clarke (NL)
Katia Davi-Digui (AB)
Megan Fedoski (SK)
Grant Hatcher (NS)
Mareesa Kelly (BC)
Elaheh Mohammadikhah (MB)
Patricia Rodriguez (MB)
Chanez Saheb (QC)
Dary Williamson (BC)
Bryan Vaughan (NL)

Referee Coaches

Georgia Risnita, Jamey Jennings, Todd MacInnis



Sun Life CANADA HOOPS 3X3



On August 9-10, The Bentway in Toronto was transformed into a high-energy 3x3 stage for the U23 Canada Hoops Showcase. While players competed for international opportunities, officials were equally in the spotlight—managing the intensity and ensuring the event was delivered with professionalism.

Officiating 3x3 basketball presents unique challenges: quicker possessions, constant contact, and rapid transitions. Throughout the showcase, officials demonstrated adaptability, sharp mechanics, and clear communication, allowing the competition to flow seamlessly.

Their contributions highlighted the vital role referees play in creating a fair, fast-paced, and world-class experience for athletes and fans alike.



2025 SunLife Canada Hoops 3x3 Officials Roster

Mahyar Darban
Kayla Dawson-Herdman
Anna Del Col
James McNeil
Nekesha Miller
Seth Schwartz





GLOBL JAM



At GLOBL JAM, it wasn't just the athletes showcasing their talent—officials from around the world also took centre stage. FIBA referees from multiple continents brought a wealth of international experience to Toronto, ensuring the tournament was managed to the highest global standard. Joining them were seven Canadian officials who proudly represented the home nation, gaining invaluable experience working alongside their international peers. This collaboration created a unique environment that elevated the tournament both on and off the court. Canada Basketball and the Canadian Basketball Officials Commission (CBOC) extend sincere thanks to every official who contributed to this year's GLOBL JAM. Their presence not only guaranteed a world-class competition for players and fans, but also marked an important milestone for officiating in Canada.



2025 Globl Jam Officials Roster

- Brooke Briscoe (CAN)
- Matt Goble (CAN)
- EJ Link (CAN)
- Carriera Lamoureux (CAN)
- Nate Saunders (CAN)
- Cooper Toppings (CAN)
- Fei Xiang (CAN)
- Cesar Augusto Gonçalves Lopes (BRA)
- Yusuke Ichikawa (JAP)
- Rebecca Dávila (PUR)
- Erica Parker (USA)
- RJ Johnson (USA)



OFFICIALS EDUCATION



Local Officials Learn from the Best at GLOBL JAM 2025

TORONTO – Twenty-five local basketball officials gained a unique courtside education during GLOBL JAM 2025 through an immersive learning experience hosted by Canada Basketball and the Canadian Basketball Officials Commission (CBOC).

The program, centered around the Bronze Medal Game, began with a guided pre-game tour of the Mattamy Athletic Centre. Participants explored venue setup, replay technology, and game-day operations, while also reviewing scouting reports and learning how elite referees use that information to anticipate and manage play at the international level.

From there, officials observed the Bronze Medal Game from a dedicated section, focusing on the mechanics, communication, and game control demonstrated by the tournament crew.

This initiative was designed to inspire and educate local officials by providing real-time exposure to elite officiating standards on an international stage—bridging the gap between developing referees and the highest levels of the game.

