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UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS



CBOC 2026 Fall Education Sessions:

September 13 th	8:00-9:00pm EST
September 27 th	8:00-9:00pm EST
October 4 th	8:00-9:00pm EST (Assignor Networking Session)
October 18 th	8:00-9:00pm EST
October 25 th	8:00-9:00pm EST (Rules Review and Exam Preparation)



NOCP 4 Course

September 8th – November 10th
7:00-9:00pm EST Weekly

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: Carriera Lamoureux (MB)

Official Spotlight: Carriera Lamoureux – Leading Through Service

When discussing leaders who are helping shape the future of officiating in Canada, Carriera Lamoureux is a name that stands out.

Currently progressing through the FIBA licensing certification process and serving on Canada Basketball's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee, Carriera has become one of the country's most respected emerging leaders in officiating.

While her accomplishments on the court are impressive, it is her commitment to developing others that truly defines her impact.

Across Manitoba, Carriera dedicates countless hours to recruitment, education, and mentorship. She has travelled throughout the province, including remote northern communities such as Norway House, delivering certification clinics and creating officiating opportunities for Indigenous participants. More recently, she led a certification clinic for graduating high school athletes, helping prepare the next generation of officials.

As a high school girls' basketball coach, Carriera also encourages her athletes to become junior officials. Many continue to officiate today, benefiting from her ongoing mentorship and support. Her efforts reflect a simple philosophy: give back to the game and help others succeed.

On the court, Carriera continues to officiate at all levels while serving as a mentor to officials throughout Manitoba. Her strong performances have earned her numerous championship assignments, including the U SPORTS Women's Basketball Championship Final this past season.

Her impact extends beyond Canada. This summer, Carriera received a FIBA appointment to the Women's Centrobasket Championship in Managua, Nicaragua, a qualifying event for the 2027 FIBA Women's AmeriCup. The appointment is another significant milestone in her officiating journey and recognition of her continued growth on the international stage.

She will also be involved in Canada Basketball's "Whoop It Up" event in Victoria, helping promote women's basketball and inspire future athletes and officials.

As a clinician with the Manitoba Association of Basketball Officials (MABO), Carriera has played a major role in recruiting, retaining, and mentoring young officials, particularly young women. Her leadership has helped contribute to Manitoba's resurgence on the national stage, with significantly increased representation at national championships over the past two years.

Those who know Carriera describe her as a quiet leader-humble, hardworking, and driven by a genuine desire to help others. She never seeks recognition, yet her impact is felt across Manitoba, throughout Canada, and increasingly on the international stage.

Carriera Lamoureux exemplifies the values of service, leadership, mentorship, and inclusion. Through her dedication to developing others and growing the game, she continues to leave a lasting mark on officiating in Canada.

Congratulations, Carriera, and thank you for everything you do for our basketball community.

CBOC Releases Vision 2030



The Canadian Basketball Officials Commission (CBOC), in partnership with Canada Basketball, is proud to release the **CBOC Vision 2030** document.

Developed through extensive collaboration between Canada Basketball staff, CBOC leaders, provincial representatives, committee members, and key stakeholders from across the country, Vision 2030 establishes a clear roadmap for the future of basketball officiating in Canada.

The vision is ambitious: to create a nationally aligned officiating system that is modern, inclusive, transparent, and sustainable. It outlines a long-term strategy focused on strengthening registration and licensing, enhancing benefits and services for officials, modernizing education and development pathways, creating equitable high-performance opportunities, advancing equity, diversity and inclusion, improving governance structures, and protecting registrants through strong risk management practices.

Vision 2030 reflects our commitment to supporting officials at every stage of their journey—from those entering the profession for the first time to officials aspiring to represent Canada on the international stage. It recognizes that officials are essential to the growth, integrity, and success of basketball in Canada and seeks to provide them with the tools, resources, and support needed to thrive.

This document is more than a strategic plan; it is a shared commitment to the future of officiating. By working together, we can build a stronger, more connected officiating community that reflects the diversity of Canada, provides meaningful opportunities for development, and continues to serve the game with excellence.

We encourage all officials, referee coaches, assignors, and officiating leaders to review the Vision 2030 document and join us in shaping the future of basketball officiating in Canada.

CBOC VISION DOCUMENT – [CLICK HERE](#)



WHISTLE BLAST

NEWSLETTER



JUNE 2026 EDITION

Building a Stronger and More Professional Officiating Community

As Canada Basketball and the Canada Basketball Officials Commission (CBOC) continue to advance officiating across the country, two important initiatives are helping strengthen our programs, improve consistency, and support the development of officials at every level: the National Uniform Policy and the National Referee Coach Program.

