

## AGM UPDATES AND SYMPOSIUM HIGHLIGHTS

The CBOC symposium at the beginning of the month brought together representatives from around the country to discuss key topics impacting the future of officiating. The event highlighted changes to officials' membership and licensing, including new certification requirements and expanded categories. Discussions regarding the high performance pathway addressed challenges related to access and development.

Meanwhile, discussions surrounding the integration of equity, diversity, and inclusion emphasized breaking down systemic barriers

and promoting inclusivity. Through a review of governance structure, attendees identified areas of improvement, emphasizing the importance of unified membership criteria across all levels. The symposium explored plenty of topics surrounding development and education, advocating for year-round access to exams and improved instructor training. The transition to a commission model was further discussed, with great insights from successful provincial implementations. When looking ahead to the future, the importance of consistent communication and effective governance were emphasized. The symposium reinforced a commitment to building a more inclusive, transparent, and supportive environment for all officials.



## AWARDS AND BURSARIES

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all recipients of the 2024 CBOC awards and bursaries. Your dedication, excellence, and commitment to the game are truly commendable. Your achievements not only reflect personal milestones but also inspire the entire officiating community across Canada.

### Wink Willox Memorial Awards

- Neil Deveau (NS)
- Dirk Bishop (NB)
- Mario Suffoletta (ON)
- Carl Yaworksi (SK)
- Stephane Labonne (AB)

### Ritchie-Nicurity Bursary

- Ally Schweitzer (BC)
- Brooke Briscoe (BC)
- Lukasz Wera (BC)
- Jemma Martin (ON)
- Liyah Coles (NS)

## U SPORTS AND CCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS UPDATE



Spring signals the close of another exciting chapter in Canadian university & College basketball. Across the country, the energy crescendos with the U SPORTS and CCAA national championships—an annual celebration of athletic excellence, school spirit, and community. For officials, these tournaments represent more than just the final games of the season—they are a pinnacle moment. Being selected to officiate at the national level, is both a tremendous honour and a testament to an official's skill, professionalism, and dedication to the game. These appointments reflect the highest standards of officiating in Canada and are a proud milestone in any referee's journey. We celebrate and thank all officials who helped bring the 2025 national championships to life with fairness, integrity, and composure.

## 2025 USPORTS & CCAA NATIONALS REFEREE SELECTIONS

### CCAA WOMEN OFFICIALS:

Shawn Alleyne (QC), Amy Bakos (QC), Brooke Briscoe (BC), Dave Gallagher (NB), Kylee Howard (SK), Joli-Anne Lévesque (QC), Chantal Rochon (NB), Tyler Seal (BC), Zach Udoumoren (AB), Lindsay Walsh (NS), Nicole Weisner (NS), Dean Pan (NS)

Referee Coaches: Martha Bradbury (MB), Todd Messer (NB), Rick DeGagne (MB)

### CCAA MEN OFFICIALS:

Sean Baergen (SK), Chris Buccella (ON), Cory Connors (QC), Kayla Dawson (ON), Matt DeGagne (MB), John Fitzgerald (NS), Kerron Lewis (AB), Patrick Mischook (QC), Douglas Morris (AB), Greg Southward (QC), Lukas Wera (BC), Philippe Dauphinais - ALT (QC)

Referee Coaches: Tim Heide (BC), Ray Samuels (ON), Alfie Paoletti (QC)

### U SPORTS WOMEN OFFICIALS:

Troy Bennett (ON), Audrey Cardinal (QC), Stephen Clow (NS), Amy Cotton (ON), Mike Duff (NL), Melissa Famme (ON), Matt Goble (BC), Jackson James (BC), Carreira Lamoureux (MB), EJ Link (BC), Shelley Quintos (QC), Tommy Wu (ON), Alex Gruneberg (BC)

Referee Coaches: Nadine Crowley, Pierre Marion (QC), Terry Kindrat (AB)

### U SPORTS MEN OFFICIALS:

Max Audette (QC), Frankie Billingsley (ON), Matthew Boyle (NS), Tanner Cervo (BC), Waseem Husainy (BC), Ryan Langdon (NB), Kevin Lei (BC), Yannick Payette (QC), Nathaniel Saunders (ON), Chris Spooner (ON), Cooper Toppings (AB), Fei Xiang (ON), Reid Kenyon (MB)

Referee Coaches: Morgan Munroe (AB), Dave Maxin (ON), Penny Wright (ON)



## A WARM WELCOME TO TWO NEW MEMBERS TO THE OFFICIATING DEVELOPMENT TEAM

**Dave Maxin** steps into the role of Manager, Officials Development. Dave has extensive officiating experience, having served in the CEBL, NBL Canada, and OUA. He has officiated several CIS and OUA Championships and has been a board member for the Toronto Board of Officials since 2018 and the Peel Regional Board of Officials since 2001.

**Brandon Brock** joins as Specialist, Coach & Officials Development. With a rich coaching background, Brandon has served as an assistant coach at the University of Alberta and the University of Waterloo, and has been involved with the Edmonton Stingers in the CEBL. His experience in developing young talent and his dedication to the sport make him a valuable addition to our team.

We're excited to have Brandon and Dave on board as we continue to grow and strengthen officiating in Canada.

## WHISTLE BLAST RELAUNCH

We are excited to announce the relaunch of the Whistle Blast Newsletter, now set to be published quarterly to keep our officiating community informed and connected. Newsletters will be published on September 15, January 15, April 15, and June 15, with each edition featuring seasonal recaps, official spotlights, feature stories, and information on upcoming events.



### Coming in June: Whistle Blast Preview



**Canada Games & U15 Nationals Appointments:** Announcing the officials selected for these prestigious national events.



**Global Jam (June):** Coverage of this international basketball showcase, highlighting Canadian officials' participation.



**Membership Fee Update:** Details on the upcoming season's membership fee adjustments and the rationale behind the changes.



**Referee Spotlights:** Profiles of officials making significant contributions both on and off the court.

Stay tuned for these stories and more in our next issue!