Professionalism Through a National Uniform Policy

Officials represent not only themselves but also their local associations, provinces, and Canada Basketball. A consistent and professional appearance reinforces credibility and promotes confidence among athletes, coaches, and spectators. The National Uniform Policy establishes clear expectations regarding officiating attire at Canada Basketball events. By creating consistency across the country, officials are presented as a unified team dedicated to excellence and professionalism.

Uniform standards are about more than appearance. They demonstrate pride in the profession, reinforce the importance of preparation, and help ensure a consistent image for basketball officiating nationwide. As officials progress through the development pathway, maintaining professional standards on and off the court remains an essential component of their growth.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the National Uniform Policy.

National Referee Coach Program

The National Referee Coach Program represents a significant step forward in the development of officials across Canada. The program establishes a standardized framework for the selection, training, evaluation, and ongoing development of National Referee Coaches. By providing consistent expectations and educational standards, officials receive meaningful feedback and support regardless of where they are officiating in the country.

Referee Coaches play a critical role in the development pathway by observing performances, providing constructive feedback, identifying areas for growth, and helping officials progress through the National Officials Certification Program (NOCP). Canada's referee development model is designed to support officials from their earliest experiences in community basketball through to the highest levels of national and international competition.

The National Referee Coach Program ensures that the guidance officials receive is consistent, evidence-based, and aligned with the expectations of modern basketball officiating.

The program has now been finalized, and CBOC is reviewing implementation strategies as it prepares for its national rollout.

Looking Ahead

These initiatives represent more than policies and procedures—they reflect a commitment to building a professional, unified, and development-focused officiating community.

By promoting professionalism through a national uniform standard and investing in the education and development of Referee Coaches, Canada Basketball continues to strengthen the support available to officials at every stage of their journey.

The future of officiating in Canada depends on consistent standards, quality education, and a shared commitment to excellence. These initiatives are important steps toward achieving that vision.



OFFICIALS SELECTED FOR SUMMER NATIONALS

AUGUST 2-9, 2026

U15 MEN REGINA, SK OFFICIALS	
Cyril Urbiztondo	MB
Farhan Hesarnetzhad	SK
Ryan Beattie	SK
Kelsie Boy	SK
Gordon Tseng	BC
Holly Annand	ON
Ethan Lounsbury	AB
François Loignon	QC
Brent Martindale	NS
Josh McLean	ON
Katelyn Westerlund	AB
Jeremy Neufeld	BC
Joel Andaya	SK

REFEREE COACHES	
Neil Donnelly	SK
Jen McKenzie	NS
Reid Kenyon	MB

U15 WOMEN SHERBROOKE, QC OFFICIALS	
Laura MacPherson	PEI
Qiyin (Chris) Zhang	BC
Joel Everett	NB
Lucas Gagnon	ON
Jemma Martin	ON
Caitlyn Murray	AB
Rodney Myers	NS
Chris Cruz	AB
Isaiah Hines	QC
Vincent Labbé	QC
Julia Shebitchenko	QC
Alyx Francisco	ON
Alexandra Therrien	QC

REFEREE COACHES	
Alfie Paoletti	QC
Jamey Jennings	NL
Todd MacInnis	PEI

U17 MEN REGINA, SK OFFICIALS	
Levy Bay	SK
Andrew Sharpe	SK
Stephen Holzer	SK
Dmytro Babyk	BC
Darcy Williamson	BC
Markmeena Makeemus	ON
Nekesha Miller	ON
Ben Tait	NB
Corbin Tod	AB
Jake Babin	NS
Riley Hughes	MB
Danny Jean-Charles	QC
Robert Brodner	SK

REFEREE COACHES	
Karen Lasuik	AB
Dave Maxin	ON
John McFarland	BC

U17 WOMEN SHERBROOKE, QC OFFICIALS	
Laurence Laviolette	QC
Shaun Pearce	QC
Rachid Dingao	QC
Bryan Vaughan	NL
Kevin Jung	BC
Rizzle Munoz	BC
Jordan Rose	PEI
Elaheh Mohammadikhah	MB
Megan Fedoski	SK
Janice King	NS
Turgut Karatop	ON
Mahdi Kashani	AB
Jamall Fisher	QC

REFEREE COACHES	
Wanda VanderVelden	AB
Scott Critch	NL
Kerry Rokosh	BC

Congratulations!

to all selected officials and referee coaches.

Your selection reflects your continued commitment to excellence, professionalism, and the development of basketball officiating in Canada. We look forward to your contributions at the 2026 Canada Basketball National Championships.



CBOC AGM 2026: Building Momentum for the Future of Officiating

The Canadian Basketball Officials Commission (CBOC) Annual General Meeting brought together provincial leaders, committee members, officials, and stakeholders from across the country to reflect on a year of significant progress and to outline the future direction of officiating in Canada.

Chair Tim Heide highlighted several major accomplishments from the past year, including the implementation of national RAMP registration, the development of the National Referee Coach Program, the creation of Religious and Cultural Attire Guidelines, the launch of RefMasters, and the completion of the National Officials Certification Program (NOCP) Levels 1–4. These initiatives continue to strengthen consistency, accessibility, and development opportunities for officials nationwide.

A key focus of the meeting was the introduction of the new CBOC Vision Framework, presented by Ron Yeung. Developed following discussions at the 2025 Symposium, the Vision serves as a national “North Star” for officiating and is built around three priorities: national alignment, organizational accountability, and creating greater value and support for officials. The document will be shared nationally through WhistleBlast, RefMasters, and other communication channels.

Another major milestone was the completion of the National Referee Coach Program. Presented by David Maxin, the 37-page framework establishes national standards, consistent evaluation practices, mentorship expectations, and defined pathways for referee coach development across Canada. The program is currently being translated and prepared for national rollout.

Education remained a central theme throughout the AGM. Outgoing Education Commissioner John McFarland celebrated the completion of the NOCP curriculum, growth in participation across all certification levels, and the expansion of professional development opportunities through the national speaker series. Committee reports also highlighted continued work in exam development, EDI initiatives, women’s officiating programs, and improvements to national selection and evaluation processes.

The meeting also showcased the continued growth of the officiating community. National registration numbers now stand at 4,778 officials across Canada, providing CBOC with valuable demographic and development data to support future planning and growth initiatives.

Looking ahead, updates were provided on the National Assigning System Working Group, which continues to evaluate assigning platforms with a target implementation date prior to September 2027. Officials also heard about ongoing investments in education, evaluation, and high-performance pathways designed to support the next generation of Canadian officials.

The AGM concluded with elections for two Executive Council positions. Kerron Lewis was elected Commissioner at Large, while Scott Critch was elected National Education Commissioner.

As CBOC continues to implement its Vision and expand national programming, the message from the AGM was clear: officiating in Canada is moving forward with purpose, collaboration, and a renewed commitment to supporting officials at every stage of their journey.



Committee Membership Overview

Canada Basketball Officials Committee



CANADA
BASKETBALL

EDIA Committee

Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility

- Georgia Risnita (Chair)
- Carriera Lamoureux
- Vernon Bovell
- Ray Samuels
- Anna Maria Del Col
- Suhayb Shah
- Don Boddy
- Brooke Briscoe
- Barb Hamilton-Hinch
- Ron Yeung

NTS&E Committee

National Tournament Selection and Evaluation

- Scott Critch (Chair)
- Vern Bovell
- Jim Cervo
- Neil Donnelly
- Ray Samuels
- Matt Kallio
- Georgia Risnita

D&E Committee

Development and Education

- Scott Critch (Chair)
- Kerron Lewis
- Eric Jordan
- Georgia Risnita
- Craig Stocking
- Dawn Smyth
- Laurence Laviolette
- Ryan Maxwell
- Frances Enns

A&R Committee

Awards and Recognition Committee

- Kerron Lewis (Chair)
- Neil Donnelly
- Jim Walsh
- Georgia Risnita

RE&E Committee

Rules Education and Exam

- Anna Maria Del Col (Chair)
- Sebastien Gauthier
- Ahmed Ghanem
- TBA
- TBA

WiBOC (Women in Basketball Officiating Collective)

- Nadine Crowley
- MP Malo
- Karen Lasuik
- Dawn Smyth
- Frankie Billingsley
- Brooke Briscoe
- Martha Bradbury
- Arlene Olynyk
- Stacey Newbigging
- Georgia Risnita
- Wanda VanderVelden
- Jen McKenzie
- Alicia Bird

In Memoriam

WiBOC, CBOC, and Canada Basketball acknowledge the contributions of Penny Wright, whose commitment to officiating and leadership helped shape the organization